

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1089 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN, VOGEL, DUSH AND CULVER, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
 2 Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing  
 3 for organization of commission.

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

6 Section 1. Section 301(a) and (b) introductory paragraph of  
 7 Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended  
 8 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 301. Organization of commission.

10 (a) Composition.--The independent administrative commission  
 11 known as the Pennsylvania Game Commission shall consist of  
 12 [nine] 10 competent citizens of this Commonwealth who shall be  
 13 well informed on the subject of wildlife conservation and  
 14 restoration and who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and  
 15 with the advice and consent of a majority of the elected members  
 16 of the Senate.

17 (b) Qualifications.--[The] One member of the commission  
 18 shall be known as the Agricultural Commissioner At Large. The  
 19 Agricultural Commissioner At Large shall represent the interest

1 of agricultural commodities that pertain to normal agricultural  
2 operations and wildlife. The remaining members of the commission  
3 shall be appointed from the various geographical sections of  
4 this Commonwealth so that one and only one shall be a resident  
5 of each of the following districts:

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7 (e) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following  
8 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
9 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 "Agricultural Commissioner At Large." An individual who  
11 raises an agricultural commodity and who owns or leases a normal  
12 agricultural operation.

13 "Agricultural commodity." As defined in section 2 of the act  
14 of June 10, 1982 (P.L.454, No.133), entitled "An act protecting  
15 agricultural operations from nuisance suits and ordinances under  
16 certain circumstances."

17 "Normal agricultural operation." As defined in section 2 of  
18 the act of June 10, 1982 (P.L.454, No.133), entitled "An act  
19 protecting agricultural operations from nuisance suits and  
20 ordinances under certain circumstances."

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