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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GREEN, HANBIDGE, SHUSTERMAN AND STURLA, JULY 11, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JULY 11, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), entitled "An  
2 act relating to health care; prescribing the powers and  
3 duties of the Department of Health; establishing and  
4 providing the powers and duties of the State Health  
5 Coordinating Council, health systems agencies and Health Care  
6 Policy Board in the Department of Health, and State Health  
7 Facility Hearing Board in the Department of Justice;  
8 providing for certification of need of health care providers  
9 and prescribing penalties," in licensing of health care  
10 facilities, providing for firearms policy.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known  
14 as the Health Care Facilities Act, is amended by adding a  
15 section to read:

16 Section 823. Firearms policy.

17 (a) Establishment.--A health care facility shall establish  
18 and make publicly accessible a policy regarding the prohibition  
19 or acceptance of the possession of firearms or firearm  
20 accessories, including ammunition, within or on the premises of  
21 the health care facility.

1 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
3 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 "Health care facility." The following:

5 (1) A "health care facility" as defined under section  
6 103.

7 (2) A "facility" as defined in section 103.1 of the act  
8 of July 9, 1976 (P.L.817, No.143), known as the "Mental  
9 Health Procedures Act."

10 (3) An "urgent care center" as defined in section 2 of  
11 the act of November 2, 2016 (P.L.976, No.122), known as the  
12 "Safe Emergency Prescribing Act."

13 (4) A dental office or treatment facility.

14 (5) Any other facility where medical services are  
15 rendered.

16 "Medical services." As defined in 40 Pa.C.S. § 6302  
17 (relating to definitions).

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