
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1833 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ISAACSON, SCHLOSSBERG, HOHENSTEIN AND SANCHEZ,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

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(b) and (g) of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section
8 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 6109. Licenses.

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11 (b) Place of application.--An individual who is 21 years of
12 age or older may apply in person, unless a disability or illness
13 prevents traveling to the necessary office, to a sheriff for a
14 license to carry a firearm concealed on or about his person or
15 in a vehicle within this Commonwealth. If the applicant is a
16 resident of this Commonwealth, [he shall make application with
17 the] the resident shall submit an application in person, unless
18 a disability or illness prevents traveling to the necessary

1 office as determined by the applicable sheriff or chief of
2 police, to the sheriff of the county in which he resides or, if
3 a resident of a city of the first class, [with] to the chief of
4 police of that city.

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6 (c.1) Inaccurate or incomplete application.--

7 (1) The sheriff shall refuse to issue a license to carry
8 a firearm if the application is inaccurate or incomplete.

9 (2) If the sheriff refuses to issue a license to carry a
10 firearm under this subsection, the applicant may not submit
11 and a sheriff may not accept an application for a license to
12 carry a firearm for a period of 14 days from the date of
13 refusal.

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15 (g) Grant or denial of license.--Upon the receipt of an
16 application for a license to carry a firearm, the sheriff shall,
17 within 45 days, issue or refuse to issue a license on the basis
18 of the investigation under subsection (d) and the accuracy and
19 completeness of the information contained in the application. If
20 the sheriff refuses to issue a license, the sheriff shall notify
21 the applicant in writing of the refusal and the specific
22 reasons. The notice shall be sent by certified mail to the
23 applicant at the address set forth in the application.

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