

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 217 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY ISAACSON, FREEMAN, STURLA, GIRAL, GUENST,
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MARCH 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities
2 Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in
3 firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for
4 limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition; and,
5 in general provisions relating to home rule and optional plan
6 government, repealing provisions relating to limitation on
7 municipal powers.

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

10 Section 1. Section 6120(a) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
11 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
12 adding a subsection to read:

13 § 6120. Limitation on the regulation of firearms and
14 ammunition.

15 (a) General rule.--[No county, municipality or township]
16 Except as provided in subsection (a.4), no political subdivision
17 may in any manner regulate the lawful ownership, possession,
18 transfer or transportation of firearms, ammunition or ammunition
19 components when carried or transported for purposes not
20 prohibited by the laws of this Commonwealth.

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(a.4) Exception.--A political subdivision may, by ordinance, regulate the possession, transfer or transportation of firearms, ammunition or ammunition components when carried or transported on any property owned, operated or maintained by the political subdivision, including, but not limited to:

(1) Buildings.

(2) Parks.

(3) Conveyances or vehicles.

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Section 2. Section 2962(g) of Title 53 is repealed:

§ 2962. Limitation on municipal powers.

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[(g) Regulation of firearms.--A municipality shall not enact any ordinance or take any other action dealing with the regulation of the transfer, ownership, transportation or possession of firearms.]

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