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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JANUARY 30, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities  
2 Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further  
3 providing for limitation on the regulation of firearms and  
4 ammunition and for limitation on municipal powers.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6120(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 6120. Limitation on the regulation of firearms and  
10 ammunition.

11 (a) General rule.--[No]

12 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), no county,  
13 municipality or township may in any manner regulate the  
14 lawful ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of  
15 firearms, ammunition or ammunition components when carried or  
16 transported for purposes not prohibited by the laws of this  
17 Commonwealth.

18 (2) A city of the first class may adopt an ordinance

1 making it unlawful for a person who is not a licensed  
2 firearms dealer to purchase more than one handgun within any  
3 30-day period. An ordinance adopted under this paragraph may  
4 not take effect until the local electorate ratifies it by  
5 referendum at the next general, municipal or primary election  
6 to be held after its adoption.

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8 Section 2. Section 2962(g) of Title 53 is amended to read:

9 § 2962. Limitation on municipal powers.

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11 (g) Regulation of firearms.--[A]

12 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a municipality  
13 shall not enact any ordinance or take any other action  
14 dealing with the regulation of the transfer, ownership,  
15 transportation or possession of firearms.

16 (2) A city of the first class may adopt an ordinance  
17 making it unlawful for a person who is not a licensed  
18 firearms dealer to purchase more than one handgun within any  
19 30-day period. An ordinance adopted under this paragraph may  
20 not take effect until the local electorate ratifies it by  
21 referendum at the next general, municipal or primary election  
22 to be held after its adoption.

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24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.