
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1491 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY STAMBAUGH, COOK, COX, ECKER, GROVE, HAMM, HEFFLEY,
JAMES, KAUFFMAN, KEEFER, KERWIN, MALONEY, METCALFE,
PENNYCUICK, PICKETT, ROTHMAN, ROWE, RYAN, SCHMITT, SMITH AND
ZIMMERMAN, MAY 26, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 26, 2021

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(i) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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10 (i) Confidentiality.--All information provided by the
11 potential purchaser, transferee or applicant, including, but not
12 limited to, the potential purchaser, transferee or applicant's
13 name or identity, furnished by a potential purchaser or
14 transferee under this section or any applicant for a license to
15 carry a firearm as provided by section 6109 shall be
16 confidential and not subject to [public] disclosure[.] to an
17 individual or entity, unless the potential purchaser, transferee

1 or applicant is subject to criminal prosecution under subsection
2 (g) or a similar offense under Federal law and the information
3 provided by the potential purchaser, transferee or applicant may
4 be used as evidence in the criminal prosecution. In addition to
5 any other sanction or penalty imposed by this chapter, any
6 person, licensed dealer, State or local governmental agency or
7 department that violates this subsection shall be liable in
8 civil damages in the amount of \$1,000 per occurrence or three
9 times the actual damages incurred as a result of the violation,
10 whichever is greater, as well as reasonable attorney fees.

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