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**Costa legislation to be discussed at safety public hearings on gun laws and violence**

**HARRISBURG, April 9** – The House Judiciary Committee will start five days of public safety hearings Monday on state gun laws and gun violence, according to state Rep. Dom Costa, D-Allegheny, who is a member of the committee.

Three pieces of legislation Costa co-sponsored, introduced or supports will be among the topics of discussion, including:

- [House Bill 1872](#): Legislation that would update the state’s definition of “offensive weapons” to include “multiburst trigger activators,” including items such as bump stocks.
- [House Bill 1400](#): This measure would require background checks on the purchase of all firearms, including those purchased at gun shows.
- [Senate Bill 501](#): An initiative that would remove third-party safekeeping as an option for a defendant ordered by the court to surrender their firearms, weapons and ammunition.

“The safety of all Pennsylvanians is a top priority for me and my colleagues at the Capitol, which makes these hearings vital to accomplishing that goal,” Costa said. “I look forward to hearing from those who are passionate about the issue, as well as from those who are witnesses to it.”

Costa said in addition to exploring ways to better protect the public from violence, he’s eyeing proposals that would ensure law enforcement and other first responders aren’t outgunned or unprepared when responding to the scene of a violence-related incident.

He co-authored the bill that would curtail multiburst trigger activators, the type used in the Las Vegas shooting, which can simulate fully automatic rates of fire and are able to expel over 600 rounds per minute, more than nine rounds per second.

**The special set of hearings will be held:**

- Monday, April 9: 11 a.m. in room 140, Main Capitol;
- Tuesday, April 10: 10 a.m. in room 140, Main Capitol;
- Wednesday, April 11: 10 a.m. in room 140, Main Capitol;
- Monday, April 16: 10:30 a.m. in room 205, Ryan Office Building; and
- Tuesday, April 17: 9 a.m. in room 140, Main Capitol.

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