

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Mayor's Office

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The bill amends the Article 734 (Weapons)

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
 - **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
 - **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

In light of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court decision, dated June 20, 2016, declaring Act 192, which gave gun rights groups, among others, standing to challenge local legislation on firearms, unconstitutional, and therefore void, Allentown is once again placing back on the books its gun laws under Articles 734. Under the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's ruling, the Commonwealth is prohibited from enforcing any provision of Act 192 or taking any action in reliance on Act 192.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

There is no cost related to adopting this bill.

Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

N/A

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Priority.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

It is critical that the elected leaders of Pennsylvania's third largest city demonstrate its commitment to curbing gun violence.