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Title: WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires that individuals carrying concealed firearms are licensed by their county sheriff to ensure that gun owners are responsible and law-abiding citizens in the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania law prohibits the issuance of licenses to those individuals who have been convicted of a drug or alcohol offense, found to be mentally ill, a fugitive of the law, or deemed to be a risk to the public safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, presently, even if an individual has been denied a concealed firearms license in Pennsylvania because of one of these disqualifying conditions, he or she can still carry a concealed firearm in Pennsylvania if he or she received a license in another state, regardless of whether or not that state has an official reciprocity agreement with the Pennsylvania Attorney General; and,

WHEREAS, as a result, an individual may be denied a license in Pennsylvania for violating the commonwealth's gun, alcohol, or drug laws, fleeing the law, or posing a public safety threat to the community, and then apply for and receive a license in a state with more relaxed gun license laws, such as Florida, allowing them to carry a concealed gun in Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Bill No. 2536, now under consideration in the House Judiciary Committee, closes this "Florida Gun Loophole" by requiring that all residents of Pennsylvania carry a concealed weapons license issued by their county sheriff; and,

WHEREAS, this piece of legislation will prohibit individuals from carrying concealed firearms with only an out-of-state license, unless there is an existing reciprocity agreement between that state and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby endorse House Bill No. 2536, as introduced by State Representative Bryan Lentz, of Delaware County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh, does hereby call upon the members of the House Judiciary Committee to pass House Bill No. 2536 out of committee and for the full state legislature to pass this bill when it comes to the floor for a final vote; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the Pennsylvania State Legislature.