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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PARKER, HOHENSTEIN, RABB, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, KINSEY,  
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PIELLI, WAXMAN, BOROWSKI, BULLOCK, HANBIDGE, MAYES AND  
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, MARCH 28, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 28, 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, further providing for locking device for firearms.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6142(a) and (f) of Title 18 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 6142. Locking device for firearms.

9 (a) Offense defined.--It shall be unlawful for any licensee  
10 to sell, deliver or transfer any firearm [as defined in section  
11 6102 (relating to definitions)], other than an antique firearm  
12 as defined in section 6118 (relating to antique firearms), to  
13 any other person, other than another licensee, unless the  
14 transferee is provided with or purchases a locking device for  
15 that firearm or the design of the firearm incorporates a locking  
16 device.

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1 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
3 subsection:

4 "Firearm." Either of the following:

5 (1) a weapon that is designed to or readily convertible  
6 to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; or

7 (2) the frame or receiver of a weapon.

8 "Licensee." Any licensed manufacturer, importer or dealer of  
9 firearms.

10 "Locking device." Either of the following:

11 (1) a device that, when installed on a firearm, is  
12 designed to prevent the firearm from being operated without  
13 first deactivating the device; or

14 (2) a device that is incorporated into the design of a  
15 firearm and that is designed to prevent the operation of the  
16 firearm by anyone not having access to the device.

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