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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
OCTOBER 5, 2001

AN ACT

1 Requiring the use of eye-protective devices for persons engaged
2 in a game or sport involving the use of paintball guns or
3 paintball markers.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Paintball Eye
8 Protection Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

14 "Eye-protective device." Any device specifically designed to
15 protect the eyes of the wearer and meeting the standards
16 established and approved by the department.

17 "Paintball gun." A device designed and manufactured to

1 propel, by gas or air, an encapsulated gelatin paintball.

2 "Paintball marker." A device designed and manufactured to
3 propel, by gas or air, an encapsulated gelatin paintball.

4 Section 3. Eye-protective devices required.

5 No person shall participate in a game or sport involving the
6 use of one or more paintball guns or paintball markers unless
7 that person is wearing an eye-protective device of a type
8 approved by the department.

9 Section 4. Approval of eye-protective devices.

10 The department, in consultation with doctors of optometry,
11 ophthalmology and other experts in eye injuries, shall issue and
12 enforce regulations establishing quality standards and
13 specifications for the approval of eye-protective devices and
14 may approve, disapprove or publish lists of all eye-protective
15 devices by name and type which have been approved.

16 Section 5. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.