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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DIAMOND, BARRAR, BERNSTINE, BURNS, DUNBAR, DUSH,  
EVERETT, GABLER, GODSHALL, GREINER, HICKERNELL, IRVIN,  
KAUFFMAN, MALONEY, MASSER, PYLE, RAPP, SIMMONS, STAATS, WARD  
AND WHEELAND, MARCH 22, 2017

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 22, 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, further providing for licenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6109(d), (e)(1)(i) and (i) of Title 18 of  
7 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 6109. Licenses.

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10 (d) Sheriff to conduct investigation.--The sheriff to whom  
11 the application is made shall:

12 (1) investigate the applicant's record of criminal  
13 conviction;

14 (2) investigate whether or not the applicant is under  
15 indictment for or has ever been convicted of a crime  
16 punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year;

17 [(3) investigate whether the applicant's character and

1 reputation are such that the applicant will not be likely to  
2 act in a manner dangerous to public safety;]

3 (4) investigate whether the applicant would be precluded  
4 from receiving a license under subsection (e)(1) or section  
5 6105(h) (relating to persons not to possess, use,  
6 manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms); and

7 (5) conduct a criminal background, juvenile delinquency  
8 and mental health check following the procedures set forth in  
9 section 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of firearms),  
10 receive a unique approval number for that inquiry and record  
11 the date and number on the application.

12 (e) Issuance of license.--

13 (1) A license to carry a firearm shall be for the  
14 purpose of carrying a firearm concealed on or about one's  
15 person or in a vehicle and shall be issued if, after an  
16 investigation not to exceed 45 days, [it appears that the  
17 applicant is an individual concerning whom no good cause  
18 exists to deny the license] the individual may lawfully  
19 possess a firearm. A license shall not be issued to any of  
20 the following:

21 [(i) An individual whose character and reputation is  
22 such that the individual would be likely to act in a  
23 manner dangerous to public safety.]

24 \* \* \*

25 (i) Revocation.--[A license to carry firearms may be revoked  
26 by the issuing authority for good cause.] A license to carry  
27 firearms shall be revoked by the issuing authority for any  
28 reason stated in subsection (e)(1) which occurs during the term  
29 of the permit. Notice of revocation shall be in writing and  
30 shall state the specific reason for revocation. Notice shall be

1 sent by certified mail to the individual whose license is  
2 revoked, and, at that time, notice shall also be provided to the  
3 Pennsylvania State Police by electronic means, including e-mail  
4 or facsimile transmission, that the license is no longer valid.  
5 An individual whose license is revoked shall surrender the  
6 license to the issuing authority within five days of receipt of  
7 the notice. An individual whose license is revoked may appeal to  
8 the court of common pleas for the judicial district in which the  
9 individual resides. An individual who violates this section  
10 commits a summary offense.

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