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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 3, 2026

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 licenses and for proof of license and  
5 exception.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 6106(a) and (b)(11) and (13), 6109(a)  
9 and (b) and 6122 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
10 Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 6106. Firearms not to be carried without a license.

12 (a) Offense defined.--

13 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), any person who  
14 carries a firearm [in any vehicle or any person who carries a  
15 firearm] concealed on or about his person, except in his  
16 place of abode, within a vehicle or in a fixed place of  
17 business, without a valid and lawfully issued license under  
18 this chapter commits a felony of the third degree.

1 (2) A person who is otherwise eligible to possess a  
2 valid license under this chapter but [carries a firearm in  
3 any vehicle or any person who] carries a firearm concealed on  
4 or about his person, except in his place of abode, within a  
5 vehicle or in a fixed place of business, without a valid and  
6 lawfully issued license and has not committed any other  
7 criminal violation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

8 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not  
9 apply to:

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11 [(11) Any person while carrying a firearm in any  
12 vehicle, which person possesses a valid and lawfully issued  
13 license for that firearm which has been issued under the laws  
14 of the United States or any other state.]

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16 [(13) Any person who is otherwise eligible to possess a  
17 firearm under this chapter and who is operating a motor  
18 vehicle which is registered in the person's name or the name  
19 of a spouse or parent and which contains a firearm for which  
20 a valid license has been issued pursuant to section 6109 to  
21 the spouse or parent owning the firearm.]

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23 § 6109. Licenses.

24 (a) Purpose of license.--A license to carry a firearm shall  
25 be for the purpose of carrying a firearm concealed on or about  
26 one's person [or in a vehicle] throughout this Commonwealth.

27 (b) Place of application.--An individual who is 21 years of  
28 age or older may apply to a sheriff for a license to carry a  
29 firearm concealed on or about his person [or in a vehicle]  
30 within this Commonwealth. If the applicant is a resident of this

1 Commonwealth, he shall make application with the sheriff of the  
2 county in which he resides or, if a resident of a city of the  
3 first class, with the chief of police of that city.

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5 § 6122. Proof of license and exception.

6 (a) General rule.--When carrying a firearm concealed on or  
7 about one's person [or in a vehicle], an individual licensed to  
8 carry a firearm shall, upon lawful demand of a law enforcement  
9 officer, produce the license for inspection. Failure to produce  
10 such license either at the time of arrest or at the preliminary  
11 hearing shall create a rebuttable presumption of nonlicensure.

12 (b) Exception.--An individual carrying a firearm on or about  
13 his person [or in a vehicle] and claiming an exception under  
14 section 6106(b) (relating to firearms not to be carried without  
15 a license) shall, upon lawful demand of a law enforcement  
16 officer, produce satisfactory evidence of qualification for  
17 exception.

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