
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, FITZGERALD AND MADDEN, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

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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, providing for firearm rental at shooting ranges.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 6111.6. Firearm rental at shooting ranges.

9 (a) Application process for firearm rental.--

10 (1) No owner or operator of a shooting range authorized
11 by the governing body of the jurisdiction in which the
12 shooting range is located may approve the rental of a firearm
13 to another person until a completed application for gun
14 rental is submitted by the person to the owner or operator.

15 (2) The application shall include, but need not be
16 limited to:

17 (i) The name, address, date of birth, gender, race,
18 physical description and Social Security number of the
19 applicant and the date of application.

1 (ii) Inspected photo identification of the
2 applicant, including, but not limited to, a driver's
3 license, official Pennsylvania photo identification card
4 or official government photo identification card. In the
5 case of an applicant who is a member of a recognized
6 religious sect or community whose tenets forbid or
7 discourage the taking of photographs of members of that
8 sect or community, an owner or operator of a shooting
9 range shall accept a valid-without-photo driver's license
10 or a combination of documents, as prescribed by the
11 Pennsylvania State Police, containing the applicant's
12 name, address, date of birth and the signature of the
13 applicant.

14 (iii) A criminal background, juvenile delinquency
15 and mental health check of the applicant following the
16 procedures under section 6111 (relating to sale or
17 transfer of firearms).

18 (3) Approved applicants shall be permitted to rent a
19 firearm after receiving a unique approval number for that
20 inquiry from the Pennsylvania State Police with the date and
21 the approval number recorded on their application form.

22 (4) All information provided by the applicant under this
23 section, including, but not limited to, the applicant's name
24 or identity, shall be confidential and not subject to public
25 disclosure under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),
26 known as the Right-to-Know Law.

27 (b) Use of firearm at shooting range.--The use of a rented
28 firearm by persons approved under subsection (a) shall be
29 lawful, provided the firearm is kept at the shooting range
30 during the entirety of its authorized rental.

1 (c) Yearly application renewal.--Upon initial approval of
2 the applicant, the owner or operator of the shooting range and
3 the applicant shall sign an agreement permitting the applicant's
4 firearm rental for a period not to exceed one year. Should the
5 applicant seek to rent a firearm after expiration of the time
6 period specified in the agreement, the applicant and owner or
7 operator shall again submit and complete the application
8 required under subsection (a).

9 (d) Penalties.--In addition to any other sanction or penalty
10 imposed by this chapter, any person, owner or operator of a
11 shooting range, State or local governmental agency or department
12 that violates this section shall be liable in civil damages in
13 the amount of \$1,000 per occurrence or three times the actual
14 damages incurred as a result of the violation, whichever is
15 greater, as well as reasonable attorney fees.

16 (e) Definitions.--For purposes of this section, the term
17 "shooting range" shall include an enclosed or open air firing
18 range or area designed and operated for the use of rifle or
19 handgun practice with targets or any other facility that permits
20 the rental of firearms for use on its property and that is
21 authorized to operate as such by the governing body of the
22 jurisdiction in which the shooting range is located.

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