

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2432 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY B. SMITH, MARCH 27, 2000

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AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 6109(e)(1) of Title 18 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6109. Licenses.

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10 (e) Issuance of license.--

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

18 (i) An individual whose character and reputation is

1       such that the individual would be likely to act in a  
2       manner dangerous to public safety.

3       (ii) An individual who has been convicted of an  
4       offense under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64),  
5       known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and  
6       Cosmetic Act which is graded as a misdemeanor of the  
7       second degree or less within ten years of the date of  
8       application for a license under this section.

9       (iii) An individual convicted of a crime enumerated  
10      in section 6105.

11      (iv) An individual who, within the past ten years,  
12      has been adjudicated delinquent for a crime enumerated in  
13      section 6105 or for an offense under The Controlled  
14      Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

15      (v) An individual who is not of sound mind or who  
16      has ever been committed to a mental institution.

17      (vi) An individual who is addicted to or is an  
18      unlawful user of marijuana or a stimulant, depressant or  
19      narcotic drug.

20      (vii) An individual who is a habitual drunkard.

21      (viii) An individual who is charged with or has been  
22      convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a  
23      term exceeding one year except as provided for in section  
24      6123 (relating to waiver of disability or pardons).

25      (ix) A resident of another state who does not  
26      possess a current license or permit or similar document  
27      to carry a firearm issued by that state if a license is  
28      provided for by the laws of that state, as published  
29      annually in the Federal Register by the Bureau of  
30      Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the Department of the

Treasury under 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(19) (relating to definitions).

(x) An alien who is illegally in the United States.

(xi) An individual who has been discharged from the armed forces of the United States under dishonorable conditions.

(xii) An individual who is a fugitive from justice.

This subparagraph does not apply to an individual whose fugitive status is based upon nonmoving or moving summary offense under Title 75 (relating to vehicles).

(xiii) An individual who is otherwise prohibited from possessing, using, manufacturing, controlling, purchasing, selling or transferring a firearm as provided by section 6105.

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