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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 28, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, defining, in theft and related
3 offenses, "firearm"; and further providing for grading of
4 theft offenses.

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

7 Section 1. Section 3901 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
9 § 3901. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this chapter which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this chapter, the following words and phrases when
13 used in this chapter shall have, unless the context clearly
14 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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16 "Firearm." A weapon that is designed to or may readily be
17 converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or
18 the frame or receiver of any such weapon.

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2 Section 2. Section 3903(a)(3) of Title 18 is amended to
3 read:

4 § 3903. Grading of theft offenses.

5 (a) Felony of the second degree.--Theft constitutes a felony
6 of the second degree if:

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8 [(3) In the case of theft by receiving stolen property,
9 the property received, retained or disposed of is a firearm
10 and the receiver is in the business of buying or selling
11 stolen property.]

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