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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 firearms not to be carried
4 without a license, for the offense of possession of firearm
5 by minor and for loans on, or lending or giving firearms
6 prohibited.

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

9 Section 1. Sections 6106(c), 6110.1 and 6115(b)(1)(iv)(A) of
10 Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended
11 to read:

12 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

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14 (c) Sportsman's firearm permit.--

15 (1) Before any exception shall be granted under
16 paragraph (b)(9) or (10) of this section to any person [18]
17 21 years of age or older licensed to hunt, trap or fish or
18 who has been issued a permit relating to hunting dogs, such
19 person shall, at the time of securing his hunting, furtaking

1 or fishing license or any time after such license has been
2 issued, secure a sportsman's firearm permit from the county
3 treasurer. The sportsman's firearm permit shall be issued
4 immediately and be valid throughout this Commonwealth for a
5 period of five years from the date of issue for any legal
6 firearm, when carried in conjunction with a valid hunting,
7 furtaking or fishing license or permit relating to hunting
8 dogs. The sportsman's firearm permit shall be in triplicate
9 on a form to be furnished by the Pennsylvania State Police.
10 The original permit shall be delivered to the person, and the
11 first copy thereof, within seven days, shall be forwarded to
12 the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police by the
13 county treasurer. The second copy shall be retained by the
14 county treasurer for a period of two years from the date of
15 expiration. The county treasurer shall be entitled to collect
16 a fee of not more than \$6 for each such permit issued, which
17 shall include the cost of any official form. The Pennsylvania
18 State Police may recover from the county treasurer the cost
19 of any such form, but may not charge more than \$1 for each
20 official permit form furnished to the county treasurer.

21 (2) Any person who sells or attempts to sell a
22 sportsman's firearm permit for a fee in excess of that amount
23 fixed under this subsection commits a summary offense.

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25 § 6110.1. Possession of firearm by minor.

26 (a) Firearm.--Except as provided in subsection (b), a person
27 under [18] 21 years of age shall not possess or transport a
28 firearm anywhere in this Commonwealth.

29 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to a person
30 under [18] 21 years of age:

1 (1) who is under the supervision of a parent,
2 grandparent, legal guardian or an adult acting with the
3 expressed consent of the minor's custodial parent or legal
4 guardian and the minor is engaged in lawful activity,
5 including safety training, lawful target shooting, engaging
6 in an organized competition involving the use of a firearm or
7 the firearm is unloaded and the minor is transporting it for
8 a lawful purpose; [or]

9 (2) who is lawfully hunting or trapping in accordance
10 with 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to game) [.] or

11 (3) who owned a firearm prior to January 1, 2023.

12 (c) Responsibility of adult.--Any person who knowingly and
13 intentionally delivers or provides to the minor a firearm in
14 violation of subsection (a) commits a felony of the third
15 degree.

16 (d) Forfeiture.--Any firearm in the possession of a person
17 under [18] 21 years of age in violation of this section shall be
18 promptly seized by the arresting law enforcement officer and
19 upon conviction or adjudication of delinquency shall be
20 forfeited or, if stolen, returned to the lawful owner.

21 § 6115. Loans on, or lending or giving firearms prohibited.

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23 (b) Exception.--

24 (1) Subsection (a) shall not apply if any of the
25 following apply:

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27 (iv) The person who receives the firearm meets all
28 of the following:

29 (A) Is under [18] 21 years of age.

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1 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2023.