

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1342 Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY GALLEN AND NOYE, APRIL 28, 1981

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 28, 1981

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), entitled
2 "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild
3 animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing
4 the law relating thereto," requiring a certificate of
5 competency for certain hunters.

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

8 Section 1. Section 301.1, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225,
9 No.316), known as "The Game Law, added March 28, 1968 (P.L.75,
10 No.30), is amended to read:

11 Section 301.1. [Licenses for Persons Under Sixteen]
12 Certificate of Competency.--(a) No hunting license shall be
13 issued to any person [under the age of sixteen years] unless he
14 presents to the person authorized to issue such license either
15 (i) evidence that he has held a hunting license issued by the
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or another state in a prior year,
17 or (ii) a certificate of competency as provided in this section,
18 or (iii) a sworn affidavit signed by the applicant stating that
19 he has held a hunting license issued by the Commonwealth or

1 another state in a prior year but is unable to produce evidence
2 of holding such license.

3 (b) The commission shall provide for a course of instruction
4 in the safe handling of firearms and bows and arrows such as
5 approved by the National Rifle Association of America, and for
6 this purpose may cooperate with any reputable association or
7 organization having as one of its objectives the promotion of
8 safety in the handling of firearms, and bows and arrows.

9 (c) The commission may designate any person found by it to
10 be competent to give instruction in the handling of firearms,
11 and bows and arrows [to persons under the age of sixteen years].
12 A person so appointed shall give such course of instruction, and
13 upon the successful completion thereof shall issue to the person
14 instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of
15 firearms and bows and arrows. No charge shall be made for such
16 course of instruction, except for materials or ammunition
17 consumed.

18 (d) The commission shall furnish information on the
19 requirements of the hunter safety education program as provided
20 herein, said information to be distributed free of charge to
21 applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and
22 authorized to issue such licenses.

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