

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1572 Session of
1998

INTRODUCED BY SCHWARTZ, WILLIAMS, KITCHEN AND HUGHES,
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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, NOVEMBER 5, 1998

AN ACT

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

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 by adding a
8 subparagraph 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 shall not be issued to
18 any of the following:

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2 (xiv) An individual who fails to present evidence of
3 competence with a firearm by satisfying any one of the
4 following criteria:

5 (A) Completion of any hunter education or hunter
6 safety course approved by the Pennsylvania Game
7 Commission or a similar agency of another state.

8 (B) Completion of any National Rifle Association
9 firearms safety or training course.

10 (C) Completion of any firearms safety or
11 training course or class available to the general
12 public offered by a law enforcement institution or
13 organization, a community college, college or private
14 or public institution or organization or firearms
15 training school utilizing instructors certified by
16 the National Rifle Association.

17 (D) Completion of any law enforcement firearms
18 safety or training course or class offered for
19 security guards, investigators, special deputies or
20 any division or subdivision of law enforcement or
21 security enforcement.

22 (E) Presents evidence of equivalent experience
23 with a firearm through participation in organized
24 shooting competition or military service.

25 (F) Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a
26 firearm in this Commonwealth, unless such license has
27 been revoked for cause.

28 (G) Completion of any firearms training or
29 safety course or class conducted by a State-certified
30 or National Rifle Association-certified firearms

1 instructor.

2 A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the
3 courses or classes; or an affidavit from the instructor,
4 school, club, organization or group that conducted or
5 taught said course or class attesting to the completion
6 of the course or class by the applicant; or a copy of any
7 document which shows completion of the course or class or
8 evidences participation in firearms competition shall
9 constitute evidence of qualification.

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