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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, further providing for the offense of certain
4 bullets prohibited.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6121(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 6121. Certain bullets prohibited.

11 (a) Offense defined.--It is unlawful for any person to
12 possess, sell, transfer, use or attempt to use a KTW teflon-
13 coated bullet or other armor-piercing ammunition [while
14 committing or attempting to commit a crime of violence as
15 defined in section 6102 (relating to definitions)]].

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17 (c.1) Exceptions.--

18 (1) Any person who possesses armor-piercing ammunition

1 as of the effective date of this subsection shall have 60
2 days after the effective date of this subsection to surrender
3 armor-piercing ammunition to law enforcement, during which
4 time a person may not be guilty of possessing an armor-
5 piercing bullet.

6 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the sale,
7 offering or exposing for sale, use, purchase or possession of
8 armor-piercing ammunition by a person who is a government
9 officer, agent or employee, a member of the armed forces of
10 the United States or the National Guard or a peace officer,
11 to the extent that the individual is authorized by the
12 government to sell, offer or expose for sale, use, purchase,
13 possess or control armor-piercing ammunition and, consistent
14 with the authorization, does so while acting within the scope
15 of the person's duties.

16 (3) The following shall be exempt from the prohibition
17 under subsection (a):

18 (i) The possession and control of armor-piercing
19 ammunition by a person who finds armor-piercing
20 ammunition, if the person is not prohibited from
21 possessing firearms or ammunition under Federal or State
22 law, and the person possesses or controls the armor-
23 piercing ammunition no longer than is necessary to
24 deliver or transport the same to a law enforcement agency
25 for the agency's disposition.

26 (ii) Any person or the person's representative or
27 agent who is legally engaged in the business of
28 manufacturing, repairing or dealing in armor-piercing
29 ammunition.

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