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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in authorized disposition of
3 offenders, further providing for fines; in obstructing
4 governmental operations, further providing for the offense of
5 weapons or implements for escape and for the offense of
6 contraband; and, in firearms and other dangerous articles,
7 further providing for persons not to possess, use,
8 manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Sections 1101, 5122, 5123 and 6105(b) of Title 18
12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

13 § 1101. Fines.

14 A person who has been convicted of an offense may be
15 sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding:

16 (1) [~~\$50,000~~] \$100,000, when the conviction is of murder
17 or attempted murder.

18 (2) [~~\$25,000~~] \$50,000, when the conviction is of a
19 felony of the first or second degree.

20 (3) [~~\$15,000~~] \$30,000, when the conviction is of a

1 felony of the third degree.

2 (4) [\$10,000] \$20,000, when the conviction is of a
3 misdemeanor of the first degree.

4 (5) [\$5,000] \$10,000, when the conviction is of a
5 misdemeanor of the second degree.

6 (6) [\$2,500] \$5,000, when the conviction is of a
7 misdemeanor of the third degree.

8 (7) [\$300] \$600, when the conviction is of a summary
9 offense for which no higher fine is established.

10 (8) Any higher amount equal to double the pecuniary gain
11 derived from the offense by the offender.

12 (9) Any higher or lower amount specifically authorized
13 by statute.

14 § 5122. Weapons [or implements for escape], implements of
15 escape or dangerous material.

16 (a) Offenses defined.--

17 (1) [A person commits a misdemeanor of the first] An
18 individual commits a felony of the second degree if he
19 [unlawfully introduces within a detention facility,
20 correctional institution or mental hospital, or unlawfully
21 provides an inmate thereof with any weapon, tool, implement,
22 or other thing] delivers to a confined person a weapon,
23 implement of escape, dangerous material or other item which
24 may be used for escape.

25 (2) [An inmate] A confined person commits a [misdemeanor
26 of the first] felony of the second degree if he [unlawfully
27 procures, makes or otherwise provides himself with, or
28 unlawfully has in his possession or under his control, any
29 weapon, tool, implement or other thing] possesses a weapon,
30 implement of escape, dangerous material or other item which

1 may be used for escape.

2 (b) [Definitions.--

3 (1) As used in this section, the word "unlawfully" means
4 surreptitiously or contrary to law, regulation or order of
5 the detaining authority.

6 (2) As used in this section, the word "weapon" means any
7 implement readily capable of lethal use and shall include any
8 firearm, ammunition, knife, dagger, razor, other cutting or
9 stabbing implement or club, including any item which has been
10 modified or adopted so that it can be used as a firearm,
11 ammunition, knife, dagger, razor, other cutting or stabbing
12 implement, or club. The word "firearm" includes an unloaded
13 firearm and the unassembled components of a firearm.]

14 Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and
15 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
16 subsection:

17 "Confined person." An individual committed under a court
18 order to a facility, regardless of whether the individual is
19 temporarily absent from the facility due to medical treatment,
20 transportation, court appearance or other reason for a temporary
21 absence.

22 "Dangerous material." Any incendiary material or device,
23 highly flammable or caustic liquid, explosive, bullet or other
24 material readily capable of causing death or serious bodily
25 injury.

26 "Delivers." The transfer of a weapon, implement of escape or
27 dangerous material to a confined person in a facility. The term
28 includes taking or introducing a weapon, implement of escape or
29 dangerous material into a facility or on land granted to, owned
30 by or leased by the Commonwealth or a political subdivision,

1 that is related to the confinement of persons. The term also
2 includes putting a weapon, implement of escape or dangerous
3 material in a place where it may be obtained by a confined
4 person.

5 "Facility." A correctional institution, mental hospital,
6 youth development center, youth forestry camp or other facility
7 for the detention or incarceration of individuals under court
8 order, a building appurtenant thereto or any other place where a
9 confined person is located.

10 "Implement of escape." A tool, implement, device, equipment
11 or other item that can facilitate, aid or conceal an escape or
12 attempted escape by a confined person.

13 "Weapon." An implement readily capable of lethal use,
14 including a firearm, knife, dagger, razor, other cutting or
15 stabbing implement or club. The term includes an item which has
16 been modified or adapted so that it can be used as a firearm,
17 knife, dagger, razor, other cutting or stabbing implement or
18 club. For purposes of this definition, the term "firearm"
19 includes an unloaded firearm or the unassembled components of a
20 firearm.

21 § 5123. Contraband.

22 (a) [Controlled] Delivery of controlled substance contraband
23 to confined persons prohibited.--[A person] An individual
24 commits a felony of the second degree if he [sells, gives,
25 transmits or furnishes to any convict in a prison, or inmate in
26 a mental hospital, or gives away in or brings into any prison,
27 mental hospital, or any building appurtenant thereto, or on the
28 land granted to or owned or leased by the Commonwealth or county
29 for the use and benefit of the prisoners or inmates, or puts in
30 any place where it may be secured by a convict of a prison,

1 inmate of a mental hospital, or employee thereof, any] delivers
2 a controlled substance included in Schedules I through V of the
3 act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled
4 Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act, to a confined person
5 or employee of a facility (except the ordinary hospital supply
6 of the [prison or mental hospital] facility) without a written
7 permit signed by the physician of [such institution] the
8 facility, specifying the quantity and quality of the substance
9 which may be furnished to [any convict, inmate, or employee in
10 the prison or mental hospital,] the confined person, the name of
11 the [prisoner, inmate, or employee for whom,] confined person
12 and the time when the same may be furnished[, which permit shall
13 be delivered to and kept by the warden or superintendent of the
14 prison or mental hospital].

15 (a.1) Mandatory minimum penalty.--[Any person]

16 (1) An individual convicted of a violation of subsection
17 (a) shall be sentenced to a minimum sentence of at least two
18 years of total confinement, notwithstanding any other
19 provision of this title or any other statute to the contrary.
20 Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the sentencing court
21 from imposing a sentence greater than that provided in this
22 subsection, up to the maximum penalty prescribed by this
23 title for a felony of the second degree. There shall be no
24 authority in any court to impose on an offender to which this
25 subsection is applicable any lesser sentence than provided
26 for in subsection (a) or to place such offender on probation
27 or to suspend sentence. Sentencing guidelines promulgated by
28 the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing shall not supersede
29 the mandatory sentences provided in this subsection. If a
30 sentencing court refuses to apply this subsection where

1 applicable, the Commonwealth shall have the right to
2 appellate review of the action of the sentencing court. The
3 appellate court shall vacate the sentence and remand the case
4 to the sentencing court for imposition of a sentence in
5 accordance with this subsection if it finds that the sentence
6 was imposed in violation of this subsection.

7 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
8 preclude prosecution for a more serious violation of The
9 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

10 (a.2) Possession of controlled substance contraband by
11 [inmate] confined persons prohibited.--[A prisoner or inmate] A
12 confined person commits a felony of the second degree if he
13 unlawfully has in his possession or under his control any
14 controlled substance in violation of section 13(a)(16) of The
15 Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. For
16 purposes of this subsection, no amount shall be deemed de
17 minimis.

18 (b) [Money] Delivery of money to inmates prohibited.--[A
19 person] An individual commits a misdemeanor of the [third] first
20 degree if he [gives or furnishes money to any inmate confined in
21 a State or county] delivers money to an inmate committed to a
22 correctional institution as defined in section 501 (relating to
23 definitions), provided notice of this prohibition is adequately
24 posted at the institution. [A person] An individual may,
25 however, deposit money with the superintendent, warden[,] or
26 other authorized individual in charge of a [State or county]
27 correctional institution for the benefit and use of an inmate
28 confined therein, which shall be credited to the inmate's
29 account and expended in accordance with the rules and
30 regulations of the institution. The person making the deposit

1 shall be provided with a written receipt for the amount
2 deposited.

3 (c) [Contraband other than controlled substance.--A person]
4 Delivery of other contraband to confined persons prohibited.--An
5 individual commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if he
6 [sells, gives or furnishes to any convict in a prison, or inmate
7 in a mental hospital, or gives away in or brings into any
8 prison, mental hospital, or any building appurtenant thereto, or
9 on the land granted to or owned or leased by the Commonwealth or
10 county for the use and benefit of the prisoners or inmates, or
11 puts in any place where it may be secured by a convict of a
12 prison, inmate of a mental hospital, or employee thereof,]
13 delivers to a confined person:

14 (1) any kind of spirituous or fermented liquor, poison
15 or medicine [or poison] (except the ordinary hospital supply
16 of the [prison or mental hospital] facility) without a
17 written permit signed by the physician of [such institution]
18 the facility, specifying the quantity and quality of the
19 substance which may be furnished to [any convict, inmate or
20 employee in the prison or mental hospital, the name of the
21 prisoner, inmate or employee for whom,] the confined person,
22 the name of the confined person and the time when the same
23 may be furnished[, which permit shall be delivered to and
24 kept by the warden or superintendent of the prison or mental
25 hospital.];

26 (2) an unauthorized item that is readily capable of
27 concealing an item prohibited under section 5122 (relating to
28 weapons, implements of escape or dangerous material) or this
29 section; or

30 (3) an item designated as a prohibited item by the

1 Secretary of Corrections or the superintendent, warden or
2 otherwise authorized individual in charge of a correctional
3 institution, prison, jail, detention facility or mental
4 hospital.

5 (c.1) [Telecommunication] Delivery of telecommunications
6 devices to [inmates] confined persons prohibited.--A person
7 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if, without the
8 written permission of superintendent, warden or otherwise
9 authorized individual in charge of a [correctional institution,
10 prison, jail, detention facility or mental hospital, he sells,
11 gives or furnishes] facility, he delivers to any [inmate]
12 confined person in a [correctional institution, prison, jail,
13 detention facility or mental hospital, or any building
14 appurtenant thereto] facility, or puts in any place where it may
15 be obtained by [an inmate] a confined person [of a correctional
16 institution, prison, jail, detention facility or mental
17 hospital], any telecommunication device.

18 (c.2) Possession of telecommunication devices by [inmates]
19 confined persons prohibited.--[An inmate] A confined person in a
20 [correctional institution, prison, jail, detention facility or
21 mental hospital, or any building appurtenant thereto,] facility
22 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if he has in his
23 possession any telecommunication device without the written
24 permission of the superintendent, warden or otherwise authorized
25 individual in charge of [a correctional institution, prison,
26 jail, detention facility or mental hospital] the facility.

27 (c.3) Possession of money or other contraband by a confined
28 person.--A confined person commits a misdemeanor of the first
29 degree if he possesses anything which is prohibited under
30 subsection (b) or (c).

1 (c.4) Applicability.--The provisions of subsections (c.1)
2 and (c.2) shall not apply to civil units of mental hospitals.

3 (d) Drug-sniffing animals.--Any jail or prison may use dogs
4 or other animals trained to sniff [controlled substances or
5 other contraband] anything which is prohibited under this
6 section for such purposes in or on any part of the jail or
7 prison at any time.

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

11 "Confined person." An individual committed under a court
12 order to a facility, regardless of whether the individual is
13 temporarily absent due to medical treatment, transportation,
14 court appearance or other reason for a temporary absence.

15 "Delivers." Sells, gives, transmits, furnishes or otherwise
16 transfers anything prohibited under this section to a confined
17 person in a facility.

18 "Facility." A correctional institution, mental hospital,
19 youth development center, youth forestry camp or other facility
20 for the detention or incarceration of individuals under court
21 order, a building appurtenant thereto or any other place where a
22 confined person is located.

23 ["Inmate." A male or female offender who is committed to,
24 under sentence to or confined in a penal or correctional
25 institution.]

26 "Telecommunication device." Any type of instrument, device,
27 machine or equipment which is capable of transmitting
28 telephonic, electronic, digital, cellular or radio
29 communications or any part of such instrument, device, machine
30 or equipment which is capable of facilitating the transmission

1 of telephonic, electronic, digital, cellular or radio
2 communications. The term shall include, but not be limited to,
3 cellular phones, digital phones and modem equipment devices.
4 § 6105. Persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell
5 or transfer firearms.

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7 (b) Enumerated offenses.--The following offenses shall apply
8 to subsection (a):

9 Section 908 (relating to prohibited offensive weapons).

10 Section 911 (relating to corrupt organizations).

11 Section 912 (relating to possession of weapon on school
12 property).

13 Section 2502 (relating to murder).

14 Section 2503 (relating to voluntary manslaughter).

15 Section 2504 (relating to involuntary manslaughter) if
16 the offense is based on the reckless use of a firearm.

17 Section 2702 (relating to aggravated assault).

18 Section 2703 (relating to assault by prisoner).

19 Section 2704 (relating to assault by life prisoner).

20 Section 2709.1 (relating to stalking).

21 Section 2716 (relating to weapons of mass destruction).

22 Section 2901 (relating to kidnapping).

23 Section 2902 (relating to unlawful restraint).

24 Section 2910 (relating to luring a child into a motor
25 vehicle or structure).

26 Section 3121 (relating to rape).

27 Section 3123 (relating to involuntary deviate sexual
28 intercourse).

29 Section 3125 (relating to aggravated indecent assault).

30 Section 3301 (relating to arson and related offenses).

1 Section 3302 (relating to causing or risking
2 catastrophe).

3 Section 3502 (relating to burglary).

4 Section 3503 (relating to criminal trespass) if the
5 offense is graded a felony of the second degree or higher.

6 Section 3701 (relating to robbery).

7 Section 3702 (relating to robbery of motor vehicle).

8 Section 3921 (relating to theft by unlawful taking or
9 disposition) upon conviction of the second felony offense.

10 Section 3923 (relating to theft by extortion) when the
11 offense is accompanied by threats of violence.

12 Section 3925 (relating to receiving stolen property) upon
13 conviction of the second felony offense.

14 Section 4906 (relating to false reports to law
15 enforcement authorities) if the fictitious report involved
16 the theft of a firearm as provided in section 4906(c)(2).

17 Section 4912 (relating to impersonating a public servant)
18 if the person is impersonating a law enforcement officer.

19 Section 4952 (relating to intimidation of witnesses or
20 victims).

21 Section 4953 (relating to retaliation against witness
22 [or] victim or party).

23 Section 5121 (relating to escape).

24 Section 5122 (relating to weapons [or implements for
25 escape], implements of escape or dangerous material).

26 Section 5501(3) (relating to riot).

27 Section 5515 (relating to prohibiting of paramilitary
28 training).

29 Section 5516 (relating to facsimile weapons of mass
30 destruction).

1 Section 6110.1 (relating to possession of firearm by
2 minor).

3 Section 6301 (relating to corruption of minors).

4 Section 6302 (relating to sale or lease of weapons and
5 explosives).

6 Any offense equivalent to any of the above-enumerated
7 offenses under the prior laws of this Commonwealth or any
8 offense equivalent to any of the above-enumerated offenses
9 under the statutes of any other state or of the United
10 States.

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