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AN ACT

 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions and for possession of firearm by minor. AMENDING TITLE 18 (CRIMES AND OFFENSES) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES, IN FIREARMS AND OTHER DANGEROUS ARTICLES, REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO FIREARMS NOT TO BE CARRIED WITHOUT A LICENSE, PROVIDING FOR LICENSE NOT REQUIRED, REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO CARRYING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC STREETS OR PUBLIC PROPERTY IN PHILADELPHIA, PROVIDING FOR SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR LICENSES AND REPEALING PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROOF OF LICENSE AND EXCEPTION. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT: (1) THE LAWS IN EXISTENCE REGULATING FIREARMS LICENSING ARE INEFFECTUAL IN PREVENTING CRIME AND ONLY INTERFERE WITH THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. (2) IT IS NECESSARY TO CODIFY THE INHERENT RIGHT TO THE CARRYING OF FIREARMS, WHETHER OPENLY OR CONCEALED, AND THAT CARRYING OF FIREARMS, WHETHER OPENLY OR CONCEALED, AND THAT THE RIGHT TO SELF-DEFENSE IS AN INHERENT NATURAL RIGHT THAT SHALL NOT BE QUESTIONED AS STATED IN SECTION 21 OF ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA. 	1	Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania	<
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1	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2	hereby enacts as follows:
3	Section 1. Section 6102 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania <
4	Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
5	§ 6102. Definitions.
6	Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
7	provisions of this subchapter which are applicable to specific
8	provisions of this subchapter, the following words and phrases,
9	when used in this subchapter shall have, unless the context
10	clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this
11	section:
12	"Assault weapon." Any of the following:
13	(1) A semiautomatic rifle that has an ability to accept
14	<u>a detachable 44 magazine and has at least one of the</u>
15	following characteristics:
16	(i) A part or combination of parts designed and
17	intended to accelerate the rate of fire of the
18	semiautomatic firearm to simulate the rate of fire of a
19	machinegun.
20	(ii) A folding or telescoping stock.
21	(iii) A pistol grip that protrudes conspicuously
22	beneath the action of the semiautomatic rifle.
23	(iv) A thumbhole stock, a second handgrip or a
24	protruding grip that can be held by the nontrigger hand.
25	(v) A bayonet mount, a flash suppressor, muzzle
26	break or muzzle compensator.
27	(vi) A threaded barrel designed to accommodate a
28	flash suppressor, muzzle break or muzzle compensator.
29	(vii) A grenade launcher.
30	(2) A semiautomatic shotgun that has at least one of the

1	following characteristics:
2	(i) A folding or telescoping stock.
3	(ii) A thumbhole stock.
4	(iii) A second handgrip or a protruding grip that
5	can be held by the nontrigger hand.
6	(iv) A fixed magazine capacity in excess of seven
7	rounds.
8	(v) An ability to accept a detachable magazine.
9	(vi) A revolving cylinder.
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11	"Machinegun." As defined in section 201 of the Internal
12	Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 5845).
13	"Peace officer." Any of the following:
14	(1) A person who by virtue of the person's office or
15	public employment is vested by law with a duty to maintain
16	public order or make arrests for criminal offenses, whether
17	the duty extends to all criminal offenses or is limited to
18	<u>specific criminal offenses.</u>
19	(2) A person on active State duty under 51 Pa.C.S. § 508
20	(relating to active duty for emergency).
21	(3) A member of a park police department of a county of
22	the third class.
23	* * *
24	"Weapon carrying officer." A county probation or parole
25	officer who is authorized to carry a weapon in connection with
26	performance of the duties of the officer's employment.
27	Section 2. Section 6110.1 of Title 18 is amended to read:
28	<u>§ 6110.1. Possession of firearm or assault weapon</u> by minor.
29	(a) Firearm. Except as provided in subsection (b), a person-
30	under 18 years of age shall not possess or transport a firearm
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2	(a.1) Assault weapon. Except as provided in subsection
3	(b.1), a person under 21 years of age shall not purchase,
4	possess or transport an assault weapon.
5	(b) [Exception] <u>Firearm exception</u> Subsection (a) shall not-
6	apply to a person under 18 years of age:
7	(1) who is under the supervision of a parent,
8	grandparent, legal guardian or an adult acting with the
9	expressed consent of the minor's custodial parent or legal-
10	guardian and the minor is engaged in lawful activity,
11	including safety training, lawful target shooting, engaging
12	in an organized competition involving the use of a firearm or
13	the firearm is unloaded and the minor is transporting it for
14	a lawful purpose; or
15	(2) who is lawfully hunting or trapping in accordance
16	with 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to game).
17	(b.1) Assault weapon exceptionSubsection (a.1) shall not
18	apply to a person under 21 years of age who is:
19	(1) a member of the armed services;
20	(2) an authorized weapon carrying officer; or
21	(3) a vested peace officer.
22	(c) Responsibility of adult. Any person who knowingly and
23	intentionally delivers or provides to the minor a firearm in-
24	violation of subsection (a), or to a person under 21 years of
25	age an assault weapon in violation of subsection (a.1), commits-
26	a felony of the third degree.
27	(d) ForfeitureAny firearm in the possession of a person-
28	under 18 years of age <u>or assault weapon in the possession of a</u>
29	<u>person under 21 years of age</u> in violation of this section shall-
30	be promptly seized by the arresting law enforcement officer and
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upon conviction or adjudication of delinquency shall be 1 2 forfeited or, if stolen, returned to the lawful owner. 3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days. 4 SECTION 1. SECTION 6106 OF TITLE 18 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA <---5 CONSOLIDATED STATUTES IS REPEALED: [§ 6106. FIREARMS NOT TO BE CARRIED WITHOUT A LICENSE. 6 7 (A) OFFENSE DEFINED.--8 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2), ANY PERSON WHO 9 CARRIES A FIREARM IN ANY VEHICLE OR ANY PERSON WHO CARRIES A FIREARM CONCEALED ON OR ABOUT HIS PERSON, EXCEPT IN HIS PLACE 10 OF ABODE OR FIXED PLACE OF BUSINESS, WITHOUT A VALID AND 11 LAWFULLY ISSUED LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER COMMITS A FELONY 12 13 OF THE THIRD DEGREE. 14 (2) A PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO POSSESS A 15 VALID LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER BUT CARRIES A FIREARM IN ANY VEHICLE OR ANY PERSON WHO CARRIES A FIREARM CONCEALED ON OR 16 17 ABOUT HIS PERSON, EXCEPT IN HIS PLACE OF ABODE OR FIXED PLACE 18 OF BUSINESS, WITHOUT A VALID AND LAWFULLY ISSUED LICENSE AND 19 HAS NOT COMMITTED ANY OTHER CRIMINAL VIOLATION COMMITS A 20 MISDEMEANOR OF THE FIRST DEGREE. (B) EXCEPTIONS. -- THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) SHALL NOT 21 2.2 APPLY TO: 23 (1)CONSTABLES, SHERIFFS, PRISON OR JAIL WARDENS, OR 24 THEIR DEPUTIES, POLICEMEN OF THIS COMMONWEALTH OR ITS 25 POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, OR OTHER LAW-ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. (2) MEMBERS OF THE ARMY, NAVY, MARINE CORPS, AIR FORCE 26 27 OR COAST GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OR OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OR ORGANIZED RESERVES WHEN ON DUTY. 28 29 (3) THE REGULARLY ENROLLED MEMBERS OF ANY ORGANIZATION DULY ORGANIZED TO PURCHASE OR RECEIVE SUCH FIREARMS FROM THE 30

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1 UNITED STATES OR FROM THIS COMMONWEALTH.

2 (4) ANY PERSONS ENGAGED IN TARGET SHOOTING WITH A 3 FIREARM, IF SUCH PERSONS ARE AT OR ARE GOING TO OR FROM THEIR PLACES OF ASSEMBLY OR TARGET PRACTICE AND IF, WHILE GOING TO 4 OR FROM THEIR PLACES OF ASSEMBLY OR TARGET PRACTICE, THE 5 6 FIREARM IS NOT LOADED. 7 (5) OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES DULY 8 AUTHORIZED TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM. 9 (6) AGENTS, MESSENGERS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF COMMON CARRIERS, BANKS, OR BUSINESS FIRMS, WHOSE DUTIES REQUIRE THEM 10 TO PROTECT MONEYS, VALUABLES AND OTHER PROPERTY IN THE 11 DISCHARGE OF SUCH DUTIES. 12 13 (7) ANY PERSON ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF MANUFACTURING, REPAIRING, OR DEALING IN FIREARMS, OR THE AGENT OR 14 REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY SUCH PERSON, HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION, 15 USING OR CARRYING A FIREARM IN THE USUAL OR ORDINARY COURSE 16 OF SUCH BUSINESS. 17 18 (8) ANY PERSON WHILE CARRYING A FIREARM WHICH IS NOT LOADED AND IS IN A SECURE WRAPPER FROM THE PLACE OF PURCHASE 19 20 TO HIS HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, OR TO A PLACE OF REPAIR, SALE OR APPRAISAL OR BACK TO HIS HOME OR PLACE OF BUSINESS, 21 OR IN MOVING FROM ONE PLACE OF ABODE OR BUSINESS TO ANOTHER 22 23 OR FROM HIS HOME TO A VACATION OR RECREATIONAL HOME OR 24 DWELLING OR BACK, OR TO RECOVER STOLEN PROPERTY UNDER SECTION 25 6111.1(B)(4) (RELATING TO PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE), OR TO A PLACE OF INSTRUCTION INTENDED TO TEACH THE SAFE HANDLING, USE 26 OR MAINTENANCE OF FIREARMS OR BACK OR TO A LOCATION TO WHICH 27 28 THE PERSON HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO RELINQUISH FIREARMS UNDER 23 29 PA.C.S. § 6108 (RELATING TO RELIEF) OR BACK UPON RETURN OF THE RELINQUISHED FIREARM OR TO A LICENSED DEALER'S PLACE OF 30

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1 BUSINESS FOR RELINQUISHMENT PURSUANT TO 23 PA.C.S. § 6108.2 2 (RELATING TO RELINQUISHMENT FOR CONSIGNMENT SALE, LAWFUL 3 TRANSFER OR SAFEKEEPING) OR BACK UPON RETURN OF THE RELINQUISHED FIREARM OR TO A LOCATION FOR SAFEKEEPING 4 PURSUANT TO 23 PA.C.S. § 6108.3 (RELATING TO RELINQUISHMENT 5 TO THIRD PARTY FOR SAFEKEEPING) OR BACK UPON RETURN OF THE 6 7 RELINOUISHED FIREARM. 8 (9) PERSONS LICENSED TO HUNT, TAKE FURBEARERS OR FISH IN 9 THIS COMMONWEALTH, IF SUCH PERSONS ARE ACTUALLY HUNTING, TAKING FURBEARERS OR FISHING AS PERMITTED BY SUCH LICENSE, OR 10 ARE GOING TO THE PLACES WHERE THEY DESIRE TO HUNT, TAKE 11 FURBEARERS OR FISH OR RETURNING FROM SUCH PLACES. 12 PERSONS TRAINING DOGS, IF SUCH PERSONS ARE ACTUALLY 13 (10)TRAINING DOGS DURING THE REGULAR TRAINING SEASON. 14 15 (11) ANY PERSON WHILE CARRYING A FIREARM IN ANY VEHICLE, WHICH PERSON POSSESSES A VALID AND LAWFULLY ISSUED LICENSE 16 FOR THAT FIREARM WHICH HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE 17 18 UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER STATE. 19 (12) A PERSON WHO HAS A LAWFULLY ISSUED LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM PURSUANT TO SECTION 6109 (RELATING TO LICENSES) AND 20 THAT SAID LICENSE EXPIRED WITHIN SIX MONTHS PRIOR TO THE DATE 21 OF ARREST AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR 22 23 RENEWAL OF THE LICENSE. 24 (13) ANY PERSON WHO IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE TO POSSESS A 25 FIREARM UNDER THIS CHAPTER AND WHO IS OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS REGISTERED IN THE PERSON'S NAME OR THE NAME 26 OF A SPOUSE OR PARENT AND WHICH CONTAINS A FIREARM FOR WHICH 27 28 A VALID LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6109 TO 29 THE SPOUSE OR PARENT OWNING THE FIREARM. 30 (14) A PERSON LAWFULLY ENGAGED IN THE INTERSTATE

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1	TRANSPORTATION OF A FIREARM AS DEFINED UNDER 18 U.S.C. §
2	921(A)(3) (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS) IN COMPLIANCE WITH 18
3	U.S.C. § 926A (RELATING TO INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF
4	FIREARMS).
5	(15) ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES A VALID AND LAWFULLY
6	ISSUED LICENSE OR PERMIT TO CARRY A FIREARM WHICH HAS BEEN
7	ISSUED UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER
8	A RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT EXISTS BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND
9	THE STATE UNDER SECTION 6109(K), PROVIDED:
10	(I) THE STATE PROVIDES A RECIPROCAL PRIVILEGE FOR
11	INDIVIDUALS LICENSED TO CARRY FIREARMS UNDER SECTION
12	6109.
13	(II) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT THE
14	FIREARM LAWS OF THE STATE ARE SIMILAR TO THE FIREARM LAWS
15	OF THIS COMMONWEALTH.
16	(16) ANY PERSON HOLDING A LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH
17	SECTION 6109(F)(3).
18	(C) SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT
19	(1) BEFORE ANY EXCEPTION SHALL BE GRANTED UNDER
20	PARAGRAPH (B)(9) OR (10) OF THIS SECTION TO ANY PERSON 18
21	YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER LICENSED TO HUNT, TRAP OR FISH OR WHO
22	HAS BEEN ISSUED A PERMIT RELATING TO HUNTING DOGS, SUCH
23	PERSON SHALL, AT THE TIME OF SECURING HIS HUNTING, FURTAKING
24	OR FISHING LICENSE OR ANY TIME AFTER SUCH LICENSE HAS BEEN
25	ISSUED, SECURE A SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY
26	TREASURER. THE SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED
27	IMMEDIATELY AND BE VALID THROUGHOUT THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR A
28	PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE FOR ANY LEGAL
29	FIREARM, WHEN CARRIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VALID HUNTING,
30	FURTAKING OR FISHING LICENSE OR PERMIT RELATING TO HUNTING
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1 DOGS. THE SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT SHALL BE IN TRIPLICATE 2 ON A FORM TO BE FURNISHED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE. 3 THE ORIGINAL PERMIT SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE PERSON, AND THE FIRST COPY THEREOF, WITHIN SEVEN DAYS, SHALL BE FORWARDED TO 4 5 THE COMMISSIONER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE BY THE COUNTY TREASURER. THE SECOND COPY SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE 6 7 COUNTY TREASURER FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS FROM THE DATE OF 8 EXPIRATION. THE COUNTY TREASURER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO COLLECT 9 A FEE OF NOT MORE THAN \$6 FOR EACH SUCH PERMIT ISSUED, WHICH 10 SHALL INCLUDE THE COST OF ANY OFFICIAL FORM. THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE MAY RECOVER FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER THE COST 11 OF ANY SUCH FORM, BUT MAY NOT CHARGE MORE THAN \$1 FOR EACH 12 OFFICIAL PERMIT FORM FURNISHED TO THE COUNTY TREASURER. 13 (2) ANY PERSON WHO SELLS OR ATTEMPTS TO SELL A 14 SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT FOR A FEE IN EXCESS OF THAT AMOUNT 15 FIXED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE. 16 (D) REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION. -- ANY REGISTRATION OF A 17 18 FIREARM UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION MAY BE REVOKED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER WHO ISSUED IT, UPON WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE 19 20 HOLDER THEREOF. (E) DEFINITIONS.--21 (1) FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (B) (3), (4), (5), (7) AND 22 23 (8), THE TERM "FIREARM" SHALL INCLUDE ANY WEAPON WHICH IS 24 DESIGNED TO OR MAY READILY BE CONVERTED TO EXPEL ANY 25 PROJECTILE BY THE ACTION OF AN EXPLOSIVE OR THE FRAME OR RECEIVER OF THE WEAPON. 26 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE PHRASE "PLACE OF 27 28 INSTRUCTION" SHALL INCLUDE ANY HUNTING CLUB, RIFLE CLUB, 29 RIFLE RANGE, PISTOL RANGE, SHOOTING RANGE, THE PREMISES OF A LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER OR A LAWFUL GUN SHOW OR MEET.] 30

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1	SECTION 2. TITLE 18 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
2	<u>§ 6106.2. LICENSE NOT REQUIRED.</u>
3	(A) DECLARATION NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF
4	LAW, EVERY PERSON PRESENT IN THIS COMMONWEALTH WHO IS NOT
5	PROHIBITED FROM POSSESSING FIREARMS UNDER FEDERAL LAW OR THE
6	LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH SHALL HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE, FUNDAMENTAL
7	AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR FIREARMS, INCLUDING
8	THE RIGHT TO CARRY OPENLY OR CONCEALED, CARRY LOADED OR
9	UNLOADED, TRAIN WITH, TRANSPORT, POSSESS, USE, ACQUIRE,
10	PURCHASE, TRANSFER, INHERIT, BUY, SELL, GIVE OR OTHERWISE
11	DISPOSE OF OR RECEIVE ANY FIREARM WITHOUT A LICENSE TO CARRY A
12	FIREARM OF ANY KIND FROM THIS COMMONWEALTH OR ANY OF ITS
13	POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.
14	(B) OPTIONAL LICENSE OBTAINING A LICENSE TO CARRY A
15	FIREARM UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE OPTIONAL. THE VOLUNTARY
16	NATURE OF THE LICENSE SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO REQUIRE THAT ANY
17	PERSON OBTAIN A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM UNDER THIS CHAPTER.
18	SECTION 3. SECTION 6108 OF TITLE 18 IS REPEALED:
19	[§ 6108. CARRYING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC STREETS OR PUBLIC PROPERTY
20	IN PHILADELPHIA.
21	NO PERSON SHALL CARRY A FIREARM, RIFLE OR SHOTGUN AT ANY TIME
22	UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OR UPON ANY PUBLIC PROPERTY IN A CITY OF
23	THE FIRST CLASS UNLESS:
24	(1) SUCH PERSON IS LICENSED TO CARRY A FIREARM; OR
25	(2) SUCH PERSON IS EXEMPT FROM LICENSING UNDER SECTION
26	6106(B) OF THIS TITLE (RELATING TO FIREARMS NOT TO BE CARRIED
27	WITHOUT A LICENSE).]
28	SECTION 4. TITLE 18 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
29	<u>§ 6108.1. SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT.</u>
30	(A) PERMIT ALLOWEDANY PERSON 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO

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HAS BEEN ISSUED A HUNTING LICENSE, TRAPPING LICENSE OR FISHING 1 2 LICENSE OR WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A PERMIT RELATING TO HUNTING DOGS 3 MAY, AT THE TIME OF OBTAINING HIS HUNTING, TRAPPING OR FISHING LICENSE OR ANY TIME AFTER THE LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED, OBTAIN A 4 SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER. 5 (B) ISSUANCE.--THE SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT SHALL BE 6 7 ISSUED IMMEDIATELY AND SHALL BE VALID THROUGHOUT THIS 8 COMMONWEALTH FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE 9 FOR ANY LEGAL FIREARM WHEN CARRIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VALID 10 HUNTING, FURTAKING OR FISHING LICENSE OR PERMIT RELATING TO 11 HUNTING DOGS. 12 (C) FORM.--THE SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT SHALL BE IN 13 TRIPLICATE ON A FORM TO BE FURNISHED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE. THE ORIGINAL PERMIT SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE PERSON, 14 AND A COPY OF THE PERMIT SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSIONER 15 OF PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE BY THE COUNTY TREASURER WITHIN 16 17 SEVEN DAYS OF THE DATE OF DELIVERY. A COPY OF THE PERMIT SHALL 18 BE RETAINED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS 19 FROM THE DATE OF EXPIRATION. 20 (D) FEE.--THE COUNTY TREASURER MAY COLLECT A FEE OF NOT MORE 21 THAN \$6 FOR EACH PERMIT ISSUED, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE THE COST OF 22 ANY OFFICIAL FORM. THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE MAY RECOVER 23 FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER THE COST OF THE FORM, BUT MAY NOT 24 CHARGE MORE THAN \$1 FOR EACH OFFICIAL PERMIT FORM FURNISHED TO 25 THE COUNTY TREASURER. 26 (E) OFFENSE. -- A PERSON WHO SELLS OR ATTEMPTS TO SELL A 27 SPORTSMAN'S FIREARM PERMIT FOR A FEE IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT 28 DETERMINED UNDER THIS SECTION COMMITS A SUMMARY OFFENSE. 29 SECTION 5. SECTION 6109(A), (B), (C), (D) HEADING, INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH, (3) AND (4), (E) (1) INTRODUCTORY 30 20210HB0717PN3279 - 11 -

PARAGRAPH, (I), (V) AND (VII), (3) (II) AND (4), (F) (2) AND (4), 1 2 (G), (H) (3) AND (4), (I.1) HEADING AND (1), (J) AND (M.1) (1) 3 INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH AND (II), (2), (3), (4), (7) AND (9) OF TITLE 18 ARE AMENDED TO READ: 4

5 § 6109. LICENSES.

(A) PURPOSE OF LICENSE.--[A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL 6 7 BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING A FIREARM CONCEALED ON OR ABOUT 8 ONE'S PERSON OR IN A VEHICLE THROUGHOUT THIS COMMONWEALTH.] 9 (1) DUE TO EVERY PERSON PRESENT IN THIS COMMONWEALTH 10 HAVING A FUNDAMENTAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS, OBTAINING A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE 11

OPTIONAL. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO 12

13 REOUIRE THAT A PERSON MUST OBTAIN A LICENSE UNDER THIS

SECTION IN ORDER TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM. 14

(2) THE VOLUNTARY NATURE OF A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM 15 16 MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO RELIEVE THE ISSUING AUTHORITY OF THE BURDEN OF PROOF FOR DENYING AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE. 17

18 (3) A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO 19 THOSE WHO WISH TO CARRY A FIREARM OPENLY OR CONCEALED ON OR ABOUT ONE'S PERSON OR IN A VEHICLE AND SHALL BE VALID 20

THROUGHOUT THIS COMMONWEALTH. 21

22 (4) A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL PROVIDE A PERSON 23 WITH THE ABILITY TO CARRY A FIREARM IN ANY STATE WITH WHICH

24 THE COMMONWEALTH MAINTAINS A RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE

25 MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF LICENSES TO CARRY FIREARMS.

26 PLACE OF APPLICATION. -- AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS 21 YEARS OF (B) AGE OR OLDER MAY APPLY TO [A SHERIFF] THE PROPER ISSUING 27 28 AUTHORITY FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM [CONCEALED ON OR 29 ABOUT HIS PERSON OR IN A VEHICLE | WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH. IF 30 THE APPLICANT IS A RESIDENT OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, HE SHALL MAKE - 12 -

APPLICATION WITH THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH HE RESIDES
 OR, IF A RESIDENT OF A CITY OF THE FIRST CLASS, WITH THE CHIEF
 OF POLICE OF THAT CITY. <u>IF THE APPLICANT IS NOT A RESIDENT OF</u>
 <u>THIS COMMONWEALTH, HE SHALL MAKE APPLICATION WITH THE PROPER</u>
 ISSUING AUTHORITY OF ANY COUNTY.

6 (C) FORM OF APPLICATION AND CONTENT.--THE APPLICATION AND 7 PROCESS FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL BE UNIFORM 8 THROUGHOUT THIS COMMONWEALTH AND SHALL BE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED 9 BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE. THE FORM MAY CONTAIN 10 PROVISIONS, NOT EXCEEDING ONE PAGE, TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION. ISSUING AUTHORITIES SHALL USE ONLY THE APPLICATION 11 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE. ONE OF THE 12 13 FOLLOWING REASONS FOR OBTAINING A FIREARM LICENSE SHALL BE SET FORTH IN THE APPLICATION: SELF-DEFENSE, EMPLOYMENT, HUNTING AND 14 FISHING, TARGET SHOOTING, GUN COLLECTING OR ANOTHER PROPER 15 REASON. THE APPLICATION FORM SHALL BE DATED AND SIGNED BY THE 16 APPLICANT AND SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: 17

18 I HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME THAT PROHIBITS ME FROM POSSESSING OR ACQUIRING A FIREARM UNDER FEDERAL OR 19 20 STATE LAW. I AM OF SOUND MIND AND HAVE NEVER BEEN 21 INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION. IN THE 22 ALTERNATIVE MY RIGHT TO POSSESS A FIREARM HAS BEEN 23 LEGALLY RESTORED. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY 24 25 KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND THAT, IF I KNOWINGLY 26 MAKE ANY FALSE STATEMENTS HEREIN, I AM SUBJECT TO 27 PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW. I AUTHORIZE THE [SHERIFF, OR 28 HIS DESIGNEE, OR, IN THE CASE OF FIRST CLASS CITIES, THE 29 CHIEF OR HEAD OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT] ISSUING AUTHORITY, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO INSPECT ONLY THOSE RECORDS 30

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1OR DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THIS2APPLICATION. IF I AM ISSUED A LICENSE AND KNOWINGLY3BECOME INELIGIBLE TO LEGALLY POSSESS OR ACQUIRE FIREARMS,4I WILL PROMPTLY NOTIFY THE [SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN5WHICH I RESIDE OR, IF I RESIDE IN A CITY OF THE FIRST6CLASS, THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THAT CITY] ISSUING

8 (D) [SHERIFF TO CONDUCT] <u>PRE-ISSUANCE</u> INVESTIGATION.--THE 9 [SHERIFF] <u>ISSUING AUTHORITY</u> TO WHOM THE APPLICATION IS MADE 10 SHALL:

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12 [(3) INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE APPLICANT'S CHARACTER AND 13 REPUTATION ARE SUCH THAT THE APPLICANT WILL NOT BE LIKELY TO 14 ACT IN A MANNER DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC SAFETY;]

15 (4) INVESTIGATE WHETHER THE APPLICANT WOULD BE PRECLUDED
16 FROM RECEIVING A LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (E) (1) OR SECTION
17 6105(H) [(RELATING TO PERSONS NOT TO POSSESS, USE,
18 MANUFACTURE, CONTROL, SELL OR TRANSFER FIREARMS)]; AND

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20 (E) ISSUANCE OF LICENSE.--

AUTHORITY.

(1) A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL BE [FOR THE
PURPOSE OF CARRYING A FIREARM CONCEALED ON OR ABOUT ONE'S
PERSON OR IN A VEHICLE AND SHALL BE ISSUED IF,] ISSUED AFTER
AN INVESTIGATION NOT TO EXCEED [45] 14 CALENDAR DAYS, [IT
APPEARS THAT THE APPLICANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL CONCERNING WHOM
NO] UNLESS GOOD CAUSE EXISTS TO DENY THE LICENSE. A LICENSE
SHALL NOT BE ISSUED TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

[(I) AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE CHARACTER AND REPUTATION IS
SUCH THAT THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE LIKELY TO ACT IN A
MANNER DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC SAFETY.]

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1 * * * 2 (V) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT OF SOUND MIND OR WHO 3 HAS EVER BEEN INVOLUNTARILY COMMITTED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION[.], UNLESS THE INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT HAS 4 5 BEEN EXPUNGED, VACATED OR GRANTED RELIEF FROM A 6 PROHIBITION TO POSSESS A FIREARM. * * * 7 8 [(VII) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS A HABITUAL DRUNKARD.] * * * 9 10 (3) THE LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO 11 BE UNIFORM THROUGHOUT THIS COMMONWEALTH AND SHALL BE IN A 12 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE. THE LICENSE SHALL BEAR THE FOLLOWING: 13 14 * * * (II) THE SIGNATURE OF THE [SHERIFF] AUTHORITY 15 16 ISSUING THE LICENSE. * * * 17 18 (4) THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL REQUIRE A 19 PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LICENSEE ON THE LICENSE. THE PHOTOGRAPH 20 SHALL BE IN A FORM COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMONWEALTH PHOTO 21 IMAGING NETWORK. 22 * * * 23 (F) TERM OF LICENSE.--* * * 24 25 (2) AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF EACH 26 LICENSE, THE ISSUING [SHERIFF] AUTHORITY SHALL SEND TO THE 27 LICENSEE AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE. FAILURE TO 28 RECEIVE A RENEWAL APPLICATION SHALL NOT RELIEVE A LICENSEE 29 FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY TO RENEW THE LICENSE. * * * 30

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1 (4) POSSESSION OF A LICENSE, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF 2 THE PERSON'S MILITARY ORDERS SHOWING THE DATES OF OVERSEAS 3 DEPLOYMENT, INCLUDING THE DATE THAT THE OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT ENDS, SHALL CONSTITUTE, DURING THE EXTENSION PERIOD SPECIFIED 4 5 IN PARAGRAPH (3), A DEFENSE TO ANY CHARGE FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 6106 (RELATING TO FIREARMS NOT TO BE CARRIED WITHOUT 6 7 A LICENSE) OR 6108 (RELATING TO CARRYING FIREARMS ON PUBLIC 8 STREETS OR PUBLIC PROPERTY IN PHILADELPHIA).] 9 (G) GRANT OR DENIAL OF LICENSE.--UPON THE RECEIPT OF AN 10 APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM, THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL, WITHIN [45] 14 CALENDAR DAYS, ISSUE OR 11 REFUSE TO ISSUE A LICENSE ON THE BASIS OF THE INVESTIGATION 12 13 UNDER SUBSECTION (D) AND THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION 14 CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION. IF THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY REFUSES TO ISSUE A LICENSE, THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY 15 16 SHALL NOTIFY THE APPLICANT IN WRITING OF THE REFUSAL AND THE SPECIFIC REASONS. THE NOTICE SHALL BE SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO 17 18 THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SET FORTH IN THE APPLICATION. 19 (H) FEE.--20 * * * (3) AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$1 SHALL BE PAID BY THE 21 APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM AND SHALL BE 22 23 REMITTED BY THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY TO THE FIREARMS 24 LICENSE VALIDATION SYSTEM ACCOUNT, WHICH IS HEREBY 25 ESTABLISHED AS A SPECIAL RESTRICTED RECEIPT ACCOUNT WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE TREASURY. THE ACCOUNT SHALL BE 26 27 USED FOR PURPOSES UNDER SUBSECTION (L). MONEYS CREDITED TO 28 THE ACCOUNT AND ANY INVESTMENT INCOME ACCRUED ARE HEREBY 29 APPROPRIATED ON A CONTINUING BASIS TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE 30 POLICE.

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1 (4) NO FEE OTHER THAN THAT PROVIDED BY THIS SUBSECTION 2 OR THE SHERIFF FEE ACT MAY BE ASSESSED BY THE [SHERIFF] 3 <u>ISSUING AUTHORITY</u> FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY BACKGROUND CHECK 4 MADE PURSUANT TO THIS ACT.

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6 (I.1) NOTICE TO [SHERIFF] <u>ISSUING AUTHORITY</u>.-7 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY STATUTE TO THE CONTRARY:

8 (1) UPON CONVICTION OF A PERSON FOR A CRIME SPECIFIED IN 9 SECTION 6105(A) OR (B) OR UPON CONVICTION OF A PERSON FOR A 10 CRIME PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT EXCEEDING ONE YEAR OR UPON A DETERMINATION THAT THE CONDUCT OF A PERSON MEETS THE CRITERIA 11 12 SPECIFIED IN SECTION 6105(C)(1), (2), (3), (5), (6) OR (9), 13 THE COURT SHALL DETERMINE IF THE DEFENDANT HAS A LICENSE TO 14 CARRY FIREARMS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IF THE DEFENDANT HAS SUCH A LICENSE, THE COURT SHALL NOTIFY THE 15 16 [SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THAT PERSON RESIDES] ISSUING AUTHORITY, ON A FORM DEVELOPED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE 17 18 POLICE, OF THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON AND THE NATURE OF THE 19 CRIME OR CONDUCT WHICH RESULTED IN THE NOTIFICATION. THE NOTIFICATION SHALL BE TRANSMITTED BY THE JUDGE WITHIN SEVEN 20 DAYS OF THE CONVICTION OR DETERMINATION. 21

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(J) IMMUNITY.--[A SHERIFF] AN ISSUING AUTHORITY WHO COMPLIES
IN GOOD FAITH WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY
RESULTING OR ARISING FROM THE ACTION OR MISCONDUCT WITH A
FIREARM COMMITTED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM A LICENSE TO CARRY A
FIREARM HAS BEEN ISSUED.

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29 (M.1) TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSES.--

30 (1) A PERSON SEEKING A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE TO 20210HB0717PN3279 - 17 - CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM SHALL SUBMIT TO THE [SHERIFF]
 <u>ISSUING AUTHORITY</u> OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE PERSON RESIDES
 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

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(II) A SWORN AFFIDAVIT THAT CONTAINS THE INFORMATION 5 REQUIRED ON AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE TO CARRY A 6 7 FIREARM AND ATTESTING THAT THE PERSON IS 21 YEARS OF AGE 8 OR OLDER, IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM OWNING FIREARMS UNDER 9 SECTION 6105 [(RELATING TO PERSONS NOT TO POSSESS, USE, 10 MANUFACTURE, CONTROL, SELL OR TRANSFER FIREARMS)] OR ANY OTHER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW AND IS NOT CURRENTLY SUBJECT 11 12 TO A PROTECTION FROM ABUSE ORDER OR A PROTECTION ORDER 13 ISSUED BY A COURT OF ANOTHER STATE.

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15 (2) UPON RECEIPT OF THE ITEMS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH 16 (1), THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY IMMEDIATELY SHALL CONDUCT A CRIMINAL HISTORY, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AND MENTAL 17 18 HEALTH RECORD CHECK OF THE APPLICANT PURSUANT TO SECTION 19 6105. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF THE RESULTS OF THE RECORDS CHECK, THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL REVIEW THE 20 21 INFORMATION AND SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER THE APPLICANT MEETS 22 THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION. IF THE [SHERIFF] 23 ISSUING AUTHORITY DETERMINES THAT THE APPLICANT HAS MET ALL 24 OF THE CRITERIA, THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL IMMEDIATELY ISSUE THE APPLICANT A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE 25 26 TO CARRY A CONCEALED FIREARM.

(3) IF THE [SHERIFF] <u>ISSUING AUTHORITY</u> REFUSES TO ISSUE
A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE, THE [SHERIFF] <u>ISSUING</u>
<u>AUTHORITY</u> SHALL SPECIFY THE GROUNDS FOR THE DENIAL IN A
WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE APPLICANT. THE APPLICANT MAY APPEAL THE

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DENIAL OR CHALLENGE CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECK RESULTS THAT WERE
 THE BASIS OF THE DENIAL, IF APPLICABLE, IN THE SAME MANNER AS
 A DENIAL OF A LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM UNDER THIS SECTION.

(4) A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS 4 5 SUBSECTION SHALL BE VALID FOR [45] 14 DAYS AND MAY NOT BE 6 RENEWED. A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY 7 LICENSE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE ISSUED ANOTHER 8 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE UNLESS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS HAVE 9 EXPIRED SINCE THE ISSUANCE OF THE PRIOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY 10 LICENSE. DURING THE [45] 14 DAYS THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE IS VALID, THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL 11 12 CONDUCT AN ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION OF THE PERSON FOR THE 13 PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE PERSON MAY BE ISSUED A 14 LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. IF, DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION, THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY DISCOVERS 15 16 ANY INFORMATION THAT WOULD HAVE PROHIBITED THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING 17 18 AUTHORITY SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO REVOKE THE TEMPORARY 19 EMERGENCY LICENSE AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (I).

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(7) [A SHERIFF] <u>AN ISSUING AUTHORITY</u> WHO ISSUES A
TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL RETAIN,
FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
LICENSE IS IN EFFECT, THE EVIDENCE OF IMMINENT DANGER THAT
THE APPLICANT SUBMITTED TO THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY
THAT WAS THE BASIS FOR THE LICENSE, OR A COPY OF THE
EVIDENCE, AS APPROPRIATE.

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29 (9) PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
 30 LICENSE, IF THE [SHERIFF] <u>ISSUING AUTHORITY</u> HAS DETERMINED
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1 PURSUANT TO INVESTIGATION THAT THE PERSON ISSUED A TEMPORARY 2 EMERGENCY LICENSE IS NOT DISQUALIFIED AND IF THE TEMPORARY 3 EMERGENCY LICENSE HAS NOT BEEN REVOKED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (I), THE [SHERIFF] ISSUING AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE 4 5 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE FIVE-YEAR PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE 6 7 TEMPORARY EMERGENCY LICENSE. RECORDS AND ALL OTHER 8 INFORMATION, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS REGARDING SUCH LICENSES 9 SHALL BE APPLICABLE AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION. * * * 10

11 SECTION 6. SECTION 6122 OF TITLE 18 IS REPEALED:

12 [§ 6122. PROOF OF LICENSE AND EXCEPTION.

13 (A) GENERAL RULE. -- WHEN CARRYING A FIREARM CONCEALED ON OR 14 ABOUT ONE'S PERSON OR IN A VEHICLE, AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED TO CARRY A FIREARM SHALL, UPON LAWFUL DEMAND OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT 15 16 OFFICER, PRODUCE THE LICENSE FOR INSPECTION. FAILURE TO PRODUCE SUCH LICENSE EITHER AT THE TIME OF ARREST OR AT THE PRELIMINARY 17 18 HEARING SHALL CREATE A REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF NONLICENSURE. 19 (B) EXCEPTION. -- AN INDIVIDUAL CARRYING A FIREARM ON OR ABOUT HIS PERSON OR IN A VEHICLE AND CLAIMING AN EXCEPTION UNDER 20 SECTION 6106(B) (RELATING TO FIREARMS NOT TO BE CARRIED WITHOUT 21 A LICENSE) SHALL, UPON LAWFUL DEMAND OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT 22 23 OFFICER, PRODUCE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF QUALIFICATION FOR 24 EXCEPTION.]

25 SECTION 7. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

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