
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 7, 2016

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 locking device for firearms.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6142(a) and (f) of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 6142. Locking device for firearms.

9 (a) Offense defined.--It shall be unlawful for any licensee
10 to sell, deliver or transfer any firearm as defined in section
11 6102 (relating to definitions), other than an antique firearm as
12 defined in section 6118 (relating to antique firearms), to any
13 other person, other than another licensee, unless the transferee
14 is provided with or purchases a locking device for that firearm
15 or [the design of the firearm incorporates a locking device] a
16 secure, lockable storage container for that firearm.

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18 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
2 subsection:

3 "Licensee." Any licensed manufacturer, importer or dealer of
4 firearms.

5 "Locking device." [Either of the following:

6 (1) a] A device that, when installed on a firearm, is
7 designed to prevent the firearm from being operated without
8 first deactivating the device.]; or

9 (2) a device that is incorporated into the design of a
10 firearm and that is designed to prevent the operation of the
11 firearm by anyone not having access to the device.]

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.