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SHUSTERMAN, MARCH 13, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 13, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing
3 for prohibited offensive weapons.

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

6 Section 1. Section 908(c) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes, amended November 3, 2022 (P.L.1782,
8 No.119), is amended and subsection (b) is amended by adding a
9 paragraph to read:

10 § 908. Prohibited offensive weapons.

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12 (b) Exceptions.--

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14 (4) This section does not apply to possession of an
15 accelerated trigger activator purchased or otherwise obtained
16 by the defendant prior to the effective date of this
17 paragraph.

1 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
2 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 subsection:

4 "Accelerated trigger activator." A part or combination of
5 parts designed and intended to accelerate the rate of fire of a
6 semiautomatic firearm to simulate the rate of fire of a
7 machinegun.

8 "Firearm." Any weapon which is designed to or may readily be
9 converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive
10 or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.

11 "Machinegun." As defined in 26 U.S.C. § 5845(b) (relating to
12 definitions).

13 "Offensive weapons." Any bomb, grenade, [machine gun,]
14 machinegun, accelerated trigger activator, sawed-off shotgun
15 with a barrel less than 18 inches, firearm specially made or
16 specially adapted for concealment or silent discharge, any
17 blackjack, sandbag, metal knuckles, any stun gun, stun baton,
18 taser or other electronic or electric weapon or other implement
19 for the infliction of serious bodily injury which serves no
20 common lawful purpose.

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22 Section 2. Within 10 days of the effective date of this
23 section, the Attorney General shall transmit notice describing
24 in detail the contents of this act to the Legislative Reference
25 Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

27 (1) The following shall take effect immediately:

28 (i) Section 2 of this act.

29 (ii) This section.

30 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect 30 days

1 after the publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the
2 notice under section 2 of this act.