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ULLMAN, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous
3 articles, further providing for definitions and for sale or
4 transfer of firearms.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6102 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
9 § 6102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this subchapter which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this subchapter, the following words and phrases,
13 when used in this subchapter shall have, unless the context
14 clearly indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this
15 section:

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17 "Rifle." A weapon designed or redesigned, made or remade,

1 and intended to be fired from the shoulder and designed or
2 redesigned and made or remade to use the energy of an explosive
3 to fire only a single projectile through a rifled bore for each
4 single pull of the trigger.

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6 "Semi-automatic assault rifle." A semi-automatic rifle
7 capable of holding more than five rounds of ammunition in a
8 fixed or detachable magazine.

9 "Semi-automatic rifle." A repeating rifle that utilizes a
10 portion of the energy of a firing cartridge to extract the fired
11 cartridge case and chamber the next round and that requires a
12 separate pull of the trigger to fire each cartridge.

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14 Section 2. Section 6111(g) of Title 18 is amended by adding
15 a paragraph and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
16 read:

17 § 6111. Sale or transfer of firearms.

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19 (c.1) Semi-automatic assault rifles.--No person shall sell
20 or transfer a semi-automatic assault rifle to an individual
21 under 21 years of age.

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23 (g) Penalties.--

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25 (1.1) Any person, licensed dealer, licensed manufacturer
26 or licensed importer who knowingly or intentionally sells,
27 delivers or transfers a semi-automatic assault rifle to any
28 person, purchaser or transferee who is unqualified or
29 ineligible to control, possess or use a semi-automatic
30 assault rifle under this chapter commits a felony of the

1 third degree and shall in addition be subject to revocation
2 of the license to sell firearms for a period of three years.

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