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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 505 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, SCARNATI, KASUNIC, MENSCH,  
WAUGH, ERICKSON, SOLOBAY, ROBBINS, ALLOWAY, VULAKOVICH,  
HUTCHINSON, WARD, VOGEL AND WHITE, APRIL 3, 2013

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REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, APRIL 3, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Protecting from infringement the individual right of the  
2 citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to bear arms as  
3 provided in section 21 of Article I of the Constitution of  
4 Pennsylvania.

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

7 Section 1. Findings.

8 The General Assembly finds and declares that:

9 (a) The Constitution of Pennsylvania, and its protections of  
10 the right to bear arms, predate the Constitution of the United  
11 States.

12 (b) It is an established canon of judicial construction that  
13 a state constitution may not offer less protection of individual  
14 rights than the Constitution of the United States, but it can  
15 afford more protections.

16 (c) Section 21 of Article I of the Constitution of  
17 Pennsylvania provides: "The right of the citizens to bear arms  
18 in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned."

1 (d) Pennsylvania's constitutional protection of an  
2 individual's right to bear arms is clear and unequivocal.  
3 Section 2. Use of State resources to enforce Federal laws  
4 relating to firearms, firearm components or  
5 ammunition.

6 (a) General rule.--Neither the Commonwealth, nor any of its  
7 political subdivisions, shall allow the use of any resources or  
8 public funds to enforce any Federal law, Executive order or  
9 regulation, which is enacted or promulgated after the effective  
10 date of this section, and which attempts to register, restrict  
11 or ban the ownership or purchase, whether by number or type, of  
12 a firearm, component of a firearm or ammunition.

13 (b) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
14 "resources" shall mean and include judicial buildings,  
15 correctional facilities, personnel and equipment.

16 Section 3. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect immediately.