
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY TALLMAN, SACCONI, READSHAW, MILLARD, KAUFFMAN,
BARRAR, CUTLER, JAMES, GROVE, SAYLOR, M. K. KELLER, A. HARRIS
AND METCALFE, JANUARY 21, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 21, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
3 articles, further providing for firearms not to be carried
4 without a license and for licenses.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 6106(b)(15) and 6109(k)(1) of Title 18
8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

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11 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not
12 apply to:

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14 (15) Any person who possesses a valid and lawfully
15 issued license or permit to carry a firearm which has been
16 issued under the laws of another state, regardless of whether
17 a reciprocity agreement exists between the Commonwealth and
18 the state under section 6109(k), provided:

1 (i) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for
2 individuals licensed to carry firearms under section
3 6109.

4 (ii) The Attorney General has determined that the
5 firearm laws of the state are similar to the firearm laws
6 of this Commonwealth.

7 (iii) In making a determination that the firearm
8 laws of the state are similar to the firearm laws of this
9 Commonwealth, the Attorney General shall compare only the
10 provisions of section 6109(e)(1)(i) through (viii) and
11 (x) through (xiv) to the prohibitions contained in the
12 other state's laws. The Attorney General shall have no
13 authority to utilize other conditions for comparing the
14 other state's laws.

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16 § 6109. Licenses.

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18 (k) Reciprocity.--

19 (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty
20 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states
21 providing for the mutual recognition of a license to carry a
22 firearm issued by the Commonwealth and a license or permit to
23 carry a firearm issued by the other state. To carry out this
24 duty, the Attorney General [is authorized to] may negotiate
25 reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a license or
26 permit to carry a firearm issued by another state and shall
27 do so where the laws of the other state are similar to the
28 provisions of subsection (e)(1)(i) through (viii) and (x)
29 through (xiv).

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.