

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 21, 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 definitions and for sale or
4 transfer of firearms.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6102 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
9 § 6102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this subchapter which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this subchapter, the following words and phrases,
13 when used in this subchapter shall have, unless the context
14 clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this
15 section:

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17 "Rifle." A weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade,
18 and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or

1 redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of an explosive
2 to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each
3 single pull of the trigger.

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5 "Semiautomatic assault rifle." A semiautomatic rifle that
6 has the capacity to accept a fixed or detachable magazine
7 containing more than five rounds of ammunition.

8 "Semiautomatic rifle." A repeating rifle that utilizes a
9 portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired
10 cartridge case and chamber the next round and that requires a
11 separate pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge.

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13 Section 2. Section 6111(f)(4)(i) of Title 18 is amended,
14 subsection (g) is amended by adding a paragraph and the section
15 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

16 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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18 (c.1) Semiautomatic assault rifles.--No person, corporation
19 or firm shall sell or transfer a semiautomatic assault rifle to
20 an individual under 21 years of age.

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22 (f) Application of section.--

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24 (4) (i) [The] Except for an individual prohibited from
25 purchasing or receiving a semiautomatic assault rifle
26 under subsection (c.1), the provisions of subsection (a)
27 shall not apply to any person who presents to the seller
28 or transferor a written statement issued by the official
29 described in subparagraph (iii) during the ten-day period
30 ending on the date of the most recent proposal of such

1 transfer or sale by the transferee or purchaser stating
2 that the transferee or purchaser requires access to a
3 firearm because of a threat to the life of the transferee
4 or purchaser or any member of the household of that
5 transferee or purchaser.

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7 (g) Penalties.--

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9 (1.1) Any person, licensed dealer, licensed manufacturer
10 or licensed importer who knowingly or intentionally sells,
11 delivers or transfers a semiautomatic assault rifle to any
12 person, purchaser or transferee who is unqualified or
13 ineligible to control, possess or use a semiautomatic assault
14 rifle under this chapter commits a felony of the third degree
15 and shall in addition be subject to revocation of the license
16 to sell firearms for a period of three years.

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