
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 firearms not to be carried
4 without a license, for sale or transfer of firearms and for
5 antique firearms.

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

8 Section 1. Section 6106(e) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
10 adding a subsection to read:

11 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

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13 (d.1) Applicability to antique firearms.--The provisions of
14 this section shall apply to an antique firearm.

15 (e) Definitions.--

16 (1) For purposes of subsection (b)(3), (4), (5), (7) and
17 (8), the term "firearm" shall include any weapon which is
18 designed to or may readily be converted to expel any
19 projectile by the action of an explosive or the frame or

1 receiver of the weapon.

2 (2) As used in this section, the phrase "place of
3 instruction" shall include any hunting club, rifle club,
4 rifle range, pistol range, shooting range, the premises of a
5 licensed firearms dealer or a lawful gun show or meet.

6 (3) As used in this section, the phrase "antique
7 firearm" shall mean a firearm as defined in section 6102
8 (relating to definitions) that satisfies the definition of
9 "antique firearm" in section 6118 (relating to antique
10 firearms).

11 Section 2. Sections 6111(e) and 6118 of Title 18 are amended
12 to read:

13 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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15 [(e) Nonapplicability of section.--This section shall not
16 apply to the following:

17 (1) Any firearm manufactured on or before 1898.

18 (2) Any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock or
19 percussion cap type of ignition system.

20 (3) Any replica of any firearm described in paragraph

21 (1) if the replica:

22 (i) is not designed or redesigned to use rimfire or
23 conventional center fire fixed ammunition; or

24 (ii) uses rimfire or conventional center fire fixed
25 ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United
26 States and which is not readily available in the ordinary
27 channels of commercial trade.]

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29 § 6118. Antique firearms.

30 (a) General rule.--[This] Except as provided in section 6106

1 (relating to firearms not to be carried without a license), this
2 subchapter shall not apply to antique firearms.

3 [(b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to the
4 extent that such antique firearms, reproductions or replicas of
5 firearms are concealed weapons as provided in section 6106
6 (relating to firearms not be carried without a license), nor
7 shall it apply to the provisions of section 6105 (relating to
8 persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or
9 transfer firearms) if such antique firearms, reproductions or
10 replicas of firearms are suitable for use.]

11 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the [term "antique
12 firearm" means:] following words and phrases shall have the
13 meanings given to them in this subsection:

14 "Antique firearm." The term means:

15 (1) Any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock or
16 percussion cap type of ignition system.

17 (2) Any firearm manufactured on or before 1898.

18 (3) Any replica of any firearm described in paragraph

19 (2) if such replica:

20 (i) is not designed or redesigned for using rimfire
21 or conventional center fire fixed ammunition; or

22 (ii) uses rimfire or conventional center fire fixed
23 ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United
24 States and which is not readily available in the ordinary
25 channels of commercial trade.

26 "Firearm." The term includes any weapon that is designed to
27 or may readily be converted to expel any projectile by the
28 action of an explosive or the frame or receiver of the weapon.

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