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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, providing for a limit on handgun purchases and
4 sales; and establishing the Violence Prevention Account
5 within the General Fund.

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

8 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 6111.6. Limit on handgun purchases.

11 (a) Purchase of handgun.--No person may purchase more than
12 one handgun in this Commonwealth within any 30-day period.

13 (b) Sale of handgun.--No person may sell or cause to be sold
14 to a person in this Commonwealth more than one handgun within
15 any 30-day period.

16 (c) Exceptions.--This section shall not apply to the
17 following:

18 (1) A licensed firearm dealer.

19 (2) A licensed firearm collector.

1 (3) A law enforcement agency or an agency authorized to
2 perform law enforcement duties.

3 (4) State and local correctional facilities.

4 (5) A private security company licensed to do business
5 within this Commonwealth.

6 (6) The purchase or sale of antique firearms.

7 (7) A person whose handgun is stolen or irretrievably
8 lost if:

9 (i) the person provides the seller with an official
10 copy of the police report of the lost or stolen handgun,
11 or a summary of the report on a form provided by the
12 Pennsylvania State Police;

13 (ii) the police report or summary contains the name
14 and address of the handgun owner, the description of the
15 handgun, the location of the loss or theft, the date of
16 the loss or theft and the date the loss or theft was
17 reported to the law enforcement agency;

18 (iii) the date of the loss or theft as reflected on
19 the police report or summary occurred within 30 days of
20 the person's attempt to replace the handgun; and

21 (iv) the seller attaches an official copy of the
22 police report or summary of the report to the original
23 sales receipt or other document evidencing the original
24 sale and retains it for the period prescribed by
25 regulation of the Pennsylvania State Police.

26 (d) Grading.--

27 (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), a person that
28 is convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) commits a
29 misdemeanor of the third degree.

30 (2) A person that, after being sentenced under paragraph

1 (1), is convicted of violating subsection (a) or (b) commits
2 a felony of the third degree.

3 (e) Disposition of fines collected.--The court imposing and
4 collecting a fine under subsection (d) shall transfer the fines
5 thus collected to the State Treasurer for deposit in the
6 account.

7 (f) Violence Prevention Account.--The Violence Prevention
8 Account is established within the General Fund as a nonlapsing,
9 restricted receipt account. Money in the account is hereby
10 appropriated on a continuing basis to the Pennsylvania
11 Commission on Crime and Delinquency exclusively for purposes of
12 violence prevention and youth violence prevention, including
13 youth education and activities designed to prevent violence and
14 grants to law enforcement agencies for equipment and training
15 designed to prevent gun-related injuries.

16 (g) Notice.--A seller shall notify each prospective
17 purchaser that the purchase of more than one handgun in a 30-day
18 period is prohibited under this section and of the applicable
19 penalties.

20 (h) Handgun purchase history check.--In addition to any
21 other duty prescribed by this section, a seller of a handgun
22 shall request the Pennsylvania State Police to conduct a handgun
23 purchase history check to investigate whether the prospective
24 handgun purchaser is in compliance with this section. A handgun
25 purchase history check shall be conducted in accordance with the
26 procedures governing other background checks under this
27 subchapter. A handgun purchase history shall be conducted at the
28 same time any criminal history, juvenile delinquency or mental
29 health records check is required for a firearm purchase under
30 this subchapter. Information related to a handgun purchase

1 provided to the Pennsylvania State Police by a seller may be
2 retained by the Pennsylvania State Police as necessary to
3 monitor compliance with this section.

4 (i) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
5 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
6 subsection unless the content clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Account." The Violence Prevention Account established by
8 this section.

9 "Handgun." Either of the following:

10 (1) A firearm which has a short stock and is designed to
11 be held and fired by the use of a single hand.

12 (2) Any combination of parts from which a firearm
13 described under paragraph (1) can be assembled.

14 "Licensed firearm collector." A person who collects firearms
15 and is licensed as a collector under 18 U.S.C. § 923 (relating
16 to licensing).

17 "Licensed firearm dealer." A person who is licensed as a
18 firearm dealer under 18 U.S.C. § 923 (relating to licensing).

19 "Purchase." Does not include the exchange or replacement of
20 a handgun by a seller for a handgun purchased from the seller by
21 the same person seeking the exchange or replacement within the
22 30-day period immediately preceding the date of exchange or
23 replacement.

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