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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PARKER, GIRAL, HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, SCHLOSSBERG,  
KINKEAD, SHUSTERMAN, PASHINSKI, SAPPEY, FIEDLER, OTTEN,  
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CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, FRANKEL AND KENYATTA, APRIL 12, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 12, 2023

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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 the offense of possession of firearm  
5 by minor and for loans on, or lending or giving firearms  
6 prohibited.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 6106(c)(1), 6110.1 and 6115(b)(1)(iv)(A)  
10 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are  
11 amended to read:

12 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

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14 (c) Sportsman's firearm permit.--

15 (1) Before any exception shall be granted under  
16 paragraph (b)(9) or (10) of this section to any person [18]  
17 21 years of age or older licensed to hunt, trap or fish or  
18 who has been issued a permit relating to hunting dogs, such  
19 person shall, at the time of securing his hunting, furtaking

1 or fishing license or any time after such license has been  
2 issued, secure a sportsman's firearm permit from the county  
3 treasurer. The sportsman's firearm permit shall be issued  
4 immediately and be valid throughout this Commonwealth for a  
5 period of five years from the date of issue for any legal  
6 firearm, when carried in conjunction with a valid hunting,  
7 furtaking or fishing license or permit relating to hunting  
8 dogs. The sportsman's firearm permit shall be in triplicate  
9 on a form to be furnished by the Pennsylvania State Police.  
10 The original permit shall be delivered to the person, and the  
11 first copy thereof, within seven days, shall be forwarded to  
12 the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police by the  
13 county treasurer. The second copy shall be retained by the  
14 county treasurer for a period of two years from the date of  
15 expiration. The county treasurer shall be entitled to collect  
16 a fee of not more than \$6 for each such permit issued, which  
17 shall include the cost of any official form. The Pennsylvania  
18 State Police may recover from the county treasurer the cost  
19 of any such form, but may not charge more than \$1 for each  
20 official permit form furnished to the county treasurer.

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22 § 6110.1. Possession of firearm by minor.

23 (a) Firearm.--Except as provided in subsection (b), a person  
24 under ~~[18]~~ 21 years of age shall not possess or transport a  
25 firearm anywhere in this Commonwealth.

26 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to a person  
27 under ~~[18]~~ 21 years of age:

28 (1) who is under the supervision of a parent,  
29 grandparent, legal guardian or an adult acting with the  
30 expressed consent of the minor's custodial parent or legal

1 guardian and the minor is engaged in lawful activity,  
2 including safety training, lawful target shooting, engaging  
3 in an organized competition involving the use of a firearm or  
4 the firearm is unloaded and the minor is transporting it for  
5 a lawful purpose; [or]

6 (2) who is lawfully hunting or trapping in accordance  
7 with 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to game) [.] or

8 (3) who owned a firearm prior to January 1, 2025.

9 (c) Responsibility of adult.--Any person who knowingly and  
10 intentionally delivers or provides to the minor a firearm in  
11 violation of subsection (a) commits a felony of the third  
12 degree.

13 (d) Forfeiture.--Any firearm in the possession of a person  
14 under [18] 21 years of age in violation of this section shall be  
15 promptly seized by the arresting law enforcement officer and  
16 upon conviction or adjudication of delinquency shall be  
17 forfeited or, if stolen, returned to the lawful owner.

18 § 6115. Loans on, or lending or giving firearms prohibited.

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20 (b) Exception.--

21 (1) Subsection (a) shall not apply if any of the  
22 following apply:

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24 (iv) The person who receives the firearm meets all  
25 of the following:

26 (A) Is under [18] 21 years of age.

27 \* \* \*

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2025.