

## No. 169

## AN ACT

To further amend section four hundred eleven 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 changing the shooting restrictions on regulated shooting grounds.

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

Section 1. Section four hundred eleven 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 last amended by the act, approved the eighth day of April, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 409), is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"The Game Law."

Section 411, act of June 3, 1937, P. L. 1225, as last amended by act of April 8, 1949, P. L. 409, further amended.

Section 411. Shooting Restrictions on Regulated Grounds.—Such permits shall entitle the holder or holders thereof, and their guests, to kill or take, by shooting only, not to exceed seventy-five per centum of the pheasants, bobwhite quail of the subspecies approved by the commission, and chukar partridges, and ninety per centum of the mallard or black ducks, propagated or purchased and released on the premises each year, said propagation or release to be established to the satisfaction of the commission.

All game birds released on said regulated shooting grounds shall be full-winged and fully able to care for themselves in a wild state, and wherever the commission deems it desirable, all mature birds released shall bear a metal leg band of a type approved by it. Such propagated or released birds may be taken without regard to sex or age, or daily or season bag limits, so long as not more than the specified percentages herein enumerated are taken during the shooting period below authorized.

(a) The period for taking domestically produced pheasants, bobwhite quail of the subspecies approved by the commission, [and] chukar partridges, *and mallard or black ducks more than two generations removed from the wild*, on regulated shooting grounds [in areas where wild ringneck pheasants and bobwhite quail of the subspecies approved by the commission thrive and normally produce a shootable supply of such birds] shall begin on the date and hour of the general statewide open season for [small] *such game birds* as fixed by the act or the commission and continue [to] *through*

the [thirty-first] last day of [December, inclusive] *February next following, Sundays excepted, unless otherwise provided in paragraph (b) below.*

(b) The period for taking such ringneck pheasants, bobwhite quail of the subspecies approved by the commission, [and] chukar partridges, *and mallard or black ducks more than two generations removed from the wild,* on regulated shooting grounds established in areas [other than those stipulated in paragraph (a) above,] *where wild ringneck pheasants, and bobwhite quail of the subspecies approved by the commission, do not thrive and normally produce a shootable supply of such birds, or which are commercially operated and are open to public use,* shall be fixed by the commission without regard to the general state-wide open season for small game, the period so fixed to be certified to the holders of such permits at least thirty days in advance of the season.

(c) The period for taking domestically produced mallard or black ducks *less than two generations removed from the wild on all regulated shooting grounds,* [unless otherwise fixed and so certified by the commission,] shall conform with the season established for waterfowl hunting by Federal regulations in effect for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

All species of game other than those specified, found on the premises covered by such regulated shooting grounds permits, may be taken on said premises only under the general provisions of the law governing seasons, bag limits, etc.

Every person hunting on such regulated shooting grounds or participating in a shoot held under a regulated shooting grounds permit shall be possessed of a resident or nonresident hunter's license for the current year as required by law.

Section 2. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon final enactment.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A. D. 1951.

JOHN S. FINE

Act effective immediately.

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No. 170

AN ACT

To add section 17.1 to the act, approved the seventeenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred thirty-five (Pamphlet Laws 1092), entitled "An act defining fraternal benefit societies and their status; authorizing such societies to create subordinate lodges and to pay benefits to members and their beneficiaries from funds collected, and regulating such benefits and collections; providing for the organization and incorporation of