

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

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

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

6 Section 1. Section 6109(d) and (n) of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section
8 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 6109. Licenses.

10 * * *

11 (d) Sheriff to conduct investigation.--The sheriff to whom
12 the application is made shall:

13 (1) investigate the applicant's record of criminal
14 conviction;

15 (2) investigate whether or not the applicant is under
16 indictment for or has ever been convicted of a crime
17 punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year;

1 (3) investigate whether the applicant's character and
2 reputation are such that the applicant will not be likely to
3 act in a manner dangerous to public safety;

4 (4) investigate whether the applicant would be precluded
5 from receiving a license under subsection (e)(1) or section
6 6105(h) (relating to persons not to possess, use,
7 manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms); [and]

8 (5) conduct a criminal background, juvenile delinquency
9 and mental health check following the procedures set forth in
10 section 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms),
11 receive a unique approval number for that inquiry and record
12 the date and number on the application[.]; and

13 (6) investigate whether a nonrenewal applicant has
14 completed a safety training course as provided in subsection
15 (m.1).

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17 (m.1) Safety training course.--In order to be eligible for a
18 license to carry a firearm, a nonrenewal applicant must
19 demonstrate successful completion of a safety training course.

20 (n) [Definition.--As used in this section, the term
21 "licensee" means an individual who is licensed to carry a
22 firearm under this section.] Definitions.--As used in this
23 section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings
24 given to them in this subsection:

25 "Licensee." An individual who is licensed to carry a firearm
26 under this section.

27 "Nonrenewal applicant." An individual who applies for a
28 license to carry a firearm. This shall not include any applicant
29 who has, on the date of application, a lawfully issued license
30 to carry a firearm which is unexpired or which has expired

1 within six months prior to the date of application.

2 "Safety training course." A course of instruction in the
3 safe handling and operation of firearms, including:

4 (1) any National Rifle Association basic firearm course;

5 (2) any hunter education course approved by the
6 Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission; or

7 (3) any other firearm safety course approved by the
8 Attorney General of the Commonwealth.

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