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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY WARD, SCARNATI, WHITE, ALLOWAY, FOLMER AND MENSCH,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for licenses.

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

5 Section 1. Section 6109(c) and (f)(2) of Title 18 of the  
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

7 § 6109. Licenses.

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9 (c) Form of application and content.--The initial  
10 application and renewal application for a license to carry a  
11 firearm shall be uniform throughout this Commonwealth and shall  
12 be on [a form] forms prescribed by the Pennsylvania State  
13 Police. The [form] forms may contain provisions, not exceeding  
14 one page, to assure compliance with this section. Issuing  
15 authorities shall use only the application [form] forms  
16 prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police. One of the  
17 following reasons for obtaining a firearm license shall be set  
18 forth in the application: self-defense, employment, hunting and

1 fishing, target shooting, gun collecting or another proper  
2 reason. The application [form] forms shall be dated and signed  
3 by the applicant and shall contain the following statement:

4 I have never been convicted of a crime that prohibits me  
5 from possessing or acquiring a firearm under Federal or  
6 State law. I am of sound mind and have never been  
7 committed to a mental institution. I hereby certify that  
8 the statements contained herein are true and correct to  
9 the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that,  
10 if I knowingly make any false statements herein, I am  
11 subject to penalties prescribed by law. I authorize the  
12 sheriff, or his designee, or, in the case of first class  
13 cities, the chief or head of the police department, or  
14 his designee, to inspect only those records or documents  
15 relevant to information required for this application. If  
16 I am issued a license and knowingly become ineligible to  
17 legally possess or acquire firearms, I will promptly  
18 notify the sheriff of the county in which I reside or, if  
19 I reside in a city of the first class, the chief of  
20 police of that city.

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22 (f) Term of license.--

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24 (2) At least 60 days prior to the expiration of each  
25 license, the issuing sheriff shall send to the licensee an  
26 application for renewal of license[.], which shall be on a  
27 form similar to the initial application for a license to  
28 carry a firearm except that it shall not contain a  
29 requirement to list two references. Failure to receive a  
30 renewal application shall not relieve a licensee from the

1 responsibility to renew the license.

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3 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.