

## No. 54

## AN ACT

To further amend subsection (a) of section 704 of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," by permitting the use of semi-automatic shotguns for the hunting and killing of small game, predators, and unprotected birds.

"The Game Law."

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

Subsection (a) of section 704, act of June 3, 1937, P. L. 1225, as amended by act of June 24, 1939, P. L. 810, further amended.

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 704 of the act, approved the third day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-seven (Pamphlet Laws 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," as amended by the act, approved the twenty-fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred thirty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 810), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

## (a) Unlawful Methods and Devices

Section 704. Unlawful Methods of Hunting.—It is unlawful for any person to shoot at or to shoot for any wild bird or wild animal unless it is plainly visible to him, or to dig, cut, or smoke or in any other manner take any live wild bird or wild animal, other than a predator, out of its den or place of refuge, except that woodchucks may be dug out of their dens in cultivated fields, under the conditions stipulated in the preceding section.

Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful to hunt for, catch, take, kill, or wound, or attempt to catch, take, kill, or wound any wild bird or wild animal of any kind through the use of, (a) what is commonly known as an automatic gun or an automatic firearm of any kind, *except that semi-automatic shotguns may be used for hunting and killing small game, predators, and unprotected birds*; (b) or a magazine shotgun to hunt for any bird or animal, other than big game, which contains more than three shells at one time in the magazine and chamber combined, or a swivel gun or an air-rifle, or the apparatus known as a silencer; (c) or from an automobile or vehicle or boat or craft of any kind, propelled by any mechanical power; (d) or to set, lay or prepare for use or to use any bait, hay, grain, or other food, or any trap, snare, set-gun, net, bird-lime, deer-lick, pit-fall, turkey blind or turkey pen; the term "set-gun" as herein used meaning any contrivance, device,

or firearm capable of discharging, or projecting, a deadly charge or missile, which is set to operate in the absence of the owner; (e) or to make use of, or take advantage of, any artificial light, battery, or other contrivance or device, except that artificial lights such as are ordinarily carried in the hand or on the person, may be used for the purpose of taking raccoons, opossums and skunks; (f) or to make use of any method or device not specifically permitted by this act, for the purpose of catching, taking, wounding, or killing wild birds or wild animals.

APPROVED—The 10th day of May, A. D. 1951.

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No. 55

AN ACT

To amend section 508 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by requiring a record vote of school directors on the adoption of the annual budget.

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

Section 1. Section 508 of the act, approved the tenth day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 508. Majority Vote Required; Recording.—The affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the board of school directors in every school district, duly recorded, showing how each member voted, shall be required in order to take action on the following subjects:—

Fixing length of school term.

Adopting textbooks.

Appointing or dismissing district superintendents, assistant district superintendents, associate superintendents, principals, and teachers.

Appointing tax collectors and other appointees.

*Adopting the annual budget.*

Levying and assessing taxes.

Purchasing, selling, or condemning land.

"Public School Code of 1949."

Section 508, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, amended.