
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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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 purchase and sale of firearm parts
4 without a serial number and for manufacturing or facilitating
5 the manufacture of firearm using three-dimensional printer.

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

8 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

10 § 6110.3. Purchase and sale of firearm parts without a serial
11 number.

12 (a) General rule.--A person who sells or, with the purpose
13 to manufacture or otherwise assemble a firearm and without being
14 registered or licensed to do so under 18 U.S.C. § 923(a)
15 (relating to licensing), purchases or otherwise obtains
16 separately or as part of a kit a firearm frame or firearm
17 receiver which is not imprinted with a serial number registered
18 with a federally licensed manufacturer or any combination of

1 parts from which a firearm without a serial number may be
2 readily or otherwise assembled, but which does not have the
3 capacity to function as a firearm unless manufactured or
4 otherwise assembled, commits a felony of the second degree.

5 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
6 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
7 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

8 "Firearm frame or firearm receiver." The part of a firearm
9 that provides housing for the firearm's internal components,
10 such as the hammer, bolt or breechblock, action and firing
11 mechanism, and includes, without limitation, any object or part
12 which is not such part in finished form but is designed or
13 intended to be used for that purpose and which may readily have
14 been made into such part or recovered through milling or other
15 means.

16 § 6110.4. Manufacturing or facilitating the manufacture of
17 firearm using three-dimensional printer.

18 (a) General rule.--No person may:

19 (1) use a three-dimensional printer or similar device to
20 manufacture or produce a firearm receiver, magazine or
21 firearm component; or

22 (2) distribute by any means, including the Internet, to
23 a person in Pennsylvania digital instructions in the form of
24 computer-aided design files or other code or instructions
25 stored and displayed in electronic format as a digital model
26 that may be used to program a three-dimensional printer to
27 manufacture or produce a firearm or any firearm component.

28 (b) Penalty.--A person who violates this section commits a
29 felony of the second degree.

30 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
2 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Distribute." To sell or to manufacture, give, provide,
4 lend, trade, mail, deliver, publish, circulate, disseminate,
5 present, exhibit, display, share, advertise, offer or make
6 available via the Internet or by any other means, whether for
7 pecuniary gain or not, and includes an agreement or attempt to
8 engage in such activity.

9 "Firearm component." A part or parts used separately or as
10 part of a kit which do not have the capacity to function as a
11 firearm unless assembled with a firearm frame or firearm
12 receiver.

13 "Firearm frame or firearm receiver." As defined in section
14 6110.3.

15 "Three-dimensional printer." A computer or computer-driven
16 machine or device capable of producing a three-dimensional
17 object from a digital model.

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