THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1033 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY HUTCHINSON, SCARNATI, BARTOLOTTA, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, MENSCH, RAFFERTY AND WAGNER, DECEMBER 5, 2015

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, DECEMBER 5, 2015

AN ACT

Amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 35 (Health and 1 Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in 2 firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for 3 prohibited conduct during emergency; and, in Commonwealth 5 services, further providing for general authority of Governor. 6 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 8 9 Section 1. Section 6107(a) and (b) of Title 18 of the 10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read: 11 § 6107. Prohibited conduct during emergency. 12 [(a) General rule. -- No person shall carry a firearm upon the public streets or upon any public property during an emergency 13 proclaimed by a State or municipal governmental executive unless 14 15 that person is: 16 Actively engaged in a defense of that person's life 17 or property from peril or threat.

Licensed to carry firearms under section 6109

(relating to licenses) or is exempt from licensing under

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- 1 section 6106(b) (relating to firearms not to be carried
- 2 without a license).]
- 3 (b) Seizure, taking and confiscation. -- [Except as otherwise
- 4 provided under subsection (a) and notwithstanding]
- 5 Notwithstanding the provisions of 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 73 (relating to
- 6 Commonwealth services) or any other provision of law to the
- 7 contrary, no firearm, accessory or ammunition may be seized,
- 8 taken or confiscated during an emergency unless the seizure,
- 9 taking or confiscation would be authorized absent the emergency.
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- 11 Section 2. Section 7301(f)(8) of Title 35 is amended to
- 12 read:
- 13 § 7301. General authority of Governor.
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- 15 (f) Additional powers. -- In addition to any other powers
- 16 conferred upon the Governor by law, the Governor may:
- 17 * * *
- 18 (8) Suspend or limit the sale, dispensing or
- transportation of alcoholic beverages, [firearms,] explosives
- and combustibles.
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- 22 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.