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LABS, JULY 30, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, JULY 30, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in general administration relating to
3 correctional institutions, providing for electronic control
4 gloves.

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

7 Section 1. Title 61 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 1107. Electronic control gloves.

10 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), the
11 department may issue electronic control gloves to a corrections
12 officer.

13 (b) Exception.--The department shall issue electronic
14 control gloves to a corrections officer who is assigned to any
15 unit that houses inmates who:

16 (1) received disciplinary sanctions; and

17 (2) are segregated from the general inmate population.

1 (c) Policies.--The department shall establish written
2 policies, which shall be public, regarding the proper use,
3 training, maintenance and storage of electronic control gloves
4 issued to corrections officers.

5 (d) Training.--The department may not issue electronic
6 control gloves to a corrections officer under this section until
7 the corrections officer has received training on the proper use
8 of the electronic control gloves in a course approved by the
9 department.

10 (e) Compliance.--A corrections officer who is issued
11 electronic control gloves under this section shall comply with
12 the guidelines established under 18 Pa.C.S. § 508 (relating to
13 use of force in law enforcement) and the written policies
14 established under subsection (c).

15 (f) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

18 "Electronic control gloves." Gloves equipped with electrodes
19 in the finger pads or palm that emit less than 500 volts of
20 electricity and are designed or intended by the manufacturer to
21 be used, offensively or defensively, to temporarily immobilize,
22 restrain or control an individual.

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