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AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
 - Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
- articles, further providing for definitions, for licenses,
- for sale or transfer of firearms, for Pennsylvania State Police, for firearm sales surcharge, for the Firearm Records
- 6 Check Fund, for licensing of dealers, for administrative
- 7 regulations and for the Firearms Background Check Advisory
- 8 Committee.

- 9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 10 hereby enacts as follows:
- 11 Section 1. Section 6102 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
- 12 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
- 13 § 6102. Definitions.
- 14 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
- 15 provisions of this subchapter which are applicable to specific
- 16 provisions of this subchapter, the following words and phrases,
- 17 when used in this subchapter shall have, unless the context

- 1 clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this
- 2 section:
- 3 * * *
- 4 "NICS." The National Instant Criminal Background Check
- 5 System maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in
- 6 <u>accordance with the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act</u>
- 7 (Public Law 103-159, 107 Stat. 1536).
- 8 * * *
- 9 Section 2. Sections 6109(d)(5) and 6111(a), (b), (f), (g)(3)
- 10 and (j) of Title 18 are amended to read:
- 11 § 6109. Licenses.
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- 13 (d) Sheriff to conduct investigation. -- The sheriff to whom
- 14 the application is made shall:
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- 16 (5) [conduct a criminal background, juvenile delinquency
- and mental health check following the procedures set forth in
- section 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms),
- 19 receive a unique approval number for that inquiry and record
- the date and number on the application.] contact the NICS
- 21 for the purpose of conducting a background check pursuant to
- 22 18 U.S.C. § 922(t) (relating to unlawful acts) and obtain a
- 23 unique identification number and a proceed response. The
- 24 unique identification number and date shall be recorded on
- 25 the application.
- 26 * * *
- 27 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.
- 28 [(a) Time and manner of delivery.--
- 29 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no seller shall
- 30 deliver a firearm to the purchaser or transferee thereof

- until 48 hours shall have elapsed from the time of the application for the purchase thereof, and, when delivered,
- 3 the firearm shall be securely wrapped and shall be unloaded.
- 4 (2) Thirty days after publication in the Pennsylvania
- 5 Bulletin that the Instantaneous Criminal History Records
- 6 Check System has been established in accordance with the
- 7 Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act (Public Law 103-159, 18
- 8 U.S.C. § 921 et seq.), no seller shall deliver a firearm to
- 9 the purchaser thereof until the provisions of this section
- 10 have been satisfied, and, when delivered, the firearm shall
- be securely wrapped and shall be unloaded.]
- 12 (b) Duty of seller.--No licensed importer, licensed
- 13 manufacturer or licensed dealer shall sell or deliver any
- 14 firearm to another person, other than a licensed importer,
- 15 licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer or licensed collector,
- 16 [until the conditions of subsection (a) have been satisfied and]
- 17 until he has:
- 18 (1) For purposes of a firearm as defined in section 6102
- 19 (relating to definitions), [obtained a completed
- 20 application/record of sale from the potential buyer or
- 21 transferee to be filled out in triplicate, the original copy
- 22 to be sent to the Pennsylvania State Police, postmarked via
- first class mail, within 14 days of the sale, one copy to be
- 24 retained by the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or
- licensed dealer for a period of 20 years and one copy to be
- 26 provided to the purchaser or transferee. The form of this
- application/record of sale shall be no more than one page in
- length and shall be promulgated by the Pennsylvania State
- 29 Police and provided by the licensed importer, licensed
- 30 manufacturer or licensed dealer. The application/record of

1 sale shall include the name, address, birthdate, gender,

2 race, physical description and Social Security number of the

3 purchaser or transferee, the date of the application and the

4 caliber, length of barrel, make, model and manufacturer's

5 number of the firearm to be purchased or transferred. The

application/record of sale shall also contain] provided a

notice to the potential buyer or transferee which contains

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- Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s), as defined under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions), listed on this application/record of sale? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person, unless you are legitimately acquiring the firearm as a gift for any of the following individuals who are legally eligible to own a firearm:
 - (1) spouse;
- (2) parent;
- 18 (3) child;
- 19 (4) grandparent; or
- 20 (5) grandchild.
- 21 (1.1) [On the date of publication in the Pennsylvania 22 Bulletin of a notice by the Pennsylvania State Police that 23 the instantaneous records check has been implemented, all of 24 the following shall apply:
- 25 (i) In the event of an electronic failure under
 26 section 6111.1(b)(2) (relating to Pennsylvania State
 27 Police) for purposes of a firearm which exceeds the
 28 barrel and related lengths set forth in section 6102,
 29 obtained a completed application/record of sale from the
 30 potential buyer or transferee to be filled out in

triplicate, the original copy to be sent to the

Pennsylvania State Police, postmarked via first class

mail, within 14 days of sale, one copy to be retained by

the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed

dealer for a period of 20 years and one copy to be

provided to the purchaser or transferee.

- (ii) The form of the application/record of sale shall be no more than one page in length and shall be promulgated by the Pennsylvania State Police and provided by the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer.
- (iii) For purposes of conducting the criminal history, juvenile delinquency and mental health records background check which shall be completed within ten days of receipt of the information from the dealer, the application/record of sale shall include the name, address, birthdate, gender, race, physical description and Social Security number of the purchaser or transferee and the date of application.
- (iv) No information regarding the type of firearm need be included other than an indication that the firearm exceeds the barrel lengths set forth in section 6102.
- (v) Unless it has been discovered pursuant to a criminal history, juvenile delinquency and mental health records background check that the potential purchaser or transferee is prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to section 6105 (relating to persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms), no information on the application/record of

1 sale provided pursuant to this subsection shall be 2 retained as precluded by section 6111.4 (relating to 3 registration of firearms) by the Pennsylvania State Police either through retention of the application/record 4 5 of sale or by entering the information onto a computer, and, further, an application/record of sale received by 6 7 the Pennsylvania State Police pursuant to this subsection 8 shall be destroyed within 72 hours of the completion of 9 the criminal history, juvenile delinquency and mental 10 health records background check.] (Reserved).

- (1.2) [Fees collected under paragraph (3) and section 6111.2 (relating to firearm sales surcharge) shall be transmitted to the Pennsylvania State Police within 14 days of collection.] (Reserved).
- (1.3) In addition to the criminal penalty under section 6119 (relating to violation penalty), any person who knowingly and intentionally [maintains or fails to destroy any information submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police for purposes of a background check pursuant to paragraphs (1.1) and (1.4) or] violates section 6111.4 shall be subject to a civil penalty of \$250 per violation. [, entry or failure to destroy.
- 23 (1.4) Following implementation of the instantaneous 24 records check by the Pennsylvania State Police on or before 25 December 1, 1998, no application/record of sale shall be 26 completed for the purchase or transfer of a firearm which 27 exceeds the barrel lengths set forth in section 6102. A 28 statement shall be submitted by the dealer to the 29 Pennsylvania State Police, postmarked via first class mail, 30 within 14 days of the sale, containing the number of firearms

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sold which exceed the barrel and related lengths set forth in section 6102, the amount of surcharge and other fees remitted and a list of the unique approval numbers given pursuant to paragraph (4), together with a statement that the background checks have been performed on the firearms contained in the statement. The form of the statement relating to performance of background checks shall be promulgated by the Pennsylvania State Police.]

- (1.5) Contacted the NICS for the purpose of conducting a background check pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922(t) (relating to unlawful acts) and obtained a unique identification number and a proceed response.
- (2) Inspected photoidentification of the potential purchaser or transferee, including, but not limited to, a driver's license, official Pennsylvania photoidentification card or official government photoidentification card. In the case of a potential buyer or transferee who is a member of a recognized religious sect or community whose tenets forbid or discourage the taking of photographs of members of that sect or community, a seller shall accept a valid-without-photo driver's license or a combination of documents, as prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police, containing the applicant's name, address, date of birth and the signature of the applicant.
- [(3) Requested by means of a telephone call that the Pennsylvania State Police conduct a criminal history, juvenile delinquency history and a mental health record check. The purchaser and the licensed dealer shall provide such information as is necessary to accurately identify the purchaser. The requester shall be charged a fee equivalent to

- the cost of providing the service but not to exceed \$2 per buyer or transferee.
 - (4) Received a unique approval number for that inquiry from the Pennsylvania State Police and recorded the date and the number on the application/record of sale form.
 - (5) Issued a receipt containing the information from paragraph (4), including the unique approval number of the purchaser. This receipt shall be prima facie evidence of the purchaser's or transferee's compliance with the provisions of this section.
 - (6) Unless it has been discovered pursuant to a criminal history, juvenile delinquency and mental health records background check that the potential purchaser or transferee is prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to section 6105, no information received via telephone following the implementation of the instantaneous background check system from a purchaser or transferee who has received a unique approval number shall be retained by the Pennsylvania State Police.
- (7) For purposes of the enforcement of 18 U.S.C. § 922(d)(9), (g)(1) and (s)(1) (relating to unlawful acts), in the event the criminal history or juvenile delinquency background check indicates a conviction for a misdemeanor that the Pennsylvania State Police cannot determine is or is not related to an act of domestic violence, the Pennsylvania State Police shall issue a temporary delay of the approval of the purchase or transfer. During the temporary delay, the Pennsylvania State Police shall conduct a review or investigation of the conviction with courts, local police departments, district attorneys and other law enforcement or

- 1 related institutions as necessary to determine whether or not
- 2 the misdemeanor conviction involved an act of domestic
- 3 violence. The Pennsylvania State Police shall conduct the
- 4 review or investigation as expeditiously as possible. No
- 5 firearm may be transferred by the dealer to the purchaser who
- 6 is the subject of the investigation during the temporary
- 7 delay. The Pennsylvania State Police shall notify the dealer
- 8 of the termination of the temporary delay and either deny the
- 9 sale or provide the unique approval number under paragraph
- 10 (4).]
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- 12 (f) Application of section.--
- 13 (1) For the purposes of this section only, except as
- provided by paragraph (2), "firearm" shall mean any weapon
- which is designed to or may readily be converted to expel any
- 16 projectile by the action of an explosive or the frame or
- 17 receiver of any such weapon.
- 18 (2) The provisions contained in [subsections (a) and]
- 19 <u>subsection</u> (c) shall only apply to pistols or revolvers with
- 20 a barrel length of less than 15 inches, any shotgun with a
- 21 barrel length of less than 18 inches, any rifle with a barrel
- 22 length of less than 16 inches or any firearm with an overall
- 23 length of less than 26 inches.
- 24 (3) The provisions contained in subsection [(a)] (b)
- 25 (1.5) shall not apply to any law enforcement officer whose
- 26 current identification as a law enforcement officer shall be
- 27 construed as a valid license to carry a firearm or any person
- who possesses a valid license to carry a firearm under
- section 6109 (relating to licenses).
- 30 [(4) (i) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not

apply to any person who presents to the seller or transferor a written statement issued by the official described in subparagraph (iii) during the ten-day period ending on the date of the most recent proposal of such transfer or sale by the transferee or purchaser stating that the transferee or purchaser requires access to a firearm because of a threat to the life of the transferee or purchaser or any member of the household of that transferee or purchaser.

- (ii) The issuing official shall notify the applicant's local police authority that such a statement has been issued. In counties of the first class the chief of police shall notify the police station or substation closest to the applicant's residence.
- (iii) The statement issued under subparagraph (ii) shall be issued by the district attorney, or his designee, of the county of residence if the transferee or purchaser resides in a municipality where there is no chief of police. Otherwise, the statement shall be issued by the chief of police in the municipality in which the purchaser or transferee resides.]
- (g) Penalties.--

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(3) Any person, licensed dealer, licensed manufacturer or licensed importer who knowingly and intentionally requests a [criminal history, juvenile delinquency or mental health record check or other confidential information from the Pennsylvania State Police under this chapter] NICS check for any purpose other than compliance with this chapter or knowingly and intentionally disseminates any [criminal]

- 1 history, juvenile delinquency or mental health record]
- 2 <u>information obtained from a NICS check</u> or other confidential
- 3 information to any person other than the subject of the
- 4 information commits a felony of the third degree.
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- 6 (j) Exemption.--
- 7 (1) The provisions of [subsections (a) and] <u>subsection</u>
- 8 (b) shall not apply to:
- 9 (i) sales between Federal firearms licensees; or
- 10 (ii) the purchase of firearms by a chief law
- 11 enforcement officer or his designee, for the official use
- of law enforcement officers.
- 13 (2) For the purposes of this subsection, the term "chief
- 14 law enforcement officer" shall include the Commissioner of
- the Pennsylvania State Police, the chief or head of a police
- department, a county sheriff or any equivalent law
- 17 enforcement official.
- 18 Section 3. Section 6111.1(b)(1), (2) and (3), (c), (e), (i),
- 19 (j.1), (j.2) and (j.3) of Title 18 are amended and the section
- 20 is amended by adding subsections to read:
- 21 § 6111.1. Pennsylvania State Police.
- 22 * * *
- 23 (b) Duty of Pennsylvania State Police.--
- [(1) Upon receipt of a request for a criminal history,
- juvenile delinquency history and mental health record check
- of the potential purchaser or transferee, the Pennsylvania
- 27 State Police shall immediately during the licensee's call or
- 28 by return call forthwith:
- 29 (i) review the Pennsylvania State Police criminal
- 30 history and fingerprint records to determine if the

potential purchaser or transferee is prohibited from receipt or possession of a firearm under Federal or State law:

- (ii) review the juvenile delinquency and mental health records of the Pennsylvania State Police to determine whether the potential purchaser or transferee is prohibited from receipt or possession of a firearm under Federal or State law; and
 - (iii) inform the licensee making the inquiry either:
- (A) that the potential purchase or transfer is prohibited; or
- 12 (B) provide the licensee with a unique approval number.
- 14 (2) In the event of electronic failure, scheduled 15 computer downtime or similar event beyond the control of the 16 Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police 17 shall immediately notify the requesting licensee of the reason for and estimated length of the delay. If the failure 18 19 or event lasts for a period exceeding 48 hours, the dealer 20 shall not be subject to any penalty for completing a 21 transaction absent the completion of an instantaneous records 22 check for the remainder of the failure or similar event, but 23 the dealer shall obtain a completed application/record of 24 sale following the provisions of section 6111(b)(1) and (1.1) 25 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms) as if an 26 instantaneous records check has not been established for any 27 sale or transfer of a firearm for the purpose of a subsequent 28 background check.
 - (3) The Pennsylvania State Police shall fully comply, execute and enforce the directives of this section as

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2 (i) The instantaneous background check for firearms
3 as defined in section 6102 (relating to definitions)
4 shall begin on July 1, 1998.

- (ii) The instantaneous background check for firearms that exceed the barrel lengths set forth in section 6102 shall begin on the later of:
- 8 (A) the date of publication of the notice under 9 section 6111(a)(2); or
- 10 (B) December 31, 1998.]
- 11 * * *
- [(c) Establish a telephone number. -- The Pennsylvania State
- 13 Police shall establish a telephone number which shall be
- 14 operational seven days a week between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10
- 15 p.m. local time for purposes of responding to inquiries as
- 16 described in this section from licensed manufacturers, licensed
- 17 importers and licensed dealers. The Pennsylvania State Police
- 18 shall employ and train such personnel as are necessary to
- 19 administer expeditiously the provisions of this section.]
- 20 * * *
- 21 (e) Challenge to records.--
- 22 (1) Any person who is denied the right to receive, sell,
- transfer, possess, carry, manufacture or purchase a firearm
- as a result of the [procedures established by this section]
- 25 <u>information recorded in a registry of the Pennsylvania State</u>
- 26 <u>Police</u> may challenge the accuracy of that person's criminal
- 27 history, juvenile delinquency history or mental health record
- [pursuant to a denial by the instantaneous records check] by
- 29 submitting a challenge to the Pennsylvania State Police
- 30 within 30 days from the date of the denial.

The Pennsylvania State Police shall conduct a review of the accuracy of the information forming the basis for the denial and shall have the burden of proving the accuracy of the record. Within 20 days after receiving a challenge, the Pennsylvania State Police shall notify the challenger of the basis for the denial, including, but not limited to, the jurisdiction and docket number of any relevant court decision and provide the challenger an opportunity to provide additional information for the purposes of the review. The Pennsylvania State Police shall communicate its final decision to the challenger within 60 days of the receipt of the challenge. The decision of the Pennsylvania State Police shall include all information which formed a basis for the decision.

- (3) If the challenge is ruled invalid, the person shall have the right to appeal the decision to the Attorney General within 30 days of the decision. The Attorney General shall conduct a hearing de novo in accordance with the Administrative Agency Law. The burden of proof shall be upon the Commonwealth.
- (4) The decision of the Attorney General may be appealed to the Commonwealth Court by an aggrieved party.
- (5) Pursuant to the memorandum of understanding under subsection (j.4), the Pennsylvania State Police shall report to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System

 Index, Denied Persons Files, the name and other available identifying information of any person who successfully challenges the accuracy of that person's criminal history, juvenile delinquency history or mental health record under this subsection.

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- 2 [(i) Reports.--The Pennsylvania State Police shall annually
- 3 compile and report to the General Assembly, on or before
- 4 December 31, the following information for the previous year:
- 5 (1) number of firearm sales, including the types of
- 6 firearms;
- 7 (2) number of applications for sale of firearms denied,
- 8 number of challenges of the denials and number of final
- 9 reversals of initial denials;
- 10 (3) summary of the Pennsylvania State Police's
- 11 activities, including the average time taken to complete a
- criminal history, juvenile delinquency history or mental
- 13 health record check; and
- 14 (4) uniform crime reporting statistics compiled by the
- 15 Pennsylvania State Police based on the National Incident-
- based Reporting System.]
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- 18 [(j.1) Delinquency and mental health records.--The
- 19 provisions of this section which relate to juvenile delinquency
- 20 and mental health records checks shall be applicable when the
- 21 data has been made available to the Pennsylvania State Police
- 22 but not later than October 11, 1999.
- 23 (j.2) Records check.--The provisions of this section which
- 24 relate to the instantaneous records check conducted by telephone
- 25 shall be applicable 30 days following notice by the Pennsylvania
- 26 State Police pursuant to section 6111(a)(2).]
- 27 (j.3) Immunity.--[The Pennsylvania State Police and its
- 28 employees shall be immune from actions for damages for the use
- 29 of a firearm by a purchaser or for the unlawful transfer of a
- 30 firearm by a dealer unless the act of the Pennsylvania State

- 1 Police or its employees constitutes a crime, actual fraud,
- 2 actual malice or willful misconduct.] Unless the act of the
- 3 Pennsylvania State Police or its employees constitutes a crime,
- 4 actual fraud, actual malice or willful misconduct, the
- 5 Pennsylvania State Police and its employees shall be immune from
- 6 <u>actions for damages for:</u>
- 7 (1) the use of a firearm by a purchaser or lawful owner;
- 8 <u>or</u>
- 9 (2) the unlawful transfer of a firearm by a dealer.
- 10 (j.4) Report of State prohibitors to NICS.--The Pennsylvania
- 11 State Police shall, in accordance with Federal and State law
- 12 regarding confidentiality, enter into a memorandum of
- 13 <u>understanding with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the</u>
- 14 purpose of implementing the NICS in this Commonwealth. The
- 15 Pennsylvania State Police shall, as soon as possible but within
- 16 72 hours of receipt, report, electronically or otherwise, to the
- 17 NICS, the name and other available identifying information of
- 18 any person who:
- 19 (1) under section 6105, may not possess, use, control,
- sell, transfer or manufacture a firearm in this Commonwealth;
- 21 <u>or</u>
- 22 (2) was previously reported under paragraph (1) or any
- predecessor statute or agreement and may currently possess,
- 24 use, control, sell, transfer or manufacture a firearm in this
- 25 Commonwealth.
- 26 (j.5) Report of court orders to NICS.--The Pennsylvania
- 27 State Police shall, as soon as possible but within 72 hours of
- 28 receipt, report, electronically or otherwise, to the NICS, any
- 29 record relevant to a determination of whether a person is
- 30 disqualified from possessing or receiving a firearm under 18

- 1 <u>U.S.C.</u> § 922(g)(8) or (9) (relating to unlawful acts) and any
- 2 record relevant to a determination of whether a person is not
- 3 <u>disqualified or is no longer disqualified from possessing or</u>
- 4 receiving a firearm under 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(8) or (9).
- 5 * * *
- 6 Section 4. Sections 6111.2 and 6111.3 of Title 18 are
- 7 repealed:
- 8 [§ 6111.2. Firearm sales surcharge.
- 9 (a) Surcharge imposed. -- There is hereby imposed on each sale
- 10 of a firearm subject to tax under Article II of the act of March
- 11 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, an
- 12 additional surcharge of \$3. This shall be referred to as the
- 13 Firearm Sale Surcharge. All moneys received from this surcharge
- 14 shall be deposited in the Firearm Instant Records Check Fund.
- 15 (b) Increases or decreases. -- Five years from the effective
- 16 date of this subsection, and every five years thereafter, the
- 17 Pennsylvania State Police shall provide such information as
- 18 necessary to the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee for
- 19 the purpose of reviewing the need to increase or decrease the
- 20 instant check fee. The committee shall issue a report of its
- 21 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly for a
- 22 statutory change in the fee.
- 23 (c) Revenue sources. -- Funds received under the provisions of
- 24 this section and section 6111(b)(3) (relating to sale or
- 25 transfer of firearms), as estimated and certified by the
- 26 Secretary of Revenue, shall be deposited within five days of the
- 27 end of each quarter into the fund.
- 28 (d) Definition. -- As used in this section only, the term
- 29 "firearm" shall mean any weapon which is designed to or may
- 30 readily be converted to expel any projectile by the action of an

- 1 explosion or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.
- 2 § 6111.3. Firearm Records Check Fund.
- 3 (a) Establishment. -- The Firearm Records Check Fund is hereby
- 4 established as a restricted account in the State Treasury,
- 5 separate and apart from all other public money or funds of the
- 6 Commonwealth, to be appropriated annually by the General
- 7 Assembly, for use in carrying out the provisions of section 6111
- 8 (relating to firearm ownership). The moneys in the fund on June
- 9 1, 1998, are hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania State
- 10 Police.
- 11 (b) Source. -- The source of the fund shall be moneys
- 12 collected and transferred under section 6111.2 (relating to
- 13 firearm sales surcharge) and moneys collected and transferred
- 14 under section 6111(b)(3).]
- Section 5. Sections 6113(a) and 6124 of Title 18 are amended
- 16 to read:
- 17 § 6113. Licensing of dealers.
- 18 (a) General rule. -- The chief or head of any police force or
- 19 police department of a city, and, elsewhere, the sheriff of the
- 20 county, shall grant to reputable applicants licenses, in form
- 21 prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police, effective for three
- 22 years from date of issue, permitting the licensee to sell
- 23 firearms direct to the consumer, subject to the following
- 24 conditions in addition to those specified in section 6111
- 25 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms), for breach of any of
- 26 which the license shall be forfeited and the licensee subject to
- 27 punishment as provided in this subchapter:
- 28 (1) The business shall be carried on only upon the
- 29 premises designated in the license or at a lawful gun show or
- 30 meet.

- 1 (2) The license, or a copy thereof, certified by the 2 issuing authority, shall be displayed on the premises where 3 it can easily be read.
 - (3) No firearm shall be sold in violation of any provision of this subchapter.
 - (4) No firearm shall be sold under any circumstances unless the purchaser is personally known to the seller or shall present clear evidence of the purchaser's identity.
 - [(5) A true record in triplicate shall be made of every firearm sold, in a book kept for the purpose, the form of which may be prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police, and shall be personally signed by the purchaser and by the person effecting the sale, each in the presence of the other, and shall contain the information required by section 6111. The record shall be maintained by the licensee for a period of 20 years.]
- 17 No firearm as defined in section 6102 (relating to (6) 18 definitions) shall be displayed in any part of any premises 19 where it can readily be seen from the outside. In the event 20 that the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police shall 21 find a clear and present danger to public safety within this 22 Commonwealth or any area thereof, firearms shall be stored 23 and safeguarded pursuant to regulations to be established by 24 the Pennsylvania State Police by the licensee during the hours when the licensee is closed for business. 25
- 26 (7) The dealer shall possess all applicable current 27 revenue licenses.
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- 29 § 6124. Administrative regulations.
- 30 The commissioner may establish form specifications and

- 1 regulations, consistent with section 6109(c) (relating to
- 2 licenses), with respect to uniform forms control, including the
- 3 following:
- 4 (1) License to carry firearms.
- 5 (2) Firearm registration.
- 6 (3) Dealer's license.
- 7 [(4) Application for purchase of a firearm.
- 8 (5) Record of sale of firearms.]
- 9 Section 6. Section 6126 of Title 18 is repealed:
- 10 [§ 6126. Firearms Background Check Advisory Committee.
- 11 (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the Firearms
- 12 Background Check Advisory Committee which shall consist of six
- 13 members as follows:
- 14 (1) The Governor or a designee.
- 15 (2) The Attorney General or a designee.
- 16 (3) The Majority Leader of the Senate or a designee.
- 17 (4) The Minority Leader of the Senate or a designee.
- 18 (5) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives
- 19 or a designee.
- 20 (6) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives
- 21 or a designee.
- 22 (b) Duties.--To facilitate compliance with this chapter and
- 23 the intent thereof, the Firearms Background Check Advisory
- 24 Committee shall, as follows:
- 25 (1) Review the operations and procedures of the
- 26 Pennsylvania State Police relating to the implementation and
- 27 administration of the criminal history, juvenile delinquency
- and mental health records background checks.
- 29 (2) Advise the Pennsylvania State Police relating to the
- development and maintenance of the instantaneous records

- 1 check system.
- 2 (3) Provide annual reports to the Governor and the
- 3 General Assembly on the advisory committee's findings and
- 4 recommendations, including discussions concerning conformance
- 5 with the preamble of the act of June 13, 1995 (1st Sp.Sess.,
- 6 P.L.1024, No.17), entitled, "An act amending Titles 18
- 7 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial
- 8 Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further
- 9 providing for the possession of firearms; establishing a
- 10 selected Statewide juvenile offender registry; and making an
- 11 appropriation."
- 12 (c) Terms.--Members or their designees shall serve a term of
- 13 office concurrent with the term of office for which the member
- 14 was elected. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing
- 15 authority.
- 16 (d) Chairperson. -- The Governor shall appoint the chairperson
- 17 of the advisory committee.
- 18 (e) Expiration. -- This section shall expire November 30,
- 19 2002.1
- 20 Section 7. This act shall take effect June 1, 2015, or
- 21 immediately, whichever is later.