

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY BURNS, MACKENZIE, THOMAS, COHEN, KOTIK, V. BROWN,  
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in trade and commerce, prohibiting the  
3 retail sale and distribution of novelty lighters; and  
4 imposing a penalty.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 7332. Retail sale and distribution of novelty lighters  
10 prohibited.

11 (a) Offense defined.--It shall be unlawful for any person to  
12 sell at retail, offer for retail sale or distribute for retail  
13 sale or promotion in this Commonwealth a novelty lighter.

14 (b) Grading.--A person who violates subsection (a) commits a  
15 summary offense.

16 (c) Exception.--Nothing contained in this section shall  
17 prohibit the transportation of novelty lighters through this  
18 Commonwealth or the storage of novelty lighters in a warehouse  
19 or distribution center in this Commonwealth if the warehouse or

1 distribution center is closed to the public for purposes of  
2 retail sales.

3 (d) Definition.--As used in this section the term "novelty  
4 lighter" means a mechanical or electrical device typically used  
5 for lighting cigarettes, cigars or pipes that is designed to  
6 appear to be a toy, to feature a flashing light or to make  
7 musical sounds. The term does not include:

8 (1) A lighter manufactured prior to January 1, 1980.

9 (2) A lighter incapable of being fueled or lacking a  
10 device necessary to produce combustion or a flame.

11 (3) Any mechanical or electrical device primarily used  
12 to ignite fuel for fireplaces or for charcoal or gas grills.

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