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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 limit on handgun purchases; and
4 establishing the Violence Prevention Account.

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

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

9 § 6111.6. Limit on handgun purchases.

10 (a) Purchase of handgun.--No person may purchase more than
11 one handgun in this Commonwealth within any 30-day period.

12 (b) Sale of handgun.--No person may sell or cause to be sold
13 to a person in this Commonwealth more than one handgun within
14 any 30-day period.

15 (c) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to the
16 following:

17 (1) A licensed firearm dealer.

18 (2) A licensed firearm collector.

1 (3) A law enforcement agency or an agency authorized to
2 perform law enforcement duties.

3 (4) State and local correctional facilities.

4 (5) A private security company licensed to do business
5 within this Commonwealth.

6 (6) The purchase or sale of antique firearms.

7 (7) A person whose handgun is stolen or irretrievably
8 lost if:

9 (i) the person provides the seller with an official
10 copy of the police report of the lost or stolen handgun,
11 or a summary of the report on a form provided by the
12 Pennsylvania State Police;

13 (ii) the police report or summary contains the name
14 and address of the handgun owner, the description of the
15 handgun, the location of the loss or theft, the date of
16 the loss or theft and the date the loss or theft was
17 reported to the law enforcement agency;

18 (iii) the date of the loss or theft as reflected on
19 the police report or summary occurred within 30 days of
20 the person's attempt to replace the handgun; and

21 (iv) the seller attaches an official copy of the
22 police report or summary of the report to the original
23 sales receipt or other document evidencing the original
24 sale and retains it for the period prescribed by
25 regulation of the Pennsylvania State Police.

26 (d) Grading.--

27 (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), a person that
28 is convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) commits a
29 misdemeanor of the third degree.

30 (2) A person that, after being sentenced under paragraph

1 (1), is convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) commits
2 a felony of the third degree.

3 (e) Disposition of fines collected.--A court imposing and
4 collecting a fine for a violation of subsection (a) or (b) shall
5 transfer the fines collected to the State Treasurer for deposit
6 into the account.

7 (f) Violence Prevention Account.--The Violence Prevention
8 Account is established within the General Fund as a nonlapsing,
9 restricted receipt account. Money in the account is appropriated
10 on a continuing basis to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime
11 and Delinquency exclusively for purposes of violence prevention,
12 including youth education and activities designed to prevent
13 violence and grants to law enforcement agencies for equipment
14 and training designed to prevent gun-related injuries.

15 (g) Notice.--A seller shall notify each prospective
16 purchaser that the purchase of more than one handgun in a 30-day
17 period is prohibited under this section and of the applicable
18 penalties.

19 (h) Handgun purchase history check.--In addition to any
20 other duty prescribed by this section, a seller of a handgun
21 shall request the Pennsylvania State Police to conduct a handgun
22 purchase history check to investigate whether the prospective
23 handgun purchaser is in compliance with this section. A handgun
24 purchase history check shall be conducted in accordance with the
25 procedures governing other background checks under this
26 subchapter. A handgun purchase history check shall be conducted
27 at the same time any criminal history, juvenile delinquency or
28 mental health records check is required for a firearm purchase
29 under this subchapter. Information related to a handgun purchase
30 provided to the Pennsylvania State Police by a seller may be

1 retained by the Pennsylvania State Police as necessary to
2 monitor compliance with this section.

3 (i) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
4 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
5 subsection unless the content clearly indicates otherwise:

6 "Account." The Violence Prevention Account established under
7 subsection (f).

8 "Handgun." Either of the following:

9 (1) A firearm that has a short stock and is designed to
10 be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

11 (2) Any combination of parts from which a firearm
12 described under paragraph (1) can be assembled.

13 "Licensed firearm collector." A person who collects firearms
14 and is licensed as a collector under 18 U.S.C. § 923 (relating
15 to licensing).

16 "Licensed firearm dealer." A person who is licensed as a
17 firearm dealer under 18 U.S.C. § 923.

18 "Purchase." Does not include the exchange or replacement of
19 a handgun by a seller for a handgun purchased from the seller by
20 the same person seeking the exchange or replacement within the
21 30-day period immediately preceding the date of exchange or
22 replacement.

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