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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 11, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for prohibited
3 offensive weapons; and providing for knives generally.

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

6 Section 1. Section 908(c) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 908. Prohibited offensive weapons.

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10 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
11 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
12 subsection:

13 "Firearm." Any weapon which is designed to or may readily be
14 converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive
15 or the frame or receiver of any such weapon.

16 "Offensive weapons." Any bomb, grenade, machine gun, sawed-
17 off shotgun with a barrel less than 18 inches, firearm specially
18 made or specially adapted for concealment or silent discharge,

1 any blackjack, sandbag, metal knuckles, [dagger, knife, razor or
2 cutting instrument, the blade of which is exposed in an
3 automatic way by switch, push-button, spring mechanism, or
4 otherwise,] any stun gun, stun baton, taser or other electronic
5 or electric weapon or other implement for the infliction of
6 serious bodily injury which serves no common lawful purpose.

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8 Section 2. Chapter 61 of Title 18 is amended by adding a
9 subchapter to read:

10 SUBCHAPTER E

11 KNIVES GENERALLY

12 Sec.

13 6190. Definitions.

14 6191. Limitation on regulation of knives and knife making
15 components.

16 § 6190. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter
18 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

20 "Knife." A cutting instrument with a sharpened or pointed
21 blade.

22 "Municipality." The term shall include a county, city,
23 borough, incorporated town or township.

24 § 6191. Limitation on regulation of knives and knife making
25 components.

26 No municipality may regulate the lawful ownership,
27 possession, transfer or transportation of knives and knife
28 making components when carried or transported for purposes not
29 prohibited by the laws of this Commonwealth.

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