

NOTICE AND OPT OUT FORM

This form is to notify you of a class action lawsuit, pending in the Third Judicial Circuit, Madison County, Illinois, which may affect your rights. The case name is *Gary Sterr, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated v. JESSICA TRAME, in her official capacity as Chief of the Firearms Services Bureau, and MICHAEL W. FRERICHS, in his official capacity as Treasurer of the State of Illinois*, Case No. 15-L-1337, Madison County, Illinois.

Generally the case alleges that 430 ILCS 65/5 set the cost for an Illinois Firearms Owners Identification (“FOID”) Card at \$10.00, that since March 15, 2015, the Illinois State Police have charged more than \$10.00 for a FOID Card, specifically, \$11.00, and that there exists no mechanism to obtain an Illinois Firearms Owners Identification Card for \$10.00. Defendants deny the allegations, and claim that the charges are legal. A copy of the Complaint and answer are posted online at www.foidcard.info.

Plaintiff seeks refund of the alleged overcharge.

Counsel for Plaintiff intends to seek litigation costs and attorney fees as part of this case. These attorney fees would be deducted from any recovery for the class, however, if there is no recovery for the class, no costs or fees would be payable to class counsel. Depending on whether this case is resolved in the trial court or on appeal, counsel for Plaintiff may petition for between 33% and 40% of any class recovery, as attorney fees, plus actual out-of-pocket costs. The Court will determine what fees and costs, if any, are paid to Class Counsel, at the appropriate time in the future.

The Court has appointed Gary Sterr as class representative.

The Court has appointed Thomas G. Maag and Peter J. Maag, of the Maag Law Firm, LLC, 22 West Lorena Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095, as class counsel.

The Defendants are represented by Lisa Madigan, Attorney General of the State of Illinois, by Joshua Ratz, of the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62706.

If you wish to remain part of this lawsuit, you do not have to do anything. By remaining part of this class, you will share in your pro-rata amount of any recovery, after fees and costs have been paid.

If you wish to opt out of this case, you must check the box marked "opt out," complete and sign the form, and timely return it to the Maag Law Firm, LLC 22 West Lorena Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095. If you applied for a FOID card between March 15, 2015 and October 15, 2017 and wish to opt out of the class in this case, you must mail, to Maag Law Firm, LLC, 22 West Lorena Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095, a properly marked and signed opt out form, no later than December 15, 2017. If you applied for a FOID card on or after October 16, 2017 and wish to opt out, you must mail, to Maag Law Firm, LLC, 22 West Lorena Avenue, Wood River, IL 62095, a properly marked and signed opt out form, no later than 90 days from the date you applied for the FOID card. Any person who does not timely and properly opt out shall be bound by the judgment of the court in this case.

Additional information concerning this case, deadlines and other important matters will be posted, from time to time, at www.foidcard.info. You are advised to monitor www.foidcard.info for further developments in this case and for any time limits or notifications in the future.

_____ I wish to opt out of this case. I understand that if I opt out, I will not receive any portion of any settlement or judgment, if any, in this case.

_____ I wish to remain a class member in this case.

_____ Full and Complete Name

_____ FOID Card #

_____ Full and Complete Address, including city

_____ Date of FOID Card Application

_____ Phone Number

_____ Date of FOID Card Expiration

_____ Signature

_____ Date