
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY HARPER, MARSICO, DRISCOLL, D. COSTA, PICKETT,
A. HARRIS, O'NEILL, MURT, MILLARD, HELM, WATSON, GILLEN AND
FARRY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017

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 possessing instruments of crime.

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

6 Section 1. Section 907(d) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition and the
8 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 907. Possessing instruments of crime.

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11 (c.1) Unlawful false or secret compartment.--A person
12 commits a misdemeanor of the first degree if he possesses a
13 false or secret compartment in a motor vehicle with the intent
14 to employ the false or secret compartment criminally.

15 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection:

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1 "False or secret compartment." Any enclosure integrated into
2 a motor vehicle that is a modification of the motor vehicle as
3 built by the manufacturer. The term does not include a
4 compartment used or possessed solely for the purpose of securing
5 valuables, electronics, firearms or other personal property that
6 is lawfully possessed.

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