
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY GREENLEAF, RHOADES, ANDREZESKI, BELL, HELFRICK AND
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the offense of
3 possessing instruments of crime.

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

6 Section 1. Section 907 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 907. Possessing instruments of crime.

9 (a) Criminal instruments generally.--A person commits a
10 misdemeanor of the first degree if he possesses any instrument
11 of crime with intent to employ it criminally.

12 (b) Possession of weapon.--A person commits a misdemeanor of
13 the first degree if he possesses a firearm or other weapon
14 concealed upon his person with intent to employ it criminally.

15 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection:

18 "Anything commonly used for criminal purposes." The term

1 includes, but is not limited to, common burglary tools, tire
2 irons, stun guns and baseball bats.

3 "Instrument of crime."

4 (1) Anything specially made or specially adapted for
5 criminal use; or

6 (2) anything commonly used for criminal purposes and
7 possessed by the actor under circumstances not manifestly
8 appropriate for lawful uses it may have.

9 "Weapon." Anything readily capable of lethal use and
10 possessed under circumstances not manifestly appropriate for
11 lawful uses which it may have. The term includes a firearm which
12 is not loaded or lacks a clip or other component to render it
13 immediately operable, and components which can readily be
14 assembled into a weapon.

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