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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 and for licenses.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 6106(b)(15) and 6109(k)(1) of Title 18  
8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:  
9 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

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11 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not  
12 apply to:

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14 (15) Any person who possesses a valid and lawfully  
15 issued license or permit to carry a firearm which has been  
16 issued under the laws of another state, regardless of whether  
17 a reciprocity agreement exists between the Commonwealth and  
18 the state under section 6109(k), provided:

1 (i) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for  
2 individuals licensed to carry firearms under section  
3 6109.

4 (ii) The Attorney General has determined that the  
5 firearm laws of the state are similar to the firearm laws  
6 of this Commonwealth.

7 (iii) In making a determination that the firearm  
8 laws of the state are similar to the firearm laws of this  
9 Commonwealth, the Attorney General shall compare only the  
10 provisions of section 6109(e)(1)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv),  
11 (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) and (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii)  
12 and (xiv) to the prohibitions contained in the other  
13 state's laws. The Attorney General shall have no  
14 authority to utilize other conditions for comparing the  
15 other state's laws.

16 \* \* \*

17 § 6109. Licenses.

18 \* \* \*

19 (k) Reciprocity.--

20 (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty  
21 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states  
22 providing for the mutual recognition of a license to carry a  
23 firearm issued by the Commonwealth and a license or permit to  
24 carry a firearm issued by the other state. To carry out this  
25 duty, the Attorney General [is authorized to] may negotiate  
26 reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a license or  
27 permit to carry a firearm issued by another state[.] and  
28 shall do so where the laws of the other state are similar to  
29 the provisions of subsection (e)(1)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv),  
30 (v), (vi), (vii) and (viii) and (x), (xi), (xii), (xiii) and

1        (xiv).

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