
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 665 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HUGHES, FARNESE, WASHINGTON AND TARTAGLIONE,
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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(c) and (f) of Title 18 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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10 (c) Duty of other persons.--Any person who is not a licensed
11 importer, manufacturer or dealer and who desires to sell or
12 transfer a firearm to another unlicensed person shall do so only
13 upon the place of business of a licensed importer, manufacturer,
14 dealer or county sheriff's office, the latter of whom shall
15 follow the procedure set forth in this section as if he were the
16 seller of the firearm. The provisions of this section shall
17 [not] apply to all transfers [between spouses or to transfers
18 between a parent and child or to transfers between grandparent

1 and grandchild.], including the transfer of a firearm, as a gift
2 or otherwise, to a spouse, parent, child, grandparent or
3 grandchild.

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5 (f) Application of section.--

6 (1) For the purposes of this section only[, except as
7 provided by paragraph (2),] "firearm" shall mean any weapon
8 which is designed to or may readily be converted to expel any
9 projectile by the action of an explosive or the frame or
10 receiver of any such weapon.

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

17 (3) The provisions contained in subsection (a) shall not
18 apply to any law enforcement officer whose current
19 identification as a law enforcement officer shall be
20 construed as a valid license to carry a firearm or any person
21 who possesses a valid license to carry a firearm under
22 section 6109 (relating to licenses).

23 (4) (i) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not
24 apply to any person who presents to the seller or
25 transferor a written statement issued by the official
26 described in subparagraph (iii) during the ten-day period
27 ending on the date of the most recent proposal of such
28 transfer or sale by the transferee or purchaser stating
29 that the transferee or purchaser requires access to a
30 firearm because of a threat to the life of the transferee

1 or purchaser or any member of the household of that
2 transferee or purchaser.

3 (ii) The issuing official shall notify the
4 applicant's local police authority that such a statement
5 has been issued. In counties of the first class the chief
6 of police shall notify the police station or substation
7 closest to the applicant's residence.

8 (iii) The statement issued under subparagraph (ii)
9 shall be issued by the district attorney, or his
10 designee, of the county of residence if the transferee or
11 purchaser resides in a municipality where there is no
12 chief of police. Otherwise, the statement shall be issued
13 by the chief of police in the municipality in which the
14 purchaser or transferee resides.

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