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**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**DATE:** December 2, 2016

**TO:** Class "A" Private Investigative Agencies  
Class "B" Security Agencies

**FROM:** Grea Bevis, Director, Division of Licensing *G.B.*

**SUBJECT:** New Rule Establishing Standards for Approval of Use of Other Firearms

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Please be advised that the Division of Licensing has adopted a new rule regarding use of firearms other than handguns, which will become effective December 11, 2016.

Previously, the Division granted waivers to Class "G" licensees seeking to utilize firearms other than those handguns authorized under section 493.6115(6), Florida Statutes. New Rule 5N-1.131, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), however, instead establishes conditions for use of other firearms without the need to request a waiver from the Division. Key provisions within the rule include:

- ❖ Conditions and circumstances for the use of 12-gauge pump-action shotguns and semi-automatic rifles as a secondary weapon.
- ❖ Ammunition guidelines and restrictions.
- ❖ A grandfathering provision for firearms waivers previously issued by the Division, where the waiver authorized use of firearms by agency employees with Class "G" licenses under circumstances and conditions prohibited by the new rule.

To view new Rule 5N-1.131, FAC in its entirety, go to: <https://www.flrules.org>, and type the rule number in the full text search box at the top of the page.

If you have any questions about the issues discussed in this Important Notice, please call Ed Warren, Section Chief of Regulatory Compliance at: (850) 245-5468.