

No. 2006-162

## AN ACT

HB 2563

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for possession of firearm for protection of self or others.

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

Section 1. Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

**§ 2525. Possession of firearm for protection of self or others.**

*(a) General rule.—It is lawful for a law enforcement officer or any person who possesses a valid license to carry a firearm issued under 18 Pa.C.S. § 6109 (relating to licenses) to be in possession of a loaded or unloaded firearm while engaged in any activity regulated by this title.*

*(b) Construction.—*

*(1) This section shall supersede any prohibition on the possession of a firearm or ammunition contained in any other provision of this title.*

*(2) This subsection shall not be construed to permit the hunting or harvesting of any wildlife with a firearm or ammunition not otherwise permitted by this title.*

*(c) Definitions.—As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection:*

*“Firearm.” As defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions).*

*“Law enforcement officer.” As defined in 18 Pa.C.S. § 6102 (relating to definitions).*

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 29th day of November, A.D. 2006.

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