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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 30, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
3 articles, providing for the offense of undetectable firearms.

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

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

8 § 6143. Undetectable firearms.

9 (a) Offense defined.--It shall be unlawful for a person to
10 manufacture, import, sell, ship, deliver, possess, transfer or
11 receive a firearm constructed entirely of a nonmetal substance,
12 or a firearm that does not include at least one major component
13 of a firearm constructed entirely of a metal substance,
14 including a barrel, slide, cylinder, frame or receiver, which
15 meets any of the following:

16 (1) After removal of all parts other than major
17 components, the firearm is not detectable as the security
18 exemplar by walk-through metal detectors that are calibrated

1 and operated to detect the security exemplar.

2 (2) The firearm includes a major component of which,
3 when subject to inspection by the types of detection devices
4 commonly used at airports for security screening, does not
5 generate an image that accurately depicts the shape of the
6 component.

7 (b) Grading.--An offense under this section constitutes a
8 felony of the third degree.

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

12 "Major component." With respect to a firearm, the term shall
13 include any of the following:

14 (1) The barrel.

15 (2) The slide or cylinder.

16 (3) The frame or receiver.

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