

Wilmington, Delaware
June 16, 2022

#0208 **WHEREAS**, Senate Substitute No. 1 for Senate Bill No. 3 (SS No. 1 for SB No. 3) would
Sponsor: amend Title 11 of the Delaware Code sets forth an application process to obtain a handgun
Council qualified purchaser card that must be presented by individuals seeking to purchase or transfer
Member ownership of a firearm; and
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Co-Sponsors: **WHEREAS**, in 2020, firearm-related injuries were among the 5 leading causes of death
Council for Americans under the age of 44 years old. Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed
Members by gun violence, and more than 230 are injured. In an average year, more than 40,000 die, and
Gray another 84,000 are wounded by guns nationally. Nearly eight in 10 murders and more than half
Oliver of deaths by suicide in the United States involve a firearm. According to the National Safety
Mills Council, there was a 13.9 percent increase in all gun-related deaths and a 10 percent rise in
accidental gun deaths in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Delaware has the 25th highest rate of gun-related fatalities in the U.S. An
average of 111 Delawareans are killed by firearms each year. Firearm deaths and injuries cost
the State of Delaware an estimated \$714 million annually; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, nearly one in four of
Wilmington’s violent crimes involved a handgun. There were 28 shootings with 32 victims in
Wilmington between January 1 and May 15, 2022. In the past year, there were a total of 118
shootings with 149 victims and 39 homicides; and

WHEREAS, SS No. 1 for SB No. 3 sets forth an application process for obtaining a
handgun qualified purchaser card that preserves the Second Amendment Rights of responsible,
lawful gun owners; ensures that cardholders are adequately trained to safely operate firearms;

closes loopholes in access to guns by mandating that all legal gun sales or transfers verify that an individual possesses a handgun qualified purchaser card; prohibits access to weapons for individuals convicted of certain criminal offenses, and assists law enforcement officers' capacity to conduct criminal investigations when firearms are misused.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the Wilmington City Council is strongly in favor of SS No. 1 for SB No. 3, which would require that gun purchasers possess a handgun qualified purchaser card to buy or obtain a firearm through a transfer of ownership.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support SS No. 1 for SB No. 3 to better regulate the sale of firearms and promote responsible gun ownership.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution urges the members of the Delaware General Assembly to support SS No. 1 for SB No. 3 to better regulate the sale and transfer of firearms and promote responsible gun ownership.