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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, for carrying firearms on public streets or
5 public property in Philadelphia, for licenses, for antique
6 firearms and for proof of license and exception.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Sections 6106(a), (c)(1) and (e)(1), 6108,
10 6109(a), (b), (e)(1) introductory paragraph, (m)(1)(ii), (m.1)
11 (1) introductory paragraph and (n), 6118(b) and 6122 of Title 18
12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

13 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

14 (a) Offense defined.--

15 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any person who
16 carries a firearm in any vehicle or any person who carries a
17 firearm concealed or visible on or about his person, except
18 in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a
19 valid and lawfully issued license under this chapter commits
20 a felony of the third degree.

1 (2) A person who is otherwise eligible to possess a
2 valid license under this chapter but carries a firearm in any
3 vehicle or any person who carries a firearm concealed or
4 visible on or about his person, except in his place of abode
5 or fixed place of business, without a valid and lawfully
6 issued license and has not committed any other criminal
7 violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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9 (c) Sportsman's firearm permit.--

10 (1) Before any exception related to a firearm shall be
11 granted under paragraph (b) (9) or (10) of this section to any
12 person 18 years of age or older licensed to hunt, trap or
13 fish or who has been issued a permit relating to hunting
14 dogs, such person shall, at the time of securing his hunting,
15 furtaking or fishing license or any time after such license
16 has been issued, secure a sportsman's firearm permit from the
17 county treasurer. The sportsman's firearm permit shall be
18 issued immediately and be valid throughout this Commonwealth
19 for a period of five years from the date of issue for any
20 legal firearm, when carried in conjunction with a valid
21 hunting, furtaking or fishing license or permit relating to
22 hunting dogs. The sportsman's firearm permit shall be in
23 triplicate on a form to be furnished by the Pennsylvania
24 State Police. The original permit shall be delivered to the
25 person, and the first copy thereof, within seven days, shall
26 be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State
27 Police by the county treasurer. The second copy shall be
28 retained by the county treasurer for a period of two years
29 from the date of expiration. The county treasurer shall be
30 entitled to collect a fee of not more than \$6 for each such

1 permit issued, which shall include the cost of any official
2 form. The Pennsylvania State Police may recover from the
3 county treasurer the cost of any such form, but may not
4 charge more than \$1 for each official permit form furnished
5 to the county treasurer.

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7 (e) Definitions.--

8 (1) For purposes of [subsection] subsections (a) and (b)
9 (3), (4), (5), (7) and (8), the term "firearm" shall include
10 any weapon which is designed to or may readily be converted
11 to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive or the
12 frame or receiver of the weapon.

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14 § 6108. Carrying firearms on public streets or public property
15 in [Philadelphia] this Commonwealth.

16 (a) Prohibition.--No person shall carry a firearm[, rifle or
17 shotgun] at any time upon the public streets or upon any public
18 property in [a city of the first class] this Commonwealth

19 unless:

20 (1) such person is licensed to carry a firearm; or

21 (2) such person is exempt from licensing under section
22 6106(b) of this title (relating to firearms not to be carried
23 without a license).

24 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "firearm"
25 means any weapon which is designed to or may readily be
26 converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive
27 or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.

28 § 6109. Licenses.

29 (a) Purpose of license.--A license to carry a firearm shall
30 be for the purpose of carrying a firearm concealed or visible on

1 or about one's person or in a vehicle throughout this
2 Commonwealth.

3 (b) Place of application.--An individual who is 21 years of
4 age or older may apply to a sheriff for a license to carry a
5 firearm concealed or visible on or about his person or in a
6 vehicle within this Commonwealth. If the applicant is a resident
7 of this Commonwealth, he shall make application with the sheriff
8 of the county in which he resides or, if a resident of a city of
9 the first class, with the chief of police of that city.

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11 (e) Issuance of license.--

12 (1) A license to carry a firearm shall be for the
13 purpose of carrying a firearm concealed or visible on or
14 about one's person or in a vehicle and shall be issued if,
15 after an investigation not to exceed 45 days, it appears that
16 the applicant is an individual concerning whom no good cause
17 exists to deny the license. A license shall not be issued to
18 any of the following:

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20 (m) Inquiries.--

21 (1) The Attorney General shall, not later than one year
22 after the effective date of this subsection and not less than
23 once annually, contact in writing the appropriate authorities
24 in any other state which does not have a current reciprocity
25 agreement with the Commonwealth to determine if:

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27 (ii) a licensee may carry a concealed or visible
28 firearm in the state; or

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30 (m.1) Temporary emergency licenses.--

1 (1) A person seeking a temporary emergency license to
2 carry a concealed or visible firearm shall submit to the
3 sheriff of the county in which the person resides all of the
4 following:

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6 (n) [Definition.--As used in this section, the term
7 "licensee" means an individual who is licensed to carry a
8 firearm under this section.] Definitions.--As used in this
9 section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings
10 given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly
11 indicates otherwise:

12 "Firearm." Any weapon which is designed to or may readily be
13 converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive
14 or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.

15 "Licensee." An individual who is licensed to carry a firearm
16 under this section.

17 § 6118. Antique firearms.

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19 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to the extent
20 that such antique firearms, reproductions or replicas of
21 firearms are concealed or visible weapons as provided in section
22 6106 (relating to firearms not be carried without a license),
23 nor shall it apply to the provisions of section 6105 (relating
24 to persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or
25 transfer firearms) if such antique firearms, reproductions or
26 replicas of firearms are suitable for use.

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28 § 6122. Proof of license and exception.

29 (a) General rule.--When carrying a firearm concealed or
30 visible on or about one's person or in a vehicle, an individual

1 licensed to carry a firearm shall, upon lawful demand of a law
2 enforcement officer, produce the license for inspection. Failure
3 to produce such license either at the time of arrest or at the
4 preliminary hearing shall create a rebuttable presumption of
5 nonlicensure.

6 (b) Exception.--An individual carrying a firearm concealed
7 or visible on or about his person or in a vehicle and claiming
8 an exception under section 6106(b) (relating to firearms not to
9 be carried without a license) shall, upon lawful demand of a law
10 enforcement officer, produce satisfactory evidence of
11 qualification for exception.

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