

No. 354

AN ACT

Amending the act of May 29, 1917 (P. L. 322), entitled "An act to give protection, and to regulate the catching or taking or having in possession, within this Commonwealth, of any bullfrogs, tadpoles, and terrapin; and providing penalties and punishments for violation of any of the provisions of this act, and the manner of proceeding to enforce compliance therewith; and providing for the disposition of the penalties and fines recovered and received; and how, and by whom, the costs in such cases shall be paid," by making this act apply to turtles, frogs and tadpoles; changing creel limits and revising methods of taking.

Turtles, frogs
and tadpoles.

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

Title of act of
May 29, 1917,
P. L. 322,
amended.

Section 1. The title of the act of May 29, 1917 (P. L. 322), entitled "An act to give protection, and to regulate the catching or taking or having in possession, within this Commonwealth, of any bullfrogs, tadpoles, and terrapin; and providing penalties and punishments for violation of any of the provisions of this act, and the manner of proceeding to enforce compliance therewith; and providing for the disposition of the penalties and fines recovered and received; and how, and by whom, the costs in such cases shall be paid," is amended to read:

An Act

New title.

To give protection, and to regulate the catching or taking or having in possession, within this Commonwealth, of any [bullfrogs, tadpoles, and terrapin] *turtles, frogs, and tadpoles*; and providing penalties and punishments for violation of any of the provisions of this act, and the manner or proceeding to enforce compliance therewith; and providing for the disposition of the penalties and fines recovered and received; and how, and by whom, the costs in such cases shall be paid.

Section 1 of the
act, amended
May 29, 1935,
P. L. 253,
further amended.

Section 2. Section 1 of the act, amended May 29, 1935 (P. L. 253), is amended to read:

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person to catch, take, or kill any [bullfrogs, or] *frogs and tadpoles*, from the first day of November to the first day of July, both dates inclusive, [and terrapin from the fifteenth day of March to the first day of November, both dates inclusive, in each year,] in any of the waters within this Commonwealth or in the boundary waters thereof. Any person violating any of the provisions of

this section shall, on conviction as provided in section eight of this act, be subject to a penalty of ten dollars for each offense.

Section 3. Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the act are amended to read:

Sections 2, 3, 4
and 5 of the act,
amended.

Section 2. From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any person to catch, kill, or have in possession in any one day more than [twenty-five bullfrogs, or more than fifty in any one season,] *fifteen frogs*. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, on conviction as provided in section eight of this act, be subject to a penalty of ten dollars for each and every frog so taken, caught, or had in possession.

Section 3. From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any one person to catch, take, or kill more than [twenty-five] *fifteen* tadpoles in any one day, or have more than [twenty-five] *fifteen* tadpoles in possession at any one time. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, on conviction as provided in section eight of this act, be subject to a penalty of ten dollars for each and every tadpole so taken, caught, or had in possession.

Section 4. From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful for any one person to catch, take, or kill more than [five terrapin] *ten turtles* in any one day [, or more than fifty in any one season]. *Hooks used for taking turtles by set line shall be not less than three and one-half inches long with not less than one inch space between point and shank*. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall, on conviction as provided in section eight of this act, be subject to a penalty of ten dollars for each [and every terrapin] *turtle* so taken, caught, or had in possession.

Section 5. From and after the passage of this act it shall be unlawful to catch, take, or kill any [bullfrogs] *frogs* by the use of a light at night. Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, on conviction thereof as provided in section eight of this act, be subject to a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

Section 4. The act is amended by adding, after section 5 thereof, a new section to read:

Act of May 29,
1917, P. L. 322,
amended by add-
ing a new sec-
tion 5.1.

Section 5.1. Frogs and turtles may be taken only by persons holding Pennsylvania fishing licenses.

Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective
immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of September, A. D. 1959.

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