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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 7
TO
SENATE SUBSTITUTE NO. 1
FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 2

AMEND Senate Substitute No.1 for Senate Bill No. 2 by inserting the following after line 10 and before line 11 and redesignating accordingly:

(6) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security.

FURTHER AMEND Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 2 by inserting the following after line 80 and before line 81 and redesignating accordingly:

(h) Emergency Expedited Procedure for Issuance of Permits to Vulnerable or at-Risk Individuals.

(1) All other provisions of this section to the contrary notwithstanding, a person under the protection of a Protection From Abuse (PFA) Order issued by the Family Court of the State of Delaware or who is under the protection of a No Contact Order issued in a criminal case by the Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas or a Justice of the Peace and who is otherwise eligible for a permit under this section, may apply for and receive such permit notwithstanding the fact that they have not yet met the training requirements set forth elsewhere in this section. Such persons must, however, complete the required training within 180 days of receipt of such permit.

(2) A person obtaining an expedited permit pursuant to this subsection (p) shall, upon completion of the required training within the required 180 days, submit evidence of timely completion to the Director.

(3) The Secretary shall develop, promulgate and administer a procedure for expediting the issuance of permits on an emergency basis to persons qualifying for same pursuant to subsection (1) of this subsection.

SYNOPSIS

This amendment recognizes that there are those persons whom the Courts of this State have found to be either vulnerable to or at risk of physical abuse or attack and further provides a mechanism by which such persons may obtain a permit on an expedited or emergency basis.

This amendment provides a process by which persons under the protection of a Protection From Abuse (PFA) Order issued by the Family Court and those victims of crimes who are under the protection of a No Contact Order issued by the Superior Court, Court of Common Pleas or Justice of the Peace Courts to obtain a permit to purchase a firearm for self-protection before having completed the required training but requires the person to obtain the training within 180 days and provide proof of that training to the Director of SBI.

This amendment further requires the Secretary to develop, promulgate and administer a procedure for expediting the issuance of permits on an emergency basis to persons whom the Courts have protected either with a Protection From Abuse Order (PFA) or a No Contact Order.