

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

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BURD, ANGSTADT AND VEON, OCTOBER 19, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, OCTOBER 19, 1987

AN ACT

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

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

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

8 § 6109. Licenses.

9 (a) Issue of license.--

10 (1) The chief or head of any police force or police  
11 department of a city, and, elsewhere, the sheriff of a  
12 county, may, upon the application of any person, issue a  
13 license to such person to carry a firearm in a vehicle or  
14 concealed on or about his person within this Commonwealth for  
15 not more than five years from date of issue, if it appears  
16 that the applicant has good reason to fear an injury to his  
17 person or property, or has any other proper reason for

1 carrying a firearm, and that he is a suitable person to be so  
2 licensed.

3 (2) The chief or head of any police force or police  
4 department of a city, and, elsewhere, the sheriff of a  
5 county, may, upon the application of any person who has  
6 retired in good standing with at least 20 years of service as  
7 a police officer, issue a permanent license to such person to  
8 carry a firearm in a vehicle or concealed on or about his  
9 person within this Commonwealth if it appears that the  
10 applicant has good reason to fear an injury to his person or  
11 property, or has any other proper reason for carrying a  
12 firearm, and that he is a suitable person to be so licensed.  
13 At five-year intervals a licensee under this paragraph shall  
14 submit a certificate signed by a physician stating that the  
15 licensee is physically and mentally fit to carry and use a  
16 firearm. A permanent license shall be revoked if the licensee  
17 fails to submit the physician's certificate. No physician  
18 signing a certificate of fitness shall be liable for civil  
19 damages as a result of certifying the licensee's fitness  
20 except where the physician's acts or omissions are intended  
21 to harm or constitute gross negligence.

22 (b) Form of license.--The license shall be in triplicate, in  
23 form to be prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police, and  
24 shall bear the name, address, description, and signature of the  
25 licensee and the reason given for desiring a license. The  
26 original thereof shall be delivered to the licensee, the  
27 duplicate shall, within seven days, be sent by registered or  
28 certified mail to the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State  
29 Police, and the triplicate shall be preserved for six years by  
30 the authority issuing said license.

1       (c) Fee.--The fee for issuing such license shall be \$2.50,  
2       which fee shall be paid into the county treasury.

3       (d) Revocation.--[Any such] A five-year or permanent license  
4       to carry firearms may be revoked by the person issuing the same.  
5       Notice of revocation shall be in writing and shall state the  
6       reason therefor. Said notice shall be sent by certified mail,  
7       and, at that time, a copy shall be forwarded to the Commissioner  
8       of the Pennsylvania State Police.

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