
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1571 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY SCHWARTZ, WILLIAMS, KITCHEN AND HUGHES,
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for issuance of
3 firearm licenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6109(e) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes, amended June 18, 1998 (P.L.503, No.70),
8 is amended to read:

9 § 6109. Licenses.

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11 (e) Issuance of license.--

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

1 the license is issued and may not be used by or transferred
2 to any other person in any manner. A license shall not be
3 issued to any of the following:

4 (i) An individual whose character and reputation is
5 such that the individual would be likely to act in a
6 manner dangerous to public safety.

7 (ii) An individual who has been convicted of an
8 offense under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64),
9 known as The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and
10 Cosmetic Act.

11 (iii) An individual convicted of a crime enumerated
12 in section 6105.

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

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

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

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

23 (viii) An individual who is charged with or has been
24 convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a
25 term exceeding one year except as provided for in section
26 6123 (relating to waiver of disability or pardons).

27 (ix) A resident of another state who does not
28 possess a current license or permit or similar document
29 to carry a firearm issued by that state if a license is
30 provided for by the laws of that state, as published

1 annually in the Federal Register by the Bureau of
2 Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms of the Department of the
3 Treasury under 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(19) (relating to
4 definitions).

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

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

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

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

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

17 (3) The license shall bear the name, address, date of
18 birth, race, sex, citizenship, Social Security number,
19 height, weight, color of hair, color of eyes and signature of
20 the licensee; the signature of the sheriff issuing the
21 license; the reason for issuance; and the period of
22 validation. The sheriff [may also] shall require a photograph
23 of the licensee on the license. The original license shall be
24 issued to the applicant. The first copy of the license shall
25 be forwarded to the commissioner within seven days of the
26 date of issue, and a second copy shall be retained by the
27 issuing authority for a period of six years. The license
28 issued to the applicant shall be sealed to prevent
29 alteration, modification or destruction of the photograph and
30 the information contained on the license.

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