

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 10, 2010

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JUNE 10, 2010

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for possession of explosive
3 components.

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 § 2715.1. Possession of explosive components.

9 (a) General rule.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
10 law, any person who, without lawful authority, intentionally,
11 knowingly or recklessly possesses explosive or incendiary
12 components commits a felony of the third degree.

13 (b) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used
14 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
15 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

16 "Explosive or incendiary component." A substance or material
17 or combination thereof which has been prepared or altered for

1 use in the creation of a weapon of mass destruction, including,
2 but not limited to, the following:

3 (1) A timing device, clock or watch altered in such a
4 manner as to be used as the arming or initiation component of
5 any weapon of mass destruction.

6 (2) A pipe, end cap or metal tubing prepared for use as
7 any weapon of mass destruction.

8 (3) Any method of mechanical, chemical, electrical or
9 commercial timer, trigger or delay or commercially made or
10 improvised items which, when used singly or in combination,
11 may be used in the construction of a timing, delay or
12 activating mechanism or booby trap for any weapon of mass
13 destruction.

14 The term does not include ammunition for lawful use in a
15 firearm, as defined in section 6105(i) (relating to persons not
16 to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer
17 firearms) or any and all materials or components lawfully used
18 in shooting sports, hunting, handloading or reloading of
19 ammunition.

20 "Weapon of mass destruction." A bomb, biological agent,
21 chemical agent or nuclear agent.

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