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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 35 (Health and
2 Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
3 firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for
4 licenses and for sale or transfer of firearms; and, in public
5 safety, establishing the Shot Tracking Technology Grant
6 Program and the Shot Tracking Technology Grant Program Fund
7 and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime
8 and Delinquency.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 6109(h)(1) of Title 18 of the
12 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and the subsection
13 is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

14 § 6109. Licenses.

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16 (h) Fee.--

17 (1) In addition to fees described in paragraphs [(2)(ii)
18 and] (3) and (3.1), the fee for a license to carry a firearm
19 is \$19. This includes all of the following:

20 (i) A renewal notice processing fee of \$1.50.

21 (ii) An administrative fee of \$5 under section 14(2)

1 of the act of July 6, 1984 (P.L.614, No.127), known as
2 the Sheriff Fee Act.

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4 (3.1) An additional fee of \$10 shall be paid by the
5 applicant for a license to carry a firearm, including a
6 renewal of a license to carry a firearm, and shall be
7 remitted by the sheriff to the Shot Tracking Technology Grant
8 Program Fund established under 35 Pa.C.S. § 5903 (relating to
9 fund).

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11 Section 2. Section 6111(b) of Title 18 is amended by adding
12 a paragraph to read:

13 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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15 (b) Duty of seller.--No licensed importer, licensed
16 manufacturer or licensed dealer shall sell or deliver any
17 firearm to another person, other than a licensed importer,
18 licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer or licensed collector,
19 until the conditions of subsection (a) have been satisfied and
20 until he has:

21 * * *

22 (3.1) Charged each buyer or transferee a fee of \$1,
23 which shall be transferred by the seller to the Pennsylvania
24 State Police to be remitted to the Shot Tracking Technology
25 Grant Program Fund established under 35 Pa.C.S. § 5903
26 (relating to fund).

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28 Section 3. Title 35 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

29 CHAPTER 59

30 SHOT TRACKING TECHNOLOGY GRANT PROGRAM

1 Sec.

2 5901. Definitions.

3 5902. Program.

4 5903. Fund.

5 5904. Applications.

6 5905. Award of grants.

7 5906. Reports.

8 § 5901. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
10 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and
13 Delinquency.

14 "Eligible applicant." A municipality located within this
15 Commonwealth with a high rate of shootings.

16 "Fund." The Shot Tracking Technology Grant Program Fund
17 established under section 5903 (relating to fund).

18 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town,
19 township, home rule municipality, optional plan municipality,
20 optional charter municipality or similar general purpose unit of
21 government that may be created or authorized by statute or
22 school district.

23 "Program." The Shot Tracking Technology Grant Program
24 established under section 5902 (relating to program).

25 "Shot tracking technology." Technology that tracks the sound
26 of gunfire and provides the location of the shooting to police
27 officers.

28 § 5902. Program.

29 (a) Establishment.--The Shot Tracking Technology Grant
30 Program is established within the commission as a competitive

1 program to award grants to eligible applicants.

2 (b) Purpose.--The purpose of the program is to improve
3 public health and safety in this Commonwealth through the
4 installation and maintenance of shot tracking technology in and
5 around areas with a high rate of shootings, as determined by the
6 commission.

7 (c) Administration.--The commission shall administer the
8 program.

9 (d) Public notice.--The commission shall provide information
10 regarding the availability and award of grants under the program
11 on the commission's publicly accessible Internet website.

12 § 5903. Fund.

13 (a) Establishment.--The Shot Tracking Technology Grant
14 Program Fund is established in the State Treasury.

15 (b) Appropriation.--All money deposited into the fund and
16 interest earned on the money in the fund are appropriated to the
17 commission on a continuing basis to award grants under the
18 program.

19 § 5904. Applications.

20 (a) Forms.--The commission shall develop annual grant
21 application forms for eligible applicants that seek a grant
22 under the program. At a minimum, the forms shall contain the
23 following information:

24 (1) The name, address and contact information of the
25 eligible applicant that seeks the grant.

26 (2) The amount of the grant requested.

27 (3) The proposed use for the requested grant.

28 (4) If applicable, a detailed maintenance plan for any
29 shot tracking technology installed with the grant.

30 (5) Any other information that the commission deems

1 necessary and appropriate.

2 (b) Application period.--Beginning no later than 180 days
3 after the effective date of this subsection, the commission
4 shall begin accepting and processing applications for grants
5 under the program. For all subsequent years, the commission
6 shall establish an application period during which applications
7 for grants under the program are accepted.

8 § 5905. Award of grants.

9 (a) Review.--After review of the information provided under
10 each eligible applicant's submitted application, the commission
11 shall determine whether to award a grant to the eligible
12 applicant and, if so, the amount of the grant awarded.

13 (b) Allocation.--The commission may not:

14 (1) Award a grant to an eligible applicant in excess of
15 \$25,000.

16 (2) Award grants in excess of the amount in the fund.

17 (c) Competitive nature of grants.--Grants under the program
18 shall be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible applicants.

19 In awarding a grant, the commission shall:

20 (1) Give preference to an eligible applicant whose grant
21 application demonstrates the greatest likelihood of reducing
22 the number of persons victimized by gun violence in that
23 municipality and neighboring communities.

24 (2) Consider the scope of an eligible applicant's
25 proposal and the demonstrated need for additional resources
26 to effectively reduce gun violence in that municipality and
27 neighboring communities.

28 (d) Time periods.--

29 (1) The commission shall approve or deny an application
30 under the program no later than 60 days after the receipt of

1 the application.

2 (2) If the commission fails to approve or deny an
3 application under the program within 60 days after the
4 receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed
5 denied.

6 (e) Notice.--

7 (1) The commission shall provide written notice to an
8 eligible applicant of the award or denial of the grant
9 requested in the eligible applicant's application.

10 (2) Notice of the award of a grant under the program
11 shall include the amount of the grant awarded and any
12 conditions or restrictions on the use of the grant.

13 (3) Notice of the denial of all or part of a grant under
14 the program shall include the reasons for the full or partial
15 denial.

16 § 5906. Reports.

17 At least every three years, the commission shall prepare and
18 submit a report to the General Assembly regarding:

19 (1) The municipalities that received grants under the
20 program, including the amount of the grants and the intended
21 purposes of the grants.

22 (2) The number of municipalities that were denied a
23 grant, in whole or in part, and the reasons for the denial.

24 (3) The rate of gun violence in municipalities that
25 received grants under the program.

26 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.