AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 565

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Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 10, by striking out all 1 2 of said lines and inserting Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic 3 4 Relations) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 5 Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing for 6 possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court 7 facility; in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for definitions, for evidence of intent, for 8 9 persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms and for firearms not to be carried without 10 a license, providing for license not required, further 11 12 providing for prohibited conduct during emergency, repealing 13 provisions relating to carrying firearms on public streets or 14 public property in Philadelphia, providing for sportsman's 15 firearm permit, further providing for licenses, providing for 16 firearm eligibility license, for application for firearm 17 eligibility license, for fee and qualification, for investigations and training course and for issuance and terms 18 19 and further providing for sale or transfer of firearms, for 20 Pennsylvania State Police, for loans on, or lending or giving 21 firearms prohibited, for proof of license and exception and 22 for administrative regulations; in protection from abuse, 23 further providing for relief; in hunting and furtaking, 24 further providing for cooperation after lawfully killing big 25 game; and, in protection of property and persons, further 26 providing for possession of firearm for protection of self or 27 others. Amend Bill, page 2, lines 3 through 30; pages 3 through 5,

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- 29 lines 1 through 30; page 6, lines 1 through 29; by striking out
- 30 all of said lines on said pages and inserting
- 31 Section 1. Section 913(b)(3) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
- 32 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 33 § 913. Possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court facility.
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(b) Grading.--

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(3) An offense under subsection (a)(1) is a summary offense if the person was carrying a firearm under section 6106(b) (relating to firearms not to be carried without a license) or 6109 (relating to [licenses] <u>license to carry</u>) and failed to check the firearm under subsection (e) prior to entering the court facility.

Section 2. Section 6102 of Title 18 is amended by adding definitions to read:

§ 6102. Definitions.

Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent provisions of this subchapter which are applicable to specific provisions of this subchapter, the following words and phrases, when used in this subchapter shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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"Firearm eligibility license." A license issued by the
commissioner that authorizes a person to purchase a firearm.
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"Qualified firearm instructor." A certified firearms instructor who is recognized by the Pennsylvania State Police and has one of the following:

- (1) A valid qualified firearm instructor license issued by the commissioner.
- (2) A certificate issued by a nationally recognized firearms organization.

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Section 3. Sections 6104, 6105(h) and 6106(a) of Title 18 are amended to read:

§ 6104. Evidence of intent.

In the trial of a person for committing or attempting to commit a crime enumerated in section 6105 (relating to persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms), the fact that that person was armed with a firearm, used or attempted to be used, and had no license to possess or carry the same, shall be evidence of that person's intention to commit the offense.

§ 6105. Persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

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(h) License prohibition.—Any person who is prohibited from possessing, using, controlling, selling, purchasing, transferring or manufacturing any firearm under this section shall not be eligible for or permitted to obtain a license to carry a firearm under section 6109 (relating to [licenses] license to carry).

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51 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

- (a) Offense defined.--
 - (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any person who carries a firearm in any vehicle or any person who carries a firearm concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a valid and lawfully issued license [under this chapter] to carry under section 6109 (relating to license to carry) commits a felony of the third degree.
 - (2) A person who is otherwise eligible to possess a valid license [under this chapter] to carry under section 6109 but carries a firearm in any vehicle or any person who carries a firearm concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a valid and lawfully issued license to carry and has not committed any other criminal violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.
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- Amend Bill, page 6, line 30, by striking out "2" and
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- 21 Amend Bill, page 7, lines 18 and 19, by striking out all of
- 22 said lines and inserting
- 23 Section 5. Section 6107 of Title 18 is amended to read:
- Amend Bill, page 8, line 17, by striking out "3" and
- 25 inserting
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- 27 Amend Bill, page 8, line 27, by striking out "4" and
- 28 inserting
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- 30 Amend Bill, page 9, lines 28 through 30; page 10, lines 1
- 31 through 3; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
- 32 inserting
- 33 Section 8. Section 6109 heading and (a), (b), (c), (d)
- 34 heading, introductory paragraph, (3), (4) and (5), (e) (1)
- 35 introductory paragraph, (i), (v) and (vii), (3) introductory
- 36 paragraph and (ii) and (4), (f) (2) and (4), (g), (h) (3) and (4),
- 37 (i.1) heading and (1), (j) and (m.1) (1) introductory paragraph
- 38 and (ii), (2), (3), (4), (7) and (9) of Title 18 are amended,
- 39 subsection (d) is amended by adding a paragraph and subsection
- 40 (e)(1) and (3) are amended by adding subparagraphs to read:

- 1 Amend Bill, page 10, line 4, by inserting a bracket before
- 2 "Licenses."
- 3 Amend Bill, page 10, line 4, by inserting after "Licenses"
- 4] License to carry
- 5 Amend Bill, page 11, by inserting between lines 25 and 26
- I am the holder of a valid firearm eligibility license.
- 7 Amend Bill, page 12, line 26, by striking out the bracket
- 8 after "firearms)"
- 9 Amend Bill, page 12, line 26, by inserting after "and"
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- 11 Amend Bill, page 13, line 3, by inserting a bracket before
- 12 the period after "application"
- Amend Bill, page 13, line 3, by inserting after
- 14 "application."
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- 16 (6) confirm with the Pennsylvania State Police that the
- 17 <u>applicant holds a valid firearm eligibility license.</u>
- Amend Bill, page 13, by inserting between lines 23 and 24
- 19 (xv) An individual who does not possess a valid
- 20 <u>firearm eligibility license under section 6109.1</u>
- 21 (relating to firearm eligibility license).
- 22 Amend Bill, page 14, by inserting between lines 1 and 2
- 23 (vii) The number of the licensee's firearm
- 24 eligibility license.
- 25 Amend Bill, page 18, lines 25 through 30; page 19, lines 1
- 26 through 9; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
- 27 inserting
- 28 Section 9. Title 18 is amended by adding sections to read:
- 29 § 6109.1. Firearm eligibility license.
- 30 (a) Required. -- Except as provided in subsection (b), a
- 31 <u>firearm eligibility license shall be required to own or possess</u>
- 32 <u>a firearm within this Commonwealth.</u>
- 33 (b) Exception. -- Subsection (a) may not apply to any of the
- 34 following:

(1) A licensed firearms manufacturer.

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- (2) A dealer licensed under section 6113 (relating to licensing of dealers).
- (3) A law enforcement officer or person who is retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the United States, this Commonwealth or a local law enforcement agency of this Commonwealth.
- (4) A member or retired member of the armed forces of the United States or the Pennsylvania National Guard.
- (5) A person purchasing an antique firearm as defined in section 6118 (relating to antique firearms) or reproductions or replicas of firearms if the antique firearm, reproduction or replica is not suitable for use.
- § 6109.2. Application for firearm eligibility license.
- (a) Place of application.--An individual may apply to an issuing authority for a firearm eligibility license. If the applicant is a resident of this Commonwealth, the applicant must apply with the sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides. If the applicant lives in a city of the first class, the applicant must apply with the chief of police of the city.
- (b) Form of application and content.—The application for a firearm eligibility license shall be uniform across this Commonwealth and shall be on a form prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police. Each application shall be signed and dated by the applicant. The form may contain provisions, not exceeding one page, to assure compliance with this section.

 Issuing authorities shall use only the application form prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police. The application shall contain the following statement:

I have never been convicted of a crime that prohibits me from possessing or acquiring a firearm under Federal or State law. I am of sound mind and have never been committed to a mental institution. I hereby certify that the statements contained herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that, if I knowingly make any false statement herein, I am subject to penalties prescribed by law. I authorize the sheriff or the sheriff's designee, or the chief of the police department or the chief's designee, to inspect only those records or documents relevant to the information required for this application. If I am issued a license and knowingly become ineligible to legally possess or acquire firearms, I will promptly notify the sheriff of the county in which I reside or, if I reside in a city of the first class, the chief of police of that citv.

- § 6109.3. Fee and qualification.
 - (a) Firearm eligibility license fee. --
- 49 <u>(1) The fees for a firearm eligibility license are as</u> 50 <u>follows:</u>
 - (i) Fifty dollars for the original license.

Τ	(11) Thirty dollars for a license renewal which
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3	(A) A renewal processing fee of \$1.50.
4	(B) An administrative fee of \$5 under section
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	14(2) of the act of July 6, 1984 (P.L.614, No.127),
6	known as the Sheriff Fee Act.
7	(C) An administrative fee of \$2 for the costs of
8	completing the background investigation under section
9	6109.2(b) (relating to application for firearm
10	eligibility license). This fee shall be deposited_
11	into the Firearms Instant Records Check Fund under
12	section 6111.2 (relating to firearms sales
13	<pre>surcharge).</pre>
14	(2) All license fees remaining after the deduction under
15	paragraph (1) shall be deposited in the General Fund.
16	(3) No fee other than under this section or the Sheriff
17	Fee Act may be assessed by the issuing authority for the cost
18	of a background check performed in the process of issuing a
19	firearm eliqibility license.
20	(b) Qualifications for license The issuing authority shall
21	issue a firearm eligibility license to an applicant who meets
22	the following criteria:
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	(1) Is at least 18 years of age.
24	(2) Is a resident of this Commonwealth.
25	(3) Within three years prior to the submission of the
26	application, demonstrates satisfactory completion of a
27	certified firearms training course approved by the
28	commissioner that includes all the following:
29	<u>(i) A minimum of 16 hours of instruction by a</u>
30	qualified firearm instructor.
31	(ii) Classroom instruction on all the following:
32	(A) Commonwealth firearm law.
33	(B) Home firearm safety.
34	(C) Firearm mechanisms and operations.
35	(iii) A firearms orientation component that
36	demonstrates the person's safe operation, handling and
37	use of a firearm.
38	(4) Is not prohibited by Federal or State law from
39	purchasing or possessing a firearm. For purposes of
40	determining this, the following shall apply:
41	(i) The applicant shall provide a full set of
42	fingerprints to the Pennsylvania State Police.
43	(ii) The Pennsylvania State Police shall submit the
44	fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation to
45	verify the identity of the applicant and obtain a current
46	record of criminal arrests and convictions.
47	§ 6109.4. Investigations and training course.
48	(a) Firearms training course The commissioner has the
49	following powers and duties:
50	(1) To promulgate guidelines setting forth the
51	requirements to become a qualified firearm instructor in this

Commonwealth.

 (2) To designate any program as a certified firearm training course if the program meets the minimum requirements established by the commissioner.

- (b) Waiver of training course. -- An applicant for a firearm eligibility license is not required to complete a firearm safety training course under subsection (a) if the applicant is any of the following:
 - (1) A qualified firearm instructor.
 - (2) A member or honorably discharged member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard.
 - (3) A police officer, as defined in 53 Pa.C.S. § 2162 (relating to definitions) who is certified under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to municipal police education and training). The term includes a school police officer appointed under section 1302-C of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949.
 - (4) An active or retired Federal or State law enforcement officer.
 - (5) Certified under 61 Pa.C.S. Ch. 63 (relating to county probation officers' firearm education and training).
 - (6) A Commonwealth or county corrections officer or probation or parole agent.
 - (7) A county sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable.
 - (8) The lawful owner of a firearm prior to the effective date of this subsection.
- (c) Conduct of investigation. -- The issuing authority to whom the application is made shall:
 - (1) Investigate the applicant's record of criminal conviction.
 - (2) Review the applicant's completed Federal criminal history check.
 - (3) Investigate whether the applicant would be precluded from or is prohibited from possessing, using, controlling, selling, purchasing, transferring or manufacturing a firearm under section 6105 (relating to persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms).
 - (4) Conduct a criminal background, juvenile delinquency and mental health check following the procedures specified in section 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms), receive a unique approval number for that inquiry and record the date and number on the application.
- (d) Notice to issuing authority. -- Notwithstanding any other law, a court, mental health review officer or county administrator for mental health and intellectual disability services shall notify the issuing authority of the county or city in which an individual holds a firearm eligibility license on a form prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police within seven days of the individual's conviction or adjudication or upon determination of any of the following:
 - (1) A crime specified in section 6105(a) or (b).

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application shall, at the end of the seven-year period, be

destroyed unless the license has been renewed.

(b) Grant or denial of license. -- Upon receipt of an 1 application for a firearm eligibility license, the issuing authority shall issue or refuse to issue within 30 days a license on the basis of the investigation under subsection (d) and the accuracy of the information contained in the application. If the issuing authority refuses to issue a license, the issuing authority shall notify the applicant in writing of the refusal and the specific reason. The notice shall 9 be sent by certified mail to the applicant at the address included in the application. 10 11

(c) Term of license. --

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- (1) A firearm eligibility license issued under subsection (e) shall be valid throughout this Commonwealth for a period of five years unless extended under paragraph (3) or revoked.
- (2) At least 60 days prior to the expiration of each license, the issuing authority shall send to the licensee an application for renewal of the license. Failure to receive a renewal application shall not relieve a licensee from the responsibility to renew the license.
- (3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) or any other provisions of law, a firearm eligibility license that is held by a member of the United States Armed Forces or the Pennsylvania National Guard on Federal active duty and deployed overseas that is scheduled to expire during the period of deployment shall be extended until 90 days after the end of the deployment.
- (4) Possession of a firearm eligibility license, together with a copy of the person's military orders showing the dates of the overseas deployment, including the date that the overseas deployment ends, shall constitute a defense to any charge filed under this section during the extension period.

(d) Revocation. --

- (1) A firearm eligibility license may be revoked by the issuing authority for any reason under section 6105(b) or (c) if the violation occurs during the term of the license. The revocation shall be in accordance with the following:
 - (i) Notice of revocation shall:
 - (A) Be in writing and shall state the specific reason for revocation.
 - (B) Be sent by certified mail to the individual.
 - (C) Be provided to the Pennsylvania State Police by electronic means including e-mail or facsimile transmission.
 - (ii) An individual who has had a license revoked may appeal to the court of common pleas for the judicial district in which the individual resides.
- 49 (2) Anyone who violates this subsection commits a 50 summary offense.
 - (e) Immunity. -- An issuing authority which complies in good

faith with this section shall be immune from liability resulting or arising from the action of misconduct with a firearm 3 committed by an individual who was issued a firearm eligibility 4 license.

- (f) Reciprocity. -- The Attorney General shall:
- (1) Have the power and duty to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states providing for the mutual recognition of a firearm eligibility license issued by the Commonwealth and a firearm eligibility license or permit issued by another state.
- (2) Have the power to negotiate reciprocity agreements and grant recognition to a firearm eligibility license or permit issued by another state.
- (3) Report to the General Assembly within 180 days of the effective date of this paragraph and annually thereafter on the agreements which have been made under this section.
- (q) Definition. -- As used in this section, the term "issuing authority" means a county sheriff or chief of police of a city of the first class.

Section 10. Section 6111(b)(1.1)(iii), (f)(3) and (q)(4) (iii) of Title 18 are amended and subsection (b) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

§ 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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(b) Duty of seller. -- No licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer shall sell or deliver any firearm to another person, other than a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer or licensed collector, until the conditions of subsection (a) have been satisfied and until he has:

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(1.1) On the date of publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of a notice by the Pennsylvania State Police that the instantaneous records check has been implemented, all of the following shall apply:

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- (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, the purchaser or transferee's firearm eligibility license number and the date of application.
- (2.1) Inspected the firearm eligibility license of the potential purchaser or transferee.

(f) Application of section .--

1 The provisions contained in subsection (a) shall not apply to any law enforcement officer whose current 2 3 identification as a law enforcement officer shall be 4 construed as a valid license to carry a firearm or any person 5 who possesses a valid license to carry a firearm under 6 section 6109 (relating to [licenses] <u>license to carry</u>). 7 8 (g) Penalties. --9 (4) Any person, purchaser or transferee commits a felony 10 11 of the third degree if, in connection with the purchase, 12 delivery or transfer of a firearm under this chapter, he knowingly and intentionally: 13 * * * 14 15 (iii) willfully furnishes or exhibits any false 16 identification, including a false firearm eligibility license, intended or likely to deceive the seller, 17 licensed dealer or licensed manufacturer. 18 19 20 Section 11. Section 6111.1(b)(2) and (3) and (e)(1) of Title 18 are amended and subsections (b) and (i) are amended by adding 21 22 paragraphs to read: 23 § 6111.1. Pennsylvania State Police. 24 25 Duty of Pennsylvania State Police. --26 27 (1.1) Upon receipt of an application for a firearm 28 eligibility license under section 6109.1 (relating to firearm 29 eligibility license), the Pennsylvania State Police shall immediately: 30 31 (i) Review the Pennsylvania State Police criminal 32 history and fingerprint records to determine whether the 33 applicant is prohibited from receipt or possession of a firearm under Federal or State law. 34 (ii) Review the juvenile delinguency and mental 35 36 health records of the Pennsylvania State Police to 37 determine whether the applicant is prohibited from receipt or possession of a firearm under Federal or State 38 39 law. (iii) Inform the issuing authority of one of the 40 41 following: 42 (A) That the issuance of a firearm eligibility 43 license is prohibited. 44 (B) The individual is cleared for a firearm eligibility license. If the Pennsylvania State Police 45 determine that the individual is eliqible, the 46 Pennsylvania State Police shall provide the issuing 47

(2) In the event of electronic failure, scheduled computer downtime or similar event beyond the control of the $\frac{1}{2}$

authority with the individual's firearm eligibility

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50 51 Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania State Police shall immediately notify the requesting licensee under paragraph (1) or the applicant under paragraph (1.1) of the reason for and estimated length of the delay. If the failure or event lasts for a period exceeding 48 hours, the dealer shall not be subject to any penalty for completing a transaction absent the completion of an instantaneous records check for the remainder of the failure or similar event, but the dealer shall obtain a completed application/record of sale following the provisions of section 6111(b)(1) and (1.1) (relating to sale or transfer of firearms) as if an instantaneous records check has not been established for any sale or transfer of a firearm for the purpose of a subsequent background check.

- (3) The Pennsylvania State Police shall fully comply, execute and enforce the directives of this section as follows:
 - (i) The instantaneous background check for firearms as defined in section 6102 (relating to definitions) 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:
 - (A) the date of publication of the notice under section 6111(a)(2); or
 - (B) December 31, 1998.

(iii) The instantaneous background check for a firearm eligibility license shall take effect on the effective date of this subparagraph.

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- (e) Challenge to records. --
- (1) Any person who <u>is denied a firearm eligibility</u> <u>license or</u> 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 may challenge the accuracy of that person's criminal history, juvenile delinquency history or mental health record pursuant to a denial by the instantaneous records check by submitting a challenge to the Pennsylvania State Police within 30 days from the date of the denial.

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- (i) Reports.--The Pennsylvania State Police shall annually compile and report to the General Assembly, on or before December 31, the following information for the previous year: * * *
 - (1.1) number of firearm eligibility license applications submitted, number of applications denied, number of challenges of the denials and number of reversals of initial denials;

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Section 12. Sections 6115(b)(1)(i), 6122(a) and 6124 of

Title 18 are amended to read:

§ 6115. Loans on, or lending or giving firearms prohibited.

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- (b) Exception. --
- (1) Subsection (a) shall not apply if any of the following apply:
 - (i) The person who receives the firearm is licensed to carry a firearm under section 6109 (relating to [licenses] <u>license to carry</u>).

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- § 6122. Proof of license and exception.
- (a) General rule. -- When carrying a firearm concealed on or about one's person or in a vehicle, an individual licensed to carry a firearm shall, upon lawful demand of a law enforcement officer, produce the [license] individual's firearm eligibility license and license to carry for inspection. Failure to produce such license either at the time of arrest or at the preliminary hearing shall create a rebuttable presumption of nonlicensure.

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§ 6124. Administrative regulations.

The commissioner may establish form specifications and regulations, consistent with [section] <u>sections</u> 6109(c) (relating to [licenses] <u>license to carry</u>) <u>and 6109.1 (relating to firearm eligibility license</u>), with respect to uniform forms control, including the following:

- (1) License to carry firearms.
- (2) Firearm registration.
- (3) Dealer's license.
- (4) Application for purchase of a firearm.
- (5) Record of sale of firearms.
- (6) Firearm eligibility license.

Section 13. Section 6108(a)(7) introductory paragraph of Title 23 is amended to read:

§ 6108. Relief.

(a) General rule. -- Subject to subsection (a.1), the court may grant any protection order or approve any consent agreement to bring about a cessation of abuse of the plaintiff or minor children. The order or agreement may include:

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(7) Prohibiting the defendant from acquiring or possessing any firearm for the duration of the order, ordering the defendant to temporarily relinquish to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency any firearms under the defendant's possession or control, and requiring the defendant to relinquish to the sheriff or the appropriate law enforcement agency any firearm license issued under section 6108.3 (relating to relinquishment to third party for safekeeping) or 18 Pa.C.S. § 6106 (relating to firearms not to be carried without a license) or 6109 (relating to [licenses] <u>license to carry</u>) the defendant may possess. The court may also order the defendant to relinquish

the defendant's other weapons or ammunition that have been used or been threatened to be used in an incident of abuse against the plaintiff or the minor children. A copy of the court's order shall be transmitted to the chief or head of the appropriate law enforcement agency and to the sheriff of the county of which the defendant is a resident. When relinquishment is ordered, the following shall apply:

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Section 14. Sections 2325(a.1) and 2525(a) of Title 34 are amended to read:

11 § 2325. Cooperation after lawfully killing big game.

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(a.1) Exception.—Nothing in this section shall prohibit any person from carrying a loaded handgun in the field provided that person is in compliance with 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109 (relating to [licenses] license to carry).

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- 18 § 2525. Possession of firearm for protection of self or others.
 19 (a) General rule.—It is lawful for a law enforcement officer
 20 or any person who possesses a valid license to carry a firearm
 21 issued under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109 (relating to [licenses] <u>license</u>
- 22 <u>to carry</u>) to be in possession of a loaded or unloaded firearm
- 23 while engaged in any activity regulated by this title.

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25 Section 15. This act shall take effect in 60 days.