

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY CRUZ, GUENST, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, SAMUELSON, HERRIN AND VITALI, AUGUST 9, 2022

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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 a firearm 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.

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

19 (6) The Finance Building.

1 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not
2 apply to a person who is:

3 (1) A member of the Pennsylvania State Police.

4 (2) A member of the Capitol Police.

5 (3) A member of Legislative Protective Services with the
6 Senate or the House of Representatives.

7 (4) A law enforcement officer as defined in section 6102
8 (relating to definitions).

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

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

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

1 (c).

2 (e) Grading.--A person who violates this section commits a
3 misdemeanor of the first degree.

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