

No. 1993-37

## AN ACT

HB 718

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for complimentary nonresident licenses; and further providing for restrictions on recreational spotlighting, for permit fees and for disabled person permits.

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

Section 1. Section 2311 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 2311. Restrictions on recreational spotlighting.

(a) Unlawful acts.—It is unlawful for any person to cast or to assist any other person in casting the rays of a spotlight, vehicle headlight or any other artificial light of any kind from any vehicle, watercraft, airborne craft or any attachment to such vehicles or crafts:

(1) Upon any building at any time.

(2) In any manner which frightens, excites or harasses any livestock, poultry or other farm animal.

(3) To search for or locate for any purpose any game or wildlife anywhere within this Commonwealth, other than specified in paragraph (4), daily between the hours of 11 p.m. and sunrise on the following day.

(4) To search for or locate for any purpose any game or wildlife anywhere within this Commonwealth at any time during the antlered deer rifle season and during the antlerless deer rifle season.

(5) *Upon photoelectric cell lights.*

The provisions of this subsection shall not apply if it is proven that the headlights of a vehicle or conveyance were being used while traveling on a roadway in the usual way.

(b) Penalty.—

[(1)] A violation of [subsection (a)(1), (2) or (3)] *this section* is a summary offense of the fifth degree.

[(2)] A violation of subsection (a)(4) is a summary offense of the third degree.]

Section 2. Title 34 is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 2706.1. *Complimentary nonresident licenses.*

(a) *Authority to issue.*—*Subject to the limitations of subsection (b), the commission is authorized to issue complimentary nonresident hunting licenses to any of the following:*

(1) *The Chief Executive of the United States.*

(2) *The governor of any state.*

(3) *Authorized representatives of the conservation agencies of other*

states.

(4) *Federal officials engaged in conservation work.*

(5) *Authorized officials of national conservation organizations.*

(6) *Conservation officials of any foreign country or major subdivisions of that foreign country.*

(7) *Representatives of the press, television, movie or other media whose activities enhance tourism potential for the Commonwealth.*

(b) *Limitation.—Complimentary licenses issued under subsection (a) shall be limited to 100 annually.*

(c) *Fees.—All complimentary licenses shall be issued without fee and shall be designated in a unique manner by the commission.*

(d) *Report.—The commission shall make an annual report listing each person who received a license under subsection (a) to all of the following:*

(1) *The Appropriations Committee of the Senate.*

(2) *The Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.*

(3) *The Game and Fisheries Committee of the Senate.*

(4) *The Game and Fisheries Committee of the House of Representatives.*

Section 3. Sections 2904(5) and 2923(c) of Title 34 are amended to read:

§ 2904. Permit fees.

The annual fee for permits provided for in this chapter shall be as follows:

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(5) Dog trials (three consecutive days):

(i) Field trials - [\$10 per day] \$25.

(ii) Raccoon trials - [\$15 per day] \$25.

(iii) Retriever trials - \$25.

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§ 2923. Disabled person permits.

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(c) Bow and arrow or crossbow.—

[(1)] A permit [may] *shall* be issued to any [disabled] person who *presents a doctor's certificate showing that the person is [suffering from], because of a permanent [paralysis of one arm or who has suffered amputation of one arm] physical condition, unable to hunt with a conventional bow and arrow,* authorizing that person to hunt by the use of:

[(i)] (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)] (2) A crossbow[.] *subject to the following restrictions:*

(i) *When hunting deer, bear or turkey, the crossbow must have a draw weight of not less than 125 pounds nor more than 200 pounds.*

(ii) *The arrows for the crossbow must be tipped with a broadhead of not less than seven-eighths of an inch wide and have a minimum of two nonmoving, exposed cutting edges.*

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

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Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

- (1) The amendment of 34 Pa.C.S. § 2311 shall take effect in 60 days.
- (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A.D. 1993.

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