

## **Act 66 of 2005**

The 2005 Amendment of Act 66 as a result of House Bill 1717 created significant changes to Chapter 61, Title 18 and Title 23, most with an effective date of 5/9/06. The Federal domestic violence prohibition was added to the list of state prohibiting offenses under Title 18 ss 6105 relating to firearms. (Note: all forms listing the state prohibiting offenses will be updated to include 6105 (c) (9). An updated version of The Basic Firearm Safety Brochure and the PICS Challenge form is available upon request or can be found on the State Police Website at <http://www.psp.state.pa.us>.)

Significant changes made to Title 18 ss relating to PA License to Carry are as follows: individuals are required to notify the sheriff if they become ineligible after a license is issued to them; a point-of-contact toll free nationwide telephone number must be established by PSP for out of state law enforcement to verify a PA license to carry; the individual's social security number will no longer appear on the license to carry; eventually photos will be required on all licenses; courts and mental health facilities must now notify county sheriffs when an individual is prohibited.

Title 23 ss6108 relating to Protection From Abuse orders now allows individuals with an active protection order against them to relinquish their firearms to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party for safekeeping or to a firearm dealer for safekeeping or consignment sale. This process must be documented on a form prescribed by PSP and approved by the county sheriff.

Firearms dealers who accept firearms, weapons, or ammunition from an individual with an active protection from abuse order against them must complete an Affidavit for Relinquishment of Firearms form. The completed form must be approved and accepted by the county sheriff's office.

### **Regarding fee increases provided for in Act 66 of 2005.**

The additions to Section 6109 (h) of the Uniform Firearms Act provide for an additional temporary fee of \$5.00 to be remitted by the Sheriff to the Firearms License to Carry Modernization Account.

This account is established by the Act as a special restricted receipt account within the General Fund of the State Treasury. Additionally, an additional fee of \$1.00 is required to be paid by the license applicant to the Sheriff and remitted to the Firearms License Validation System Account. This account is also a special restricted receipt account with the General Fund of the State Treasury.