

No. 2001-87

AN ACT

HB 1603

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for unlawful carrying of paintball guns and markers in vehicles.

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

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

§ 2707.2. Paintball guns and paintball markers.

(a) Unlawful carrying in vehicle.—

(1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), an individual may not carry a paintball gun or a paintball marker in a vehicle on a highway unless one of the following apply:

(i) The paintball gun or paintball marker is disassembled so that the propellant canister is separate from the rest of the device and the device is empty of encapsulated gelatin paintballs.

(ii) The propellant canister of the paintball gun or paintball marker has been emptied of its gas or air propellant and the device is empty of encapsulated gelatin paintballs.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a commercial paintball field, range or course where passengers are being transported by the commercial field, range or course operator to and from designated player areas.

(b) Penalty.—A person who violates this section commits a summary offense.

(c) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:

“Paintball gun.” A device designed and manufactured to propel, by gas or air, an encapsulated gelatin paintball.

“Paintball marker.” A device designed and manufactured to propel, by gas or air, an encapsulated gelatin paintball.

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

APPROVED—The 21st day of November, A.D. 2001.

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