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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 22, 2022

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 locking device for firearms.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6142 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6142. Locking device for firearms.

9 (a) Offense defined.--It shall be unlawful for any licensee
10 to sell, deliver or transfer any firearm [as defined in section
11 6102 (relating to definitions)], other than an antique firearm
12 as defined in section 6118 (relating to antique firearms), to
13 any other person, other than another licensee, unless the
14 transferee is provided with or purchases a locking device for
15 that firearm or the design of the firearm incorporates a locking
16 device.

17 (b) Exceptions.--Firearms for transfer to or possession by
18 any law enforcement officer employed by any Federal, State or

1 local government entity or rail police employed and certified by
2 a rail carrier as a police officer are not subject to the
3 provisions of this section.

4 (c) Penalties.--A violation of the provisions of this
5 section shall be a summary offense.

6 (d) Good faith compliance.--A licensee who in good faith
7 complies with this section shall not be civilly liable as a
8 result of such compliance with this section, except for any acts
9 or omissions intentionally designed to harm or for grossly
10 negligent acts or omissions which result in harm.

11 (e) Admissibility of evidence.--A transferee's purchase or
12 receipt of a locking device in conjunction with the purchase of
13 a firearm pursuant to this section shall not be admissible as
14 evidence in any civil action brought against the transferee.

15 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection:

18 "Firearm." Either of the following:

19 (1) a weapon that is designed to or readily convertible
20 to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; or

21 (2) the frame or receiver of a weapon.

22 "Licensee." Any licensed manufacturer, importer or dealer of
23 firearms.

24 "Locking device." Either of the following:

25 (1) a device that, when installed on a firearm, is
26 designed to prevent the firearm from being operated without
27 first deactivating the device; or

28 (2) a device that is incorporated into the design of a
29 firearm and that is designed to prevent the operation of the
30 firearm by anyone not having access to the device.

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