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Rifles and muskets such as those owned by Frederick Cowan, as well as shotguns, can be purchased anywhere in the state except New York City without a permit by anyone who is over 18, a state police officer said yesterday. But all counties require a license to purchase pistols such as the four that Mr. Cowan was carrying.

The police in New Rochelle say Mr. Cowan did not have permits for his four pistols and they are now trying to learn how he managed to get them.

There are no restrictions on the amount of or type of rifle or shotgun ammunition that may be purchased in the state outside the city, the state police officer said, but pistol ammunition can only be bought if it corresponds to the weapon the purchaser is licensed to own.

In New York City, licenses are required for all rifles, shotguns and pistols and ammunition can be purchased in the city only for the weapon indicated on a license.