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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 10, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further
3 providing for sentences for offenses committed with firearms
4 and for sentences for second and subsequent offenses.

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

7 Section 1. Section 9712(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 9712. Sentences for offenses committed with firearms.

10 (a) Mandatory sentence.--Except as provided under section
11 9716 (relating to two or more mandatory minimum sentences
12 applicable), any person who is convicted in any court of this
13 Commonwealth of a crime of violence as defined in section
14 9714(g) (relating to sentences for second and subsequent
15 offenses), shall, if the person [visibly] possessed a firearm
16 [or] during the commission of the offense, regardless of whether
17 it was loaded or functional, or the person possessed a replica

1 of a firearm[, whether or not the firearm or replica was loaded
2 or functional,] that placed the victim in reasonable fear of
3 death or serious bodily injury, during the commission of the
4 offense, be sentenced to a minimum sentence of at least five
5 years of total confinement notwithstanding any other provision
6 of this title or other statute to the contrary. Such persons
7 shall not be eligible for parole, probation, work release or
8 furlough.

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10 Section 2. Section 9714(g) of Title 42, amended October 25,
11 2012 (P.L.1655, No.204), is amended to read:

12 § 9714. Sentences for second and subsequent offenses.

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14 (g) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "crime of
15 violence" means murder of the third degree, voluntary
16 manslaughter, manslaughter of a law enforcement officer as
17 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2507(c) or (d) (relating to criminal
18 homicide of law enforcement officer), murder of the third degree
19 involving an unborn child as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2604(c)
20 (relating to murder of unborn child), aggravated assault of an
21 unborn child as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2606 (relating to
22 aggravated assault of unborn child), aggravated assault as
23 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702(a)(1) or (2) (relating to
24 aggravated assault), assault of law enforcement officer as
25 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2702.1 (relating to assault of law
26 enforcement officer), use of weapons of mass destruction as
27 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2716(b) (relating to weapons of mass
28 destruction), terrorism as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2717(b)(2)
29 (relating to terrorism), trafficking of persons when the offense
30 is graded as a felony of the first degree as provided in 18

1 Pa.C.S. § 3002 (relating to trafficking of persons), rape,
2 involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent
3 assault, incest, sexual assault, arson as defined in 18 Pa.C.S.
4 § 3301(a) (relating to arson and related offenses), ecoterrorism
5 as classified in 18 Pa.C.S. § 3311(b)(3) (relating to
6 ecoterrorism), kidnapping, burglary as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. §
7 3502(a)(1) (relating to burglary), robbery as defined in 18
8 Pa.C.S. § 3701(a)(1)(i), (ii) or (iii) (relating to robbery), or
9 robbery of a motor vehicle, drug delivery resulting in death as
10 defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 2506(a) (relating to drug delivery
11 resulting in death), possession, use, manufacture, control, sale
12 or transfer of firearms as defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105(a)
13 (relating to persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control,
14 sell or transfer firearms) by a person subject to penalties
15 under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6105(a.1)(1), or criminal attempt, criminal
16 conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit murder or any of
17 the offenses listed above, or an equivalent crime under the laws
18 of this Commonwealth in effect at the time of the commission of
19 that offense or an equivalent crime in another jurisdiction.

20 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.