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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 941 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY PARKER, SANCHEZ, GIRAL, HOHENSTEIN, MADDEN,  
KINKEAD AND GREEN, 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 firearms and other dangerous  
3 articles, providing for parental firearm liability for  
4 minor's negligence or willful misconduct.

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

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

9 § 6129. Parental firearm liability for minor's negligence or  
10 willful misconduct.

11 If a parent, guardian or other individual legally responsible  
12 for a minor under 18 years of age permits the minor to use or  
13 possess a firearm, any negligence or willful misconduct of the  
14 minor in connection with the use or possession of the firearm  
15 shall be imputed to the individual who permits the use or  
16 possession for all purposes of criminal penalties and civil  
17 damages, and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that  
18 person is jointly and severally liable with the minor for any  
19 and all damages caused by the negligence or willful misconduct,

1 if the parent, guardian or other individual legally responsible  
2 for the minor:

3 (1) knows that the minor has previously been adjudicated  
4 delinquent or has been convicted of a criminal offense;

5 (2) knows that the minor has a propensity to commit  
6 violent acts; or

7 (3) has reason to know that the minor intends to use the  
8 firearm for unlawful purposes.

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