THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 3, 2025

AN ACT

1 2 3	Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, prohibiting the possession of firearm at polling place.
4	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5	hereby enacts as follows:
6	Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7	Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
8	<u>§ 914. Possession of firearm at polling place.</u>
9	(a) Offense definedExcept as provided under subsections
10	(c) and (d)(2), a person commits an offense if the person:
11	(1) knowingly possesses a firearm in any building, real
12	property or parking area of a polling place holding an
13	election;
14	(2) knowingly possesses a firearm in any building, real
15	property or parking area of a polling place holding an
16	election with the intent of using the firearm in the
17	commission of a crime; or

1	(3) knowingly causes a firearm to be used in the
2	commission of a crime in any building, real property or
3	parking area of a polling place holding an election.
4	(b) Grading
5	(1) An offense committed under subsection (a)(1) shall
6	constitute a misdemeanor of the third degree.
7	(2) An offense committed under subsection (a)(2) or (3)
8	shall constitute a misdemeanor of the first degree.
9	(c) ExceptionsSubsection (a) shall not apply to the
10	following:
11	(1) The lawful performance of official duties by an
12	officer, agent or employee of the Federal Government, the
13	Commonwealth or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth
14	who is authorized to engage in or supervise the prevention,
15	detection, investigation or prosecution of any violation of
16	law.
17	(2) The lawful performance of official duties by a law
18	enforcement officer.
19	(3) The concealment of a firearm inside a vehicle by a
20	person who:
21	(i) possesses a valid and lawfully issued license to
22	carry a firearm; and
23	(ii) owns the firearm.
24	(4) The concealment of a firearm by a member of the
25	Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard of the
26	United States or the National Guard or organized reserves
27	when on duty.
28	(d) Posting of notice
29	(1) Notice of the provisions of subsections (a), (b) and
30	(c) shall be posted conspicuously at each public entrance of

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1	a building where a polling place is located during an
2	election.
3	(2) A person shall not be convicted of an offense under
4	subsection (a)(1) or (2) if the polling place fails to meet
5	the notice requirements under paragraph (1).
6	(e) DefinitionsAs used in this section, the following
7	words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
8	subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
9	"Election." A general, municipal, special or primary
10	election as authorized under the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1333,
11	No.320), known as the Pennsylvania Election Code.
12	"Firearm." Any weapon, including a starter gun, which will
13	or is designed to expel a projectile or projectiles by the
14	action of an explosion, expansion of gas or escape of gas. The
15	term does not include any device designed or used exclusively
16	for the firing of stud cartridges, explosive rivets or similar
17	industrial ammunition.
18	"Law enforcement officer." As the term "peace officer" is
19	defined in section 501 (relating to definitions).
20	"Polling place." The room provided in each election district
21	for voting during an election.

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

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