

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous  
3 articles, prohibiting certain assault weapons.

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 § 6121.1. Certain assault weapons prohibited.

9 (a) Offense defined.--Except as set forth in subsection (b),  
10 a person may not do any of the following:

11 (1) Possess, use, control, sell, transfer or manufacture  
12 an assault weapon or obtain a license to possess, use,  
13 control, sell, transfer or manufacture an assault weapon.

14 (2) Obtain a license to do, in this Commonwealth, any of  
15 the acts under paragraph (1).

16 (b) Exception.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to a member  
17 of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard  
18 or a law enforcement officer while performing official duties or

1 traveling to or from an authorized place of duty if possession  
2 of the assault weapon is authorized under applicable statute,  
3 regulation or military or law enforcement policy.

4 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "assault  
5 weapon" means:

6 (1) a semiautomatic rifle known as an SKS with  
7 detachable magazine;

8 (2) a part or combination of parts designed or intended  
9 to convert a firearm into a weapon described in paragraph  
10 (1); or

11 (3) a combination of parts, in possession or under  
12 control of the same person, from which a weapon described in  
13 paragraph (1) may be readily assembled.

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