

No. 183

AN ACT

To further amend subsection (e) of section 628 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," by increasing the fees for registration of firearms.

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

"The Penal Code."

Section 1. Subsection (e) of section 628 of the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 872), entitled "An act to consolidate, amend and revise the penal laws of the Commonwealth," as amended by the act, approved the twenty-first day of May, one thousand nine hundred forty-three (Pamphlet Laws 485), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

Subsection (e) of section 628, act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 872, as amended by act of May 21, 1943, P. L. 485, further amended.

Section 628. Uniform Firearms Act.—

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(e) Firearms Not To Be Carried Without a License; Exceptions.—No person shall carry a firearm in any vehicle or concealed on or about his person, except in his place of abode or fixed place of business, without a license therefor as hereinafter provided.

The provisions of clause (e) shall not apply (I) to constables, sheriffs, prison or jail wardens, or their deputies, policemen of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions, or other law-enforcement officers; (II) or to members of the army, navy or marine corps of the United States or of the national guard or organized reserves when on duty; (III) or to the regularly enrolled members of any organization duly authorized to purchase or receive such weapons from the United States or from this Commonwealth; (IV) or to the members of any organization incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth engaged in target shooting with rifle, pistol or revolver, provided such members are at or are going to or from their places of assembly or target practice; (V) or to officers or employes of the United States duly authorized to carry a concealed firearm; (VI) or to agents, messengers and other employes of common carriers, banks, or business firms, whose duties require them to protect moneys, valuables and other property in the discharge of such duties; (VII) or to any person engaged in the business of manufacturing, repairing, or dealing

in firearms, or the agent or representative of *any such person, having in his possession, using or carrying a firearm in the usual or ordinary course of such business; (VIII) or to any person while carrying a firearm unloaded and in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase to his home or place of business, or to a place of repair or back to his home or place of business, or in moving from one place of abode or business to another; (IX) or to persons licensed to hunt or fish in this Commonwealth, provided that such persons are actually hunting or fishing or are going to the places where they desire to hunt or fish or returning from such places, or to persons training dogs: Provided, That such persons are actually training dogs during the regular training season: Provided, however, That before any such exemption shall be granted to any person licensed to hunt or fish or who desires to train dogs, such person shall at the time of securing his hunting or fishing license or any time after any such license has issued, register with the county treasurer the make of the firearm he desires to carry, and the caliber and number thereof, on a blank to be furnished by the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. The original registration shall be delivered to the person registering such firearm, and a copy thereof shall be forwarded by the county treasurer to the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police. The county treasurer shall be entitled to collect a fee of [fifteen (15)] *fifty (50)* cents for each such registration of a firearm. The registration of a firearm, as herein provided, shall be good only for the year for which the hunting or fishing license in connection with which it is granted, is issued.

Any such registration of a firearm may be revoked by the county treasurer issuing the same, upon written notice to the holder thereof, and any person aggrieved by the action of a county treasurer in revoking such registration, may appeal from such action in the manner provided by clause (k) of this section.

APPROVED—The 27th day of July, A. D. 1953.

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* "any" in original.