THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1866 Session of 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

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 is amended to read:
- 8 § 908. Prohibited offensive weapons.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
- 11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 12 subsection:
- 13 "Firearm." Any weapon which is designed to or may readily be
- 14 converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive
- 15 or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.
- 16 "Machinegun." As defined in 26 U.S.C. § 5845(b) (relating to
- 17 definitions).

- 1 <u>"Machinegun conversion device."</u> A part or combination of
- 2 parts designed and intended to accelerate the rate of fire of a
- 3 semiautomatic firearm to simulate the rate of fire of a
- 4 <u>machinegun</u>.
- 5 "Offensive weapons." Any bomb, grenade, [machine gun,]
- 6 <u>machinequn</u>, <u>machinequn</u> conversion device, sawed-off shotgun with
- 7 a barrel less than 18 inches, firearm specially made or
- 8 specially adapted for concealment or silent discharge, any
- 9 blackjack, sandbag, metal knuckles, any stun gun, stun baton,
- 10 taser or other electronic or electric weapon or other implement
- 11 for the infliction of serious bodily injury which serves no
- 12 common lawful purpose.
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- 14 Section 2. Within 10 days of the effective date of this
- 15 section, the Attorney General shall transmit notice describing
- 16 in detail the contents of this act to the Legislative Reference
- 17 Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the
- 18 Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- 19 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:
- 20 (1) The following shall take effect immediately:
- 21 Section 2 of this act.
- This section.
- 23 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect 30 days
- 24 after the publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the
- 25 notice under section 2 of this act.