



Senate of Pennsylvania

Senator Larry Farnese

1st Senatorial District

MEMO

Date: *December 10, 2010*
To: *All Senators*
From: *Senator Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr.*
Senator Daylin Leach
Subject: *Co-sponsorship: Out-of-State Gun Permits*

In the near future, we will be introducing legislation that mirrors House Bill 2536 of the 2009-2010 Legislative Session. This legislation would prohibit residents of Pennsylvania from carrying a firearm if they have been denied a license to carry by the Commonwealth.

Title 18 requires that a person be licensed by the Commonwealth to carry a firearm. However, Section 6106(b)(15) of the title allows an exception to "any person who possesses a valid and lawfully issued license or permit to carry a firearm which has been issued under the law of another state, regardless of whether a reciprocity agreement exists between the Commonwealth and the state."

This provision allows Pennsylvania residents who have been denied a license to carry by Pennsylvania an opportunity to obtain such a license in another state and legally carry a firearm in the Commonwealth.

Legislation to close this loophole is necessary to allow the authorities in Pennsylvania to retain control over permitting and ensure that our residents have met the Commonwealth's standards rather than another state's whose standards may not be as stringent as our own.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally

Keaveney at 717-787-5662 or skeaveney@pasenate.com. If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Brandie Pifer at 717-787-5662 or bpifer@pasenate.com.