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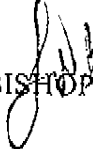
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TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE WILLIAMS BISHOP 

SUBJECT: CO-SPONSORSHIP

Shortly, I will be introducing legislation amending Title 18 to provide for firearm security in cities of the first class. A copy of this legislation is included.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Debbie at 3-2192 or via email at dellerma@pahouse.net. Thank you.

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for firearm security in
3 cities of the first class.

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

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

8 § 6143. Firearms and explosive weapons in cities of the first
9 class.

10 (a) Scope.--This section applies only in a city of the first
11 class.

12 (b) Security.--A person that maintains a firearm or an
13 explosive weapon shall maintain the firearm or explosive weapon:

14 (1) in a locked container; or

15 (2) in the possession of or within physical reach of an
16 individual who is lawfully entitled to possess it.

17 (c) Reporting.--A person that maintains a firearm or an
18 explosive weapon shall report the loss or theft of the firearm

1 or explosive weapon to law enforcement within one hour after the
2 person knows or should be aware that the firearm or explosive
3 weapon has been lost or stolen.

4 (d) Offense.--A person that violates subsection (b) or (c)
5 commits a misdemeanor of the third degree.

6 (e) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
7 "explosive weapon" means a weapon which is designed to or may
8 readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an
9 explosive.

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