

## No. 418

## AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," extending the period for shooting on regulated shooting grounds.

## The Game Law.

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

Section 411, act of June 3, 1937, P. L. 1225, amended June 28, 1951, P. L. 913, further amended.

Section 1. Section 411, act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), known as "The Game Law," amended June 28, 1951 (P. L. 913), is amended to read:

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, chukar partridges, and mallard or black ducks more than two generations removed from the wild, on regulated shooting grounds shall begin on the date and hour of the general state-wide open season for such game birds as fixed by the act or the commission and continue through the last day of [February] *March* 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, chukar partridges, and mallard or black ducks more than two generations removed from the wild, on

regulated shooting grounds established in areas 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, 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. This act shall take effect immediately.

Act effective immediately.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of October, A. D. 1959.

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No. 419

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," clarifying the provisions relating to shooting across highways or at wild birds or animals on highways.

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

The Game Law.

Section 1. Section 807, act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), entitled "The Game Law," is amended to read:

Section 807, act of June 3, 1937, P. L. 1225, amended.

Section 807. Shooting at [Game] *Wild Birds or Wild Animals* While on Highways.—It is unlawful for any person to shoot at [game] *any wild bird or wild animal*