

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1614 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY KAUFFMAN AND BRIGGS, JUNE 11, 2019

SENATOR BAKER, JUDICIARY, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 24, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and
2 Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
3 Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further
4 providing for persons not to possess, use, manufacture,
5 control, sell or transfer firearms and for sale or transfer
6 of firearms; and, in commencement of proceedings, further
7 providing for Statewide municipal police jurisdiction, for
8 nonmunicipal police extraterritorial jurisdiction and for
9 agents of the Office of Attorney General and providing for
10 interpretation.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Sections 6105 and 6111 of Title 18 of the
14 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding
15 subsections to read:

16 § 6105. Persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell
17 or transfer firearms.

18 \* \* \*

19 (d.1) Concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute.--The following
20 apply in a city of the first class where the Attorney General
21 has operated a joint local-State firearm task force:

22 (1) In addition to the authority conferred upon the

1 Attorney General by the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950,  
2 No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the  
3 Attorney General shall have the authority to investigate and  
4 institute criminal proceedings for a violation of this  
5 section.

6 (2) No person charged with a violation of this section  
7 by the Attorney General shall have standing to challenge the  
8 authority of the Attorney General to prosecute the case, and,  
9 if any such challenge is made, the challenge shall be  
10 dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of  
11 this Commonwealth to the person making the challenge.

12 (3) This subsection shall not apply to any case  
13 instituted two years after the effective date of this  
14 subsection.

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16 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

17 \* \* \*

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19 apply in a city of the first class where the Attorney General  
20 has operated a joint local-State firearm task force:

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22 Attorney General by the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950,  
23 No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the  
24 Attorney General shall have the authority to investigate and  
25 institute criminal proceedings for a violation of this  
26 section.

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28 by the Attorney General shall have standing to challenge the  
29 authority of the Attorney General to prosecute the case, and,  
30 if any such challenge is made, the challenge shall be

1 dismissed and no relief shall be available in the courts of  
2 this Commonwealth to the person making the challenge.

3 (3) This subsection shall not apply to any case  
4 instituted two years after the effective date of this  
5 subsection.

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7 Section 1.1. Section 8953(a)(3) of Title 42 is amended to  
8 read:

9 § 8953. Statewide municipal police jurisdiction.

10 (a) General rule.--Any duly employed municipal police  
11 officer who is within this Commonwealth, but beyond the  
12 territorial limits of his primary jurisdiction, shall have the  
13 power and authority to enforce the laws of this Commonwealth or  
14 otherwise perform the functions of that office as if enforcing  
15 those laws or performing those functions within the territorial  
16 limits of his primary jurisdiction in the following cases:

17 \* \* \*

18 (3) Where the officer [has been requested to aid or  
19 assist any local, State or Federal law enforcement officer or  
20 park police officer or otherwise has probable cause to  
21 believe that the other officer is in need of aid or  
22 assistance.]:

23 (i) has been requested to aid or assist a Federal,  
24 State or local law enforcement officer or park police  
25 officer;

26 (ii) has probable cause to believe that a Federal,  
27 State or local law enforcement officer or park police  
28 officer is in need of aid or assistance; or

29 (iii) has been requested to participate in a  
30 Federal, State or local task force. AND PARTICIPATION HAS <--

1 BEEN APPROVED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE  
2 MUNICIPALITY WHICH EMPLOYS THE OFFICER.

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 2. Sections 8953.1(a)(2) and 8953.2(a)(1) of Title  
5 42, added June 28, 2018 (P.L.415, No.57), are amended to read:

6 § 8953.1. Nonmunicipal police extraterritorial jurisdiction.

7 (a) Power and authority.--In addition to a power and  
8 authority vested by law, a nonmunicipal police officer who is  
9 within this Commonwealth, but beyond the territorial limit of  
10 the jurisdiction established for the officer's nonmunicipal  
11 police department by law, shall have the power and authority to  
12 enforce the laws of this Commonwealth or to perform a function  
13 of a municipal police officer in the following circumstances:

14 \* \* \*

15 (2) If the officer [has been requested to immediately  
16 aid or assist a Federal, State or local law enforcement  
17 officer or park police officer or has probable cause to  
18 believe that the other officer is in need of aid or  
19 assistance.]:

20 (i) has been requested to immediately aid or assist  
21 a Federal, State or local law enforcement officer or park  
22 police officer;

23 (ii) has probable cause to believe that a Federal,  
24 State or local law enforcement officer or park police  
25 officer is in need of aid or assistance; or

26 (iii) has been requested to participate in a  
27 Federal, State or local task force. AND PARTICIPATION HAS <--

28 BEEN APPROVED BY THE OFFICER'S NONMUNICIPAL POLICE  
29 DEPARTMENT.

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1 § 8953.2. Agents of the Office of Attorney General.

2 (a) Power and authority.--An agent of the Office of Attorney  
3 General as defined in paragraph (2) of the definition of  
4 "enforcement officer" in 71 Pa.C.S. § 5102 (relating to  
5 definitions), in addition to the power and authority vested by  
6 law, shall have the power and authority to enforce the laws of  
7 this Commonwealth or to perform a function of a municipal police  
8 officer in the following circumstances:

9 (1) If the officer [has been requested to immediately  
10 aid or assist a Federal, State or local law enforcement  
11 officer or park police officer or has probable cause to  
12 believe that the other officer is in need of aid or  
13 assistance.]:

14 (i) has been requested to immediately aid or assist  
15 a Federal, State or local law enforcement officer or park  
16 police officer;

17 (ii) has probable cause to believe that a Federal,  
18 State or local law enforcement officer or park police  
19 officer is in need of aid or assistance; or

20 (iii) has been requested to participate in a  
21 Federal, State or local task force AND PARTICIPATION HAS <--  
22 BEEN APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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24 Section 3. Title 42 is amended by adding a section to read:  
25 § 8955. Interpretation.

26 The powers, authorities, duties, obligations and jurisdiction  
27 under this subchapter shall not be subject to the requirements  
28 of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 23 Subch. A (relating to intergovernmental  
29 cooperation).

30 Section 4. The addition or amendment of the following shall

1 apply retroactively to law enforcement conduct on or after June  
2 15, 1982:

3 (1) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 8953(a)(3), 8953.1(a)  
4 (2) and 8953.2(a)(1).

5 (2) The addition of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8955.

6 Section 5. The General Assembly declares that the addition  
7 or amendment of the following are intended to reverse the  
8 Pennsylvania Supreme Court's interpretation of 42 Pa.C.S. Ch. 89  
9 Subch. D, as set forth in *Commonwealth v. Hlubin* 2019 WL 2324272  
10 (Pa. 2019):

11 (1) The amendment of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 8953(a)(3), 8953.1(a)  
12 (2) and 8953.2(a)(1).

13 (2) The addition of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8955.

14 Section 6. This act shall take effect as follows:

15 (1) The addition of 18 Pa.C.S. §§ 6105(d.1) and  
16 6111(d.1) shall take effect in 60 days.

17 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect  
18 immediately.