

No. 2014-202

AN ACT

HB 2178

Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of waterways conservation officers and deputies and for powers and duties of enforcement officers.

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

Section 1. Section 901 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 901. Powers and duties of waterways conservation officers and deputies.

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(c) Exception to the prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.—A waterways conservation officer whose duty it is to enforce this title and who has received training on the use of body cameras in a course approved by the Pennsylvania State Police shall be defined as a law enforcement officer for the purpose of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5704(16)(iii) (relating to exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications). Such waterways conservation officers may wear body cameras in the performance of their official duties. This subsection shall not apply to a deputy waterways conservation officer.

Section 2. Section 901 of Title 34 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 901. Powers and duties of enforcement officers.

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(b.1) Exception to the prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications.—An officer whose duty it is to enforce this title and who has received training on the use of body cameras in a course approved by the Pennsylvania State Police shall be defined as a law enforcement officer for the purpose of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5704(16)(iii) (relating to exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of communications). Such officers may wear body cameras in the performance of their official duties. This subsection shall not apply to a deputy Game Commission officer or deputy wildlife conservation officer.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 31st day of October, A.D. 2014

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