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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.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6106(b)(4) and (8) and (e) of Title 18 of
8 the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and
9 subsection (b) is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

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

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15 [(4) Any persons engaged in target shooting with a
16 firearm, if such persons are at or are going to or from their
17 places of assembly or target practice and if, while going to
18 or from their places of assembly or target practice, the

1 firearm is not loaded.]

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3 [(8) Any person while carrying a firearm which is not
4 loaded and is in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase
5 to his home or place of business, or to a place of repair,
6 sale or appraisal or back to his home or place of business,
7 or in moving from one place of abode or business to another
8 or from his home to a vacation or recreational home or
9 dwelling or back, or to recover stolen property under section
10 6111.1(b)(4) (relating to Pennsylvania State Police), or to a
11 place of instruction intended to teach the safe handling, use
12 or maintenance of firearms or back or to a location to which
13 the person has been directed to relinquish firearms under 23
14 Pa.C.S. § 6108 (relating to relief) or back upon return of
15 the relinquished firearm or to a licensed dealer's place of
16 business for relinquishment pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.2
17 (relating to relinquishment for consignment sale, lawful
18 transfer or safekeeping) or back upon return of the
19 relinquished firearm or to a location for safekeeping
20 pursuant to 23 Pa.C.S. § 6108.3 (relating to relinquishment
21 to third party for safekeeping) or back upon return of the
22 relinquished firearm.]

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24 (17) Any person who is not otherwise prohibited from
25 possessing, using, controlling, selling, transferring or
26 manufacturing a firearm shall be entitled to transport a
27 firearm in a motor vehicle as follows:

28 (i) For any lawful purpose from any place the person
29 may lawfully possess and carry the firearm to any other
30 place where the person may lawfully possess and carry the

1 firearm, if during transportation the firearm is not
2 loaded and neither the firearm nor any ammunition is
3 readily accessible or is directly accessible from the
4 passenger compartment of the transporting motor vehicle.
5 For a motor vehicle without a compartment separate from
6 the driver's compartment, the firearm or ammunition shall
7 be contained in a locked container other than the glove
8 compartment or console.

9 (ii) While carrying a firearm under 23 Pa.C.S. Ch.
10 61 (relating to protection from abuse), if during
11 transportation the firearm is not loaded and neither the
12 firearm nor any ammunition is readily accessible or is
13 directly accessible from the passenger compartment of the
14 transporting motor vehicle. For a motor vehicle without a
15 compartment separate from the driver's compartment, the
16 firearm or ammunition shall be contained in a locked
17 container other than the glove compartment or console.

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19 (e) Definitions.--

20 (1) For purposes of subsection (b) (3), [(4),] (5), (7)
21 and [(8)] (17), the term "firearm" shall include any weapon
22 which is designed to or may readily be converted to expel any
23 projectile by the action of an explosive or the frame or
24 receiver of the weapon.

25 [(2) As used in this section, the phrase "place of
26 instruction" shall include any hunting club, rifle club,
27 rifle range, pistol range, shooting range, the premises of a
28 licensed firearms dealer or a lawful gun show or meet.]

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