

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
3 articles, providing for the offense of carrying a firearm in
4 the Capitol.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 6108.1. Carrying firearms in the Capitol.

10 (a) Offense defined.--No person shall carry a firearm, rifle
11 or shotgun at any time in any of the following buildings in the
12 City of Harrisburg:

13 (1) the Main Capitol;

14 (2) the East Wing of the Capitol;

15 (3) the Speaker Matthew J. Ryan Legislative Office
16 Building;

17 (4) the Speaker K. Leroy Irvis Office Building; or

18 (5) the North Office Building of the Capitol Complex.

19 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not

1 apply to a person who is:

2 (1) a member of the Pennsylvania State Police;

3 (2) a member of the Capitol Police;

4 (3) a member of Legislative Protective Services with the
5 Senate or the House of Representatives;

6 (4) a law enforcement officer as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. §
7 6102 (relating to definitions); or

8 (5) an armed security agent under contract to service an
9 automated teller machine in any of the buildings specified in
10 subsection (a) or to transport money to and from the
11 cafeteria of the East Wing of the Capitol, while performing
12 the person's official duties.

13 (c) Posting of notice.--Notice of the provisions of
14 subsections (a) and (d) shall be posted conspicuously at each
15 public entrance to each building specified in subsection (a),
16 and no person shall be convicted of an offense under subsection
17 (a) if the notice was not so posted at each public entrance to
18 the building unless the person had actual notice of the
19 provisions of subsection (a).

20 (d) Lockers and facilities for checking firearms, rifles and
21 shotguns.--The Commonwealth shall make available at or within
22 each building specified in subsection (a) within one year of the
23 effective date of this section, lockers or similar facilities at
24 no charge or cost for the temporary checking of firearms, rifles
25 and shotguns by persons lawfully carrying firearms, rifles and
26 shotguns. Any individual checking a firearm, rifle or shotgun at
27 a building specified in subsection (a) shall be issued a
28 receipt. Notice of the location of the lockers or similar
29 facility shall be posted as required under subsection (c).

30 (e) Grading.--A person who violates this section commits a

1 misdemeanor of the first degree.

2 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.