
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1340 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DOWLING, ECKER, RYAN, DUNBAR, KAUFFMAN, ROTHMAN,
WARNER, ROWE, BERNSTINE, MOUL AND SMITH, MAY 5, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MAY 5, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in inchoate crimes, further providing
3 for the offense of use or possession of electric or
4 electronic incapacitation device.

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

7 Section 1. Section 908.1(b) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 908.1. Use or possession of electric or electronic
10 incapacitation device.

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12 (b) Self defense.--A person may possess and use an electric
13 or electronic incapacitation device in the exercise of
14 reasonable force in defense of the person or the person's
15 property pursuant to Chapter 5 (relating to general principles
16 of justification) [if the electric or electronic incapacitation
17 device is labeled with or accompanied by clearly written
18 instructions as to its use and the damages involved in its use].

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