

No. 124

AN ACT

SB 948

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," further defining "unprotected birds" and "protected birds."

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

Section 1. The term "unprotected birds" in section 101, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225), known as "The Game Law," amended May 6, 1957 (P.L.102), is amended to read:

Section 101. Definitions.—Whenever used in this act, unless a contrary intention is evident from the context, the word "person" shall include individuals, copartnerships, associations, and corporations; the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine, and feminine and neuter. The word "each" shall include the whole or any substantial part or parts.

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Except as modified by the resolutions of the commission, the term "unprotected birds" shall include: (a) the blue jay, (b) the English sparrow, (c) the European starling, (d) the kingfisher, (e) the great horned owl *and* (f) [the snowy owl, and (g)] the crow. [and (h) except during the months of September, and October, of each year, the goshawk, the sharpshinned hawk and the Cooper's hawk, which shall be deemed "protected birds" during said period within that eastern portion of the Commonwealth bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at Easton, Pennsylvania, and extending in a southwesterly direction along U. S. Highway Route No. 22 to the Susquehanna River at Harrisburg; thence extending in a northerly direction along the Susquehanna River and the west branch thereof to a point where State Route No. 405 transverses said river at Muncy, Pennsylvania; thence in a northeasterly direction along State Route No. 405 to Hughesville, Pennsylvania; thence extending in an easterly direction along State Route No. 115 to the junction of State Route No. 29 at Pikes Creek, Pennsylvania; thence in a northerly direction along State Route No. 29 to the Pennsylvania State Line; thence in an easterly direction and thence in a southerly direction along the Pennsylvania State Line to Easton, Pennsylvania, the point of beginning.]

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Section 2. The term "protected birds" in section 101 of the act, amended July 10, 1969 (P.L.144), is amended to read:

Section 101. Definitions.—Whenever used in this act, unless a contrary intention is evident from the context, the word "person" shall include

individuals, copartnerships, associations, and corporations; the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine, and feminine and neuter. The word "each" shall include the whole or any substantial part or parts.

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The term "protected birds" shall include all wild birds not included within the terms "game birds" and "unprotected birds." The term "protected birds" shall also include the goshawk, the sharpshinned hawk and the Cooper's hawk. [within that eastern portion of the Commonwealth bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at Easton, Pennsylvania, and extending in a southwesterly direction along U. S. Highway Route No. 22 to the Susquehanna River at Harrisburg; thence extending in a northerly direction along the Susquehanna River and the west branch thereof to a point where State Route No. 405 transverses said river at Muncy, Pennsylvania; thence in a northeasterly direction along State Route No. 405 to Hughesville, Pennsylvania; thence extending in an easterly direction along State Route No. 115 to the junction of State Route No. 29 at Pikes Creek, Pennsylvania; thence in a northerly direction along State Route No. 29 to the Pennsylvania State Line; thence in an easterly direction and thence in a southerly direction along the Pennsylvania State Line to Easton, Pennsylvania, the point of beginning. In all other portions of the State such birds shall be "unprotected birds."]

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APPROVED—The 22nd day of June, A. D. 1970.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 124.


Secretary of the Commonwealth.