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GREEN, JULY 11, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 11, 2023

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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 duties of lawful gun show or meet  
4 organizers.

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 § 6129. Duties of lawful gun show or meet organizers.

10 (a) Identification verification.--Except as provided under  
11 subsection (b), the following apply:

12 (1) Before allowing an attendee of a lawful gun show or  
13 meet to enter the premises of the lawful gun show or meet, an  
14 organizer or the organizer's representative shall utilize a  
15 transaction scan device to verify the identity of the  
16 attendee by scanning the attendee's identification.

17 (2) An organizer or the organizer's representative shall  
18 maintain a record of all attendees permitted entry to the

1 premises of a lawful gun show or meet.

2 (3) If an attendee fails to present identification or  
3 presents identification to an organizer or the organizer's  
4 representative that cannot be verified by a transaction scan  
5 device, the attendee shall not be permitted entrance to the  
6 premises of the lawful gun show or meet.

7 (b) Exceptions.--An organizer or the organizer's  
8 representative shall not be required to verify the identity of  
9 an attendee of a lawful gun show or meet who is younger than 16  
10 years of age.

11 (c) Maintenance of records.--

12 (1) An organizer or the organizer's representative shall  
13 maintain the record of all attendees under subsection (a)(2)  
14 for a period of no less than five years.

15 (2) Upon the request of the Office of Attorney General,  
16 an organizer or the organizer's representative shall make the  
17 record of an attendee under subsection (a)(2) available to a  
18 prosecutor or law enforcement agency.

19 (d) Penalties.--

20 (1) An organizer or the organizer's representative  
21 commits a summary offense if the organizer or the organizer's  
22 representative permits an attendee of a lawful gun show or  
23 meet to enter the premises of the lawful gun show or meet  
24 after the attendee fails to present identification or  
25 presents identification to the organizer or the organizer's  
26 representative that cannot be verified by a transaction scan  
27 device.

28 (2) An organizer or the organizer's representative  
29 commits a summary offense who fails to maintain the record of  
30 all attendees under subsection (a)(2) as required under

1 subsection (c)(1).

2 (3) An organizer or the organizer's representative  
3 commits a summary offense who fails or refuses to make the  
4 record of an attendee under subsection (a)(2) available to a  
5 prosecutor or law enforcement agency as required under  
6 subsection (c)(2).

7 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
8 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
9 subsection:

10 "Firearm." As defined in section 6111.2 (relating to firearm  
11 sales surcharge).

12 "Identification." Any of the following:

13 (1) A valid photo driver's license.

14 (2) A valid government-issued photo identification card  
15 that contains the holder's name, date of birth and signature.

16 (3) A valid government-issued photo identification card  
17 that does not contain the holder's name, date of birth and  
18 signature, but is accompanied by a document with the holder's  
19 address, including, but not limited to, a utility bill,  
20 residential lease agreement or mortgage.

21 (4) A valid driver's license or a valid government-  
22 issued identification without a photo if the holder is a  
23 member of a religious sect or community whose tenets forbid  
24 or discourage the taking of photographs.

25 "Law enforcement agency." As defined in 44 Pa.C.S. § 7302  
26 (relating to definitions).

27 "Lawful gun show or meet." A function sponsored by a  
28 national, State or local organization devoted to the collection,  
29 competitive use or other sporting use of firearms in the  
30 community or an organization or association that sponsors

1 functions devoted to the collection, competitive use or other  
2 sporting use of firearms in the community.

3 "Organizer." The organizer or promoter of a lawful gun show  
4 or meet held within this Commonwealth.

5 "Prosecutor." As defined in section 4953.1 (relating to  
6 retaliation against prosecutor or judicial official).

7 "Transaction scan device." A device capable of deciphering,  
8 in an electronically readable format, the information encoded on  
9 the magnetic strip, chip or bar code of an identification card.

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