



City of Philadelphia

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AN ORDINANCE

Adding a new Section 9-649 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Sale of Body Armor,” to require sellers of body armor to maintain and submit records regarding sales to Philadelphia residents; and adding a new Section 10-843 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Possession, Sale, and Transfer of Body Armor,” to require Philadelphia residents to register certain body armor with the City; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 9. REGULATION OF BUSINESSES, TRADES AND PROFESSIONS

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CHAPTER 9-600. SERVICE AND OTHER BUSINESSES

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§ 9-649. *Sale of Body Armor.*

(1) Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) “Body armor.” Any garment that is designed, redesigned, or adapted to protect the wearer from the penetration or impact of bullets, knives or other weapons.

(b) “Body armor seller.” A person or an entity who, in the course of business, purchases or receives body armor for the purpose of sale to a consumer.

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(2) *A body armor seller shall retain records related to the sale of body armor to a Philadelphia resident and register such transaction with the Department of Licenses and Inspections within thirty (30) days of the sale by providing the name and address of the individual, the make, model, and manufacturer of the body armor, and such other information as required by the Department of Licenses and Inspection.*

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SECTION 2. Title 10 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

TITLE 10. REGULATION OF INDIVIDUAL CONDUCT AND ACTIVITY

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CHAPTER 10-800. SAFETY

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§ 10-843. *Possession, Sale, and Transfer of Body Armor.*

(1) *Definitions. For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:*

(a) *“Body armor.” Any garment that is designed, redesigned, or adapted to protect the wearer from the penetration or impact of bullets, knives or other weapons.*

(2) *A Philadelphia resident who purchases, receives or conveys body armor shall register such body armor and transaction with the Department of Licenses and Inspections within ten (10) business days of the purchase, receipt, or conveyance by providing the name and address of any individuals involved in a transaction, the make, model and manufacturer of the body armor, and such other information as required by the Department of Licenses and Inspection.*

(3) *A Philadelphia resident in possession of body armor upon the effective date of the Section shall register such body armor pursuant to the requirements in subsection 10-843 (2) with the Department of Licenses and Inspections within sixty (60) business days of this provision becoming law.*

(4) *The Department may promulgate regulations implementing the provisions of this Section.*

(5) *Exemptions. This Section shall not apply to authorized officials or sworn members of the Philadelphia Police Department and the Pennsylvania State Police.*

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SECTION 3. This Ordinance is effective immediately.

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