

## No. 1991-24

## AN ACT

## HB 89

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for senior resident license qualifications; authorizing certain disabled persons to hunt with crossbows; and deleting certain license requirements for regulated hunting grounds.

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

Section 1. Sections 2705(3) and (6), 2923(b) and (c) and 2928(d) and (e) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 2705. Classes of licenses.

Unless otherwise provided, any person wishing to exercise any of the privileges granted by this title shall first secure the applicable resident or nonresident hunting or furtaker license as follows:

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(3) Senior resident hunting licenses or, at the option of the applicant, a senior lifetime resident hunting license to residents who have reached *or will reach* their 65th birthday [**prior to the date**] *in the year* of the application for the license. The commission shall develop, implement and administer a system to provide tags, report cards and applications to those residents who hold a senior lifetime resident hunting license issued under this paragraph. The system shall require the applicant or license holder to pay any approved fee assessed by the issuing agent.

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(6) Senior resident furtaker licenses or, at the option of the applicant, a senior lifetime resident furtaker license to residents who have reached *or will reach* their 65th birthday [**prior to the date**] *in the year* of the application for the license.

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§ 2923. Disabled person permits.

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(b) Regulated hunting grounds.—A permit may be issued to hunt on a regulated hunting ground to any person who presents a doctor's certificate showing that the person is physically unable to walk for an extended period of time, authorizing him to hunt for, pursue and kill from an automobile or other vehicle on regulated hunting grounds those species of game authorized for release on such areas, subject to rules and regulations prescribed by the commission. The permittee shall carry the permit while hunting on regulated hunting grounds [**and shall, in addition, display a current valid hunting license**].

(c) Bow and arrow *or crossbow*.—

(1) A permit may be issued to any disabled person who is suffering from permanent paralysis of one arm or who has suffered amputation of one arm, authorizing that person to hunt by the use of [a]:

(i) A bow and arrow which is held in place by a brace secured around the body of the hunter or is triggered with the aid of a mechanical device.

(ii) A *crossbow*.

(2) The bow and arrow, *crossbow* or other device must be approved by the director.

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§ 2928. Regulated hunting grounds permits.

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(d) Hunting regulations.—Permittees and their guests may shoot the birds released by them during the regulated hunting grounds season which shall be set each year by the commission without regard to the general State-wide season. Persons hunting *or taking game birds released under authority of the permit* on [a] regulated hunting grounds are *not* required to have and display a hunting license, as required by this title, [and] *but* the methods of hunting and taking these game birds shall be in compliance with provisions of this title.

(e) Seasons and bag limits.—All species of game, other than those specified, found on the premises covered by the regulated hunting grounds permit may be taken on the premises only [under] *by persons in possession of a valid hunting or furtaker license and only in accordance with* the general provisions of this title *and regulations of the commission* governing seasons and bag limits. [Holders of three-day hunting licenses for regulated hunting grounds shall not be permitted to take any game or wildlife at any time other than game birds authorized for shooting and released on the regulated hunting grounds.]

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Section 2. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The amendment of 34 Pa.C.S. § 2705(3) and (6) shall take effect July 1, 1992.

(2) The amendment of 34 Pa.C.S. § 2923(c) shall apply to the license year beginning July 1, 1991, and each year thereafter.

(3) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 5th day of August, A. D. 1991.

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