
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 registration of firearms; and
4 providing for mandatory registration of firearms in cities of
5 the first class and for transfer of firearms.

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

8 Section 1. Section 6111.4 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 6111.4. Registration of firearms.

11 [Notwithstanding any section of this chapter to the
12 contrary,] Except as provided in section 6111.6 (relating to
13 mandatory registration of firearms in cities of the first
14 class), nothing in this chapter shall be construed to allow any
15 government or law enforcement agency or any agent thereof to
16 create, maintain or operate any registry of firearm ownership
17 within this Commonwealth. For the purposes of this section only,
18 the term "firearm" shall include any weapon that is designed to
19 or may readily be converted to expel any projectile by the

1 action of an explosive or the frame or receiver of any such
2 weapon.

3 Section 2. Title 18 is amended by adding sections to read:

4 § 6111.6. Mandatory registration of firearms in cities of the
5 first class.

6 (a) Registration.--Any person who is a resident of a city of
7 the first class and acquires a firearm shall register the
8 firearm with the Pennsylvania State Police in the manner
9 prescribed by this section within five days of acquisition.

10 (b) Contents of registration form.--The registration shall
11 be on a uniform form prescribed by the Attorney General and
12 shall include the following information:

13 (1) Name and permanent address of the owner.

14 (2) Name of the manufacturer and importer.

15 (3) Model.

16 (4) Type of action.

17 (5) Caliber or gauge.

18 (6) Serial number.

19 (7) Source from which the acquisition occurred,
20 including the name and address of the prior registrant.

21 (8) If the firearm has no serial number, the permit
22 number shall be entered in the space provided for the serial
23 number, and the permit number shall be engraved on the
24 receiver portion of the firearm prior to registration.

25 (c) Confidentiality of information.--Registration data that
26 would identify the individual registering the firearm by name or
27 address shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed to
28 anyone, except as may be required for processing the
29 registration or as may be required by a law enforcement agency
30 for the lawful performance of its duties or as may be required

1 by order of a court.

2 (d) Exemptions.--Registration shall not be required for:

3 (1) Any firearm manufactured on or before 1898.

4 (2) Any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock or
5 percussion cap type of ignition system.

6 (3) Any replica of any firearm described in paragraph
7 (1) if the replica either:

8 (i) is not designed or redesigned to use rimfire or
9 conventional center fire fixed ammunition; or

10 (ii) uses rimfire or conventional center fire fixed
11 ammunition which is no longer manufactured in the United
12 States and which is not readily available in the ordinary
13 channels of commercial trade.

14 (e) Registration fee.--No fee shall be charged for the
15 registration.

16 (f) Penalty.--A resident of a city of the first class who
17 fails to register a firearm as required under this section
18 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

19 § 6111.7. Transfer of firearms.

20 (a) Duty of transferor.--When a firearm is acquired from
21 another person within this Commonwealth, other than a transfer
22 that occurs under section 6111 (relating to sale or transfer of
23 firearms), the person who transfers title to the firearm shall
24 submit to the Pennsylvania State Police, within 48 hours after
25 transferring the firearm, the following information in writing:

26 (1) Name and permanent address of the person who
27 transferred the firearm.

28 (2) Name and permanent address of the person to whom the
29 title to the firearm was transferred.

30 (3) Names of the manufacturer and importer.

1 (4) Model.

2 (5) Type of action.

3 (6) Caliber or gauge.

4 (7) Serial number as applicable.

5 (b) Duty of transferee.--Any person who acquires a firearm
6 pursuant to subsection (a) shall be subject to section 6111.6
7 (relating to mandatory registration of firearms in cities of the
8 first class).

9 (c) Penalty.--Any person who fails to comply with this
10 section commits a misdemeanor of the third degree.

11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.