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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1758** Session of  
2007

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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, JULY 17, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing municipalities to impose restrictions on the  
2 purchase, sale and possession of firearms; and establishing  
3 the Illegal Firearm Trafficking Bureau.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Illegal  
8 Firearm Local Control Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Firearm." As defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to  
14 definitions).

15 Section 3. Local control of illegal firearms.

16 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of  
17 law to the contrary, a municipality may enact an ordinance  
18 providing for the imposition of restrictions on the unlawful

1 sale, purchase and possession of firearms, rifles and shotguns  
2 in the municipality.

3 (b) Illegal Firearm Trafficking Bureau.--The Illegal Firearm  
4 Trafficking Bureau shall be established in the Office of  
5 Attorney General. The bureau shall work, in conjunction with the  
6 local district attorney's office, to assist municipalities in  
7 developing the ordinance authorized under subsection (a).

8 Section 4. Effective date.

9 This act shall take effect in 60 days.