

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

## 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(b)(1), (1.1)(i) and (6) and (f)(2)  
7 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are  
8 amended and the section is amended by adding ~~a subsection~~ <--

9 SUBSECTIONS to read: <--

10 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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12 (b) Duty of seller.--No licensed importer, licensed  
13 manufacturer or licensed dealer shall sell or deliver any  
14 firearm to another person, other than a licensed importer,  
15 licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer or licensed collector,  
16 until the conditions of subsection (a) have been satisfied and  
17 until he has:

(1) [For purposes of a firearm as defined in section 6102 (relating to definitions), obtained a completed application/record of sale from the potential buyer or transferee to be filled out in triplicate, the original copy to be sent to the Pennsylvania State Police, postmarked via first class mail, within 14 days of the sale, one copy to be retained by the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer for a period of 20 years and one copy to be provided to the purchaser or transferee. The form of this application/record of sale shall be no more than one page in length and shall be promulgated by the Pennsylvania State Police and provided by the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer. The application/record of sale shall include the name, address, birthdate, gender, race, physical description and Social Security number of the purchaser or transferee, the date of the application and the caliber, length of barrel, make, model and manufacturer's number of the firearm to be purchased or transferred. The application/record of sale shall also contain the following question:

Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s), as defined under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions), listed on this application/record of sale? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person, unless you are legitimately acquiring the firearm as a gift for any of the following individuals who are legally eligible to own a firearm:

(1) spouse;

(2) parent;

(3) child;

1           (4) grandparent; or

2           (5) grandchild.] For purposes of a firearm as

3 defined in section 6102 (relating to definitions),

4 obtained a completed application/record of sale from the

5 potential buyer or transferee. The following shall apply:

6           (i) A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or

7 licensed dealer exempted under subsection (k) may

8 complete an application/record of sale in paper format

9 which shall be filled out in triplicate, with the

10 original copy to be sent to the Pennsylvania State

11 Police, postmarked via first class mail, within 14 days

12 of the sale.

13           (ii) A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or

14 licensed dealer not exempted under subsection (k) shall

15 complete an electronic application/record of sale at the

16 time of transfer. A licensed importer, licensed

17 manufacturer or licensed dealer exempted under subsection

18 (k) who chooses not to complete an application/record of

19 sale in paper format must complete an electronic

20 application/record of sale at the time of transfer. A

21 completed electronic application/record of sale shall be

22 transmitted to the Pennsylvania State Police.

23           (iii) A copy of the application/record of sale shall

24 be retained either in electronic or paper format by the

25 licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed

26 dealer for a period of 20 years and a copy shall be

27 provided to the purchaser or transferee in electronic or

28 paper format.

29           (iv) The application/record of sale shall be no more

30 than one page in length and shall be promulgated by the

Pennsylvania State Police and provided by the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer. The application/record of sale shall include the name, address, birth date, gender, race, physical description and Social Security number of the purchaser or transferee, the date of the application and the caliber, length of barrel, make, model and manufacturer's number of the firearm to be purchased or transferred. The application/record of sale shall also contain the following question:

Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s), as defined under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions), listed on this application/record of sale? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person, unless you are legitimately acquiring the firearm as a gift for any of the following individuals who are legally eligible to own a firearm:

- (1) spouse;
- (2) parent;
- (3) child;
- (4) grandparent; or
- (5) grandchild.

(v) In the event of an electronic failure under section 6111.1(b)(2) (relating to Pennsylvania State Police) that affects the electronic application/record of sale and upon notice from the Pennsylvania State Police, a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer shall proceed as if exempted under subsection (k)

1       and shall obtain a completed application/record of sale,  
2       in paper format, from the potential buyer or transferee.  
3       A licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed  
4       dealer shall proceed with the application/record of sale  
5       as prescribed in subparagraphs (i) and (iii) until  
6       notified by the Pennsylvania State Police that the  
7       electronic failure no longer remains.

8       (1.1) On the date of publication in the Pennsylvania  
9       Bulletin of a notice by the Pennsylvania State Police that  
10      the instantaneous records check has been implemented, all of  
11      the following shall apply:

12           (i) In the event of an electronic failure under  
13      section 6111.1(b) (2) [(relating to Pennsylvania State  
14      Police)] for purposes of a firearm which exceeds the  
15      barrel and related lengths set forth in section 6102,  
16      [obtained] a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or  
17      licensed dealer shall obtain a completed  
18      application/record of sale in paper form from the  
19      potential buyer or transferee to be filled out in  
20      triplicate, the original copy to be sent to the  
21      Pennsylvania State Police, postmarked via first class  
22      mail, within 14 days of sale, one copy to be retained by  
23      the licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed  
24      dealer for a period of 20 years and one copy to be  
25      provided to the purchaser or transferee.

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27      (6) Unless it has been discovered pursuant to a criminal  
28      history, juvenile delinquency and mental health records  
29      background check that the potential purchaser or transferee  
30      is prohibited from possessing a firearm pursuant to section

6105, no information received [via telephone following the  
implementation of] by the instantaneous background check  
system from a purchaser or transferee who has received a  
unique approval number shall be retained by the Pennsylvania  
State Police.

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(f) Application of section.--

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(2) The provisions contained in subsections (a) [and],  
(c) and (k) shall only apply to pistols or revolvers with a  
barrel length of less than 15 inches, any shotgun with a  
barrel length of less than 18 inches, any rifle with a barrel  
length of less than 16 inches or any firearm with an overall  
length of less than 26 inches.

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(k) Electronic reporting exemption.--A licensed importer,  
licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer who conducts 20 or  
fewer firearm sales and transfers per year shall not be required  
to use an electronic application/record of sale. The following  
shall apply:

(1) Beginning in 2027, the Pennsylvania State Police  
shall conduct an annual review of the transactions of each  
licensed importer, licensed manufacturer and licensed dealer  
over the past calendar year to determine whether the licensed  
importer, licensed manufacturer or licensed dealer is  
exempted from the use of an electronic application/record of  
sale. The Pennsylvania State Police shall notify each  
licensed importer, licensed manufacturer and licensed dealer  
of an exemption to the use of an electronic  
application/record of sale no later than April 1 of each

1 year.

2 (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to  
3 prohibit a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer or  
4 licensed dealer from choosing to use an electronic  
5 application/record of sale.

6 (L) CONSTRUCTION.--NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE <--  
7 CONSTRUED TO ALLOW A GOVERNMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR AN  
8 AGENT OF A GOVERNMENT OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO CREATE,  
9 MAINTAIN OR OPERATE A REGISTRY OF FIREARM OWNERSHIP WITHIN THIS  
10 COMMONWEALTH.

11 Section 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026, or  
12 immediately, whichever is later.