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Ms. Syndi L. Guido, Policy Director  
Pennsylvania State Police  
1800 Elmerton Avenue  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Retired Law Enforcement Identification Act

Dear Ms. Guido:

I am a retired law enforcement officer residing in Pennsylvania. I retired from a municipal police department in the State of New Jersey. Prior to becoming a Pennsylvania resident in September of 2005 I was in compliance with the provisions of 18 USC sect. 926C (c). as well as a holder of a State of New Jersey Retired Law Enforcement Officer Permit to Carry a Handgun. I currently hold Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms No. 52-006724.

I have anticipated with great interest the passage of Pennsylvania's Retired Law Enforcement Officer's Identification Act. Having communicated with my state representatives I have been made aware of the proposed rulemaking with regard to Identification and Qualification Cards dated March 29, 2008.

I meet all eligibility requirements under sect. 221.21 with the exception of (5) which deals with timely training and qualification, as well as sect 231.31 (1).

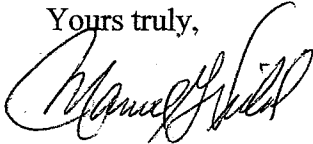
While in the Description and Purpose section of the proposition the phrase "retired Pennsylvania law enforcement officers." appears and in the Effect section the phrase "law enforcement officers who retired from Pennsylvania law enforcement agencies." appears, nowhere in the actual text of the law is there a reference to an exclusion to officers who retired from states other than Pennsylvania. In fact, 221.31 differentiates between a law enforcement officer who "(1) Resides in this Commonwealth." and "(2) Is retired from a law enforcement agency from this Commonwealth..." , one of them being a qualifier.

My concern is whether or not the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will, after I meet the timely training and firearms qualification requirements, issue me a Retired Law Enforcement Officer's Identification Card and a Qualification Card.

I would appreciate a response to this letter in writing from you as soon as practicable. I would also appreciate any further information which your office may offer with regard to this subject including any copies of laws, pamphlets or public notices.

Thank you very much for your attention to this very important matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Manuel G. Vidal', written in dark ink.

Manuel G. Vidal

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