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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 912 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, SCHLOSSBERG, PROBST, VITALI, SANCHEZ,  
VENKAT, MADDEN, CIRESI, FIEDLER, STURLA, FREEMAN, KINKEAD,  
FRANKEL, OTTEN, SCHWEYER, BOROWSKI, GUENST AND WARREN,  
APRIL 17, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, APRIL 17, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing  
3 for possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court  
4 facility.

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

7 Section 1. Section 913(e) and the definition of "court  
8 facility" in subsection (f) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 913. Possession of firearm or other dangerous weapon in court  
11 facility.

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13 (e) [Facilities for checking firearms or other dangerous  
14 weapons.--Each county shall make available at or within the  
15 building containing a court facility by July 1, 2002, lockers or  
16 similar facilities at no charge or cost for the temporary  
17 checking of firearms by persons carrying firearms under section  
18 6106(b) or 6109 or for the checking of other dangerous weapons

1 that are not otherwise prohibited by law. Any individual  
2 checking a firearm, dangerous weapon or an item deemed to be a  
3 dangerous weapon at a court facility must be issued a receipt.  
4 Notice of the location of the facility shall be posted as  
5 required under subsection (d)] (Reserved).

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

9 "Court facility." The courtroom of a court of record; a  
10 courtroom of a community court; the courtroom of a magisterial  
11 district judge; a courtroom of the Philadelphia Municipal Court;  
12 a courtroom of the Pittsburgh Magistrates Court; a courtroom of  
13 the Traffic Court of Philadelphia; judge's chambers; witness  
14 rooms; jury deliberation rooms; attorney conference rooms;  
15 prisoner holding cells; offices of court clerks, the district  
16 attorney, the sheriff and probation and parole officers; and any  
17 lobbies or adjoining corridors.

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