

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the license to  
3 carry firearms.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6109(e)(3) and (h) of Title 18 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and subsection  
8 (e) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

9 § 6109. Licenses.

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11 (e) Issuance of license.--

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13 (3) The license shall bear the name, address, date of  
14 birth, race, sex, citizenship, Social Security number,  
15 height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes and signature of  
16 the licensee; the signature of the sheriff issuing the  
17 license; the reason for issuance; [and] the period of  
18 validation; and an identification number. The sheriff [may]

1 shall also require a photograph of the licensee on the  
2 license. The original license shall be issued to the  
3 applicant. The first copy of the license shall be forwarded  
4 to the commissioner within seven days of the date of issue,  
5 and a second copy shall be retained by the issuing authority  
6 for a period of six years.

7 (4) There shall be only one permit issued to the  
8 applicant for each firearm the applicant may wish to carry.  
9 The license shall bear the serial number of each particular  
10 firearm. There shall be no waiting period for subsequent  
11 licenses beyond the first license.

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13 (h) Fee.--

14 (1) The fee for a license to carry a firearm is [\$19]  
15 \$32. This includes a renewal notice processing fee of \$1.50.  
16 This includes an administrative fee of \$5 under section 14(2)  
17 of the act of July 6, 1984 (P.L.614, No.127), known as the  
18 Sheriff Fee Act. No fee other than that provided by this  
19 paragraph or the Sheriff Fee Act may be assessed by the  
20 sheriff for the performance of any background check made  
21 pursuant to this act. The fee is payable to the sheriff to  
22 whom the application is submitted and is payable at the time  
23 of application for the license. Except for the administrative  
24 fee of \$5 under section 14(2) of the Sheriff Fee Act, all  
25 other fees shall be refunded if the application is denied but  
26 shall not be refunded if a license is issued and subsequently  
27 revoked. A person who sells or attempts to sell a license to  
28 carry a firearm for a fee in excess of the amounts fixed  
29 under this subsection commits a summary offense.

30 (2) Of the \$32 fee collected under paragraph (1), \$13

1     shall be used by the county for anti-violence initiatives.

2     Each county shall establish a separate fund to receive this

3     fee and from which disbursements shall be made for the

4     purpose described in this paragraph.

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6     Section 2. All acts and parts of acts are repealed insofar  
7 as they are inconsistent with this act.

8     Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.