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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 sale or transfer of firearms.

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

6 Section 1. Section 6111(b)(1), (1.1)(i) and (6) and (f)(2)  
7 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are  
8 amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to  
9 read:

10 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

11 \* \* \*

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

18 (1) [For purposes of a firearm as defined in section

6102 (relating to definitions), obtained a completed application/record of sale from the potential buyer or transferee to be filled out in triplicate, the original copy to be sent to the Pennsylvania State Police, postmarked via first class mail, within 14 days of the sale, one copy to be retained by the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer for a period of 20 years and one copy to be provided to the purchaser or transferee. The form of this application/record of sale shall be no more than one page in length and shall be promulgated by the Pennsylvania State Police and provided by the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer. The application/record of sale shall include the name, address, birthdate, gender, race, physical description and Social Security number of the purchaser or transferee, the date of the application and the caliber, length of barrel, make, model and manufacturer's number of the firearm to be purchased or transferred. The application/record of sale shall also contain the following question:

Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s), as defined under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions), listed on this application/record of sale? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person, unless you are legitimately acquiring the firearm as a gift for any of the following individuals who are legally eligible to own a firearm:

- (1) spouse;
- (2) parent;
- (3) child;
- (4) grandparent; or

1           (5) grandchild.] For purposes of a firearm as  
2 defined in section 6102 (relating to definitions),  
3 obtained a completed application/record of sale from the  
4 potential buyer or transferee. The following shall apply:

5           (i) A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or  
6 licensed dealer exempted under subsection (k) may  
7 complete an application/record of sale in paper format  
8 which shall be filled out in triplicate, with the  
9 original copy to be sent to the Pennsylvania State  
10 Police, postmarked via first class mail, within 14 days  
11 of the sale.

12           (ii) A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or  
13 licensed dealer not exempted under subsection (k) shall  
14 complete an electronic application/record of sale at the  
15 time of transfer. A licensed importer, licensed  
16 manufacturer or licensed dealer exempted under subsection  
17 (k) who chooses not to complete an application/record of  
18 sale in paper format must complete an electronic  
19 application/record of sale at the time of transfer. A  
20 completed electronic application/record of sale shall be  
21 transmitted to the Pennsylvania State Police.

22           (iii) A copy of the application/record of sale shall  
23 be retained either in electronic or paper format by the  
24 licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed  
25 dealer for a period of 20 years and a copy shall be  
26 provided to the purchaser or transferee in electronic or  
27 paper format.

28           (iv) The application/record of sale shall be no more  
29 than one page in length and shall be promulgated by the  
30 Pennsylvania State Police and provided by the licensed

1 importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer. The  
2 application/record of sale shall include the name,  
3 address, birth date, gender, race, physical description  
4 and Social Security number of the purchaser or  
5 transferee, the date of the application and the caliber,  
6 length of barrel, make, model and manufacturer's number  
7 of the firearm to be purchased or transferred. The  
8 application/record of sale shall also contain the  
9 following question:

10 Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s), as  
11 defined under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to  
12 definitions), listed on this application/record  
13 of sale? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if  
14 you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of  
15 another person, unless you are legitimately  
16 acquiring the firearm as a gift for any of the  
17 following individuals who are legally eligible to  
18 own a firearm:

- 19 (1) spouse;  
20 (2) parent;  
21 (3) child;  
22 (4) grandparent; or  
23 (5) grandchild.

24 (v) In the event of an electronic failure under  
25 section 6111.1(b)(2) (relating to Pennsylvania State  
26 Police) that affects the electronic application/record of  
27 sale and upon notice from the Pennsylvania State Police,  
28 a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed  
29 dealer shall proceed as if exempted under subsection (k)  
30 and shall obtain a completed application/record of sale,

1 in paper format, from the potential buyer or transferee.  
2 A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed  
3 dealer shall proceed with the application/record of sale  
4 as prescribed in subparagraphs (i) and (iii) until  
5 notified by the Pennsylvania State Police that the  
6 electronic failure no longer remains.

7 (1.1) On the date of publication in the Pennsylvania  
8 Bulletin of a notice by the Pennsylvania State Police that  
9 the instantaneous records check has been implemented, all of  
10 the following shall apply:

11 (i) In the event of an electronic failure under  
12 section 6111.1(b)(2) [(relating to Pennsylvania State  
13 Police)] for purposes of a firearm which exceeds the  
14 barrel and related lengths set forth in section 6102,  
15 [obtained] a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or  
16 licensed dealer shall obtain a completed  
17 application/record of sale in paper form from the  
18 potential buyer or transferee to be filled out in  
19 triplicate, the original copy to be sent to the  
20 Pennsylvania State Police, postmarked via first class  
21 mail, within 14 days of sale, one copy to be retained by  
22 the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed  
23 dealer for a period of 20 years and one copy to be  
24 provided to the purchaser or transferee.

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26 (6) Unless it has been discovered pursuant to a criminal  
27 history, juvenile delinquency and mental health records  
28 background check that the potential purchaser or transferee  
29 is prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to section  
30 6105, no information received [via telephone following the

1 implementation of] by the instantaneous background check  
2 system from a purchaser or transferee who has received a  
3 unique approval number shall be retained by the Pennsylvania  
4 State Police.

5 \* \* \*

6 (f) Application of section.--

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8 (2) The provisions contained in subsections (a) [and],  
9 (c) and (k) shall only apply to pistols or revolvers with a  
10 barrel length of less than 15 inches, any shotgun with a  
11 barrel length of less than 18 inches, any rifle with a barrel  
12 length of less than 16 inches or any firearm with an overall  
13 length of less than 26 inches.

14 \* \* \*

15 (k) Electronic reporting exemption.--A licensed importer,  
16 licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer who conducts 20 or  
17 fewer firearm sales and transfers per year shall not be required  
18 to use an electronic application/record of sale. The following  
19 shall apply:

20 (1) Beginning in 2027, the Pennsylvania State Police  
21 shall conduct an annual review of the transactions of each  
22 licensed importer, licensed manufacturer and licensed dealer  
23 over the past calendar year to determine whether the licensed  
24 importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer is  
25 exempted from the use of an electronic application/record of  
26 sale. The Pennsylvania State Police shall notify each  
27 licensed importer, licensed manufacturer and licensed dealer  
28 of an exemption to the use of an electronic  
29 application/record of sale no later than April 1 of each  
30 year.

1        (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
2        prohibit a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or  
3        licensed dealer from choosing to use an electronic  
4        application/record of sale.

5        Section 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026, or  
6        immediately, whichever is later.