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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 17, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the sale of  
3 firearms; providing for the transfer of firearms; and  
4 providing for the registration of firearms.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6111 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

10 (a) Time and manner of delivery.--No seller or transferor,  
11 including an individual who is not a dealer, shall deliver a  
12 firearm to the purchaser or transferee thereof until 48 hours  
13 shall have elapsed from the time of the application for the  
14 purchase thereof, and when delivered, said firearm shall be  
15 securely wrapped and shall be unloaded.

16 (b) Statement to be signed by purchaser.--At the time of  
17 applying for the purchase of a firearm, the purchaser shall sign  
18 in quadruplicate and deliver to the seller a statement

1 containing his full name, address, occupation, color, place of  
2 birth, the date and hour of application, the caliber, length of  
3 barrel, make, model, and manufacturer's number of the firearm to  
4 be purchased, and a statement that he has never been convicted  
5 in this Commonwealth, or elsewhere, of a crime of violence. The  
6 seller shall, within six hours after such application, sign and  
7 attach his address and forward by registered or certified mail  
8 one copy of such statement to the chief or head of the police  
9 force or police department of the city, or the sheriff of the  
10 county of the place of business of the seller, the duplicate,  
11 duly signed by the seller, shall, within seven days, be sent by  
12 him, with his address, to the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania  
13 State Police, the triplicate he shall retain for six years, and  
14 the quadruplicate with the proper signature and address of the  
15 seller shall, within six hours after such application, be  
16 forwarded by registered or certified mail to the chief or head  
17 of the police force or police department of the city or to the  
18 sheriff of the county of which the buyer is a resident.

19 (c) [Exemption] Application.--

20 (1) This section shall not apply to sales at wholesale.

21 (2) This section shall apply to sales and transfers to  
22 or from persons within this Commonwealth to or from persons  
23 outside this Commonwealth.

24 (d) Forms.--Application forms shall be made available at all  
25 firearms dealers and hunting and fishing license agents.

26 Section 2. Section 6119 of Title 18 is amended to read:

27 § 6119. Violation penalty.

28 An offense under this [section] subchapter constitutes a  
29 misdemeanor of the first degree.

30 Section 3. Title 18 is amended by adding a section to read:

1   § 6124. Registration of firearms.

2       Any person having a firearm which is not registered under  
3   section 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms) shall  
4   register it with the Pennsylvania State Police within 180 days  
5   of the effective date of this section.

6       Section 4. The heading of section 6124 of Title 18, added  
7   December 19, 1988 (P.L.1275, No.158), is amended to read:

8   § [6124] 6125. Administrative regulations.

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10      Section 5. Information regarding the provisions of this act  
11   shall be provided by the Pennsylvania State Police to all  
12   sheriffs and municipal police agencies.

13      Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.