

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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HALUSKA, HUTCHINSON AND MICHLOVIC, FEBRUARY 25, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, FEBRUARY 25, 1987

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cruelty to
3 animals.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5511 of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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10 (b.1) Use of live birds as targets.--

11 (1) A person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree
12 if he:

13 (i) Uses, shoots or attempts to shoot any live bird
14 as a target, with a firearm or other deadly weapon or
15 contrivance, either for amusement, gain, as a test of
16 skill in marksmanship or any other purpose.

17 (ii) Leases a building, room, field or other indoor

1 or outdoor premise or knowingly permits the use of such
2 facilities for purposes set forth in subparagraph (i).

3 (iii) Transports, or hires anyone to transport live
4 birds in or out of this Commonwealth or within this
5 Commonwealth for the purpose set forth in subparagraph
6 (i).

7 (iv) Breeds, keeps, gives, trades, sells or
8 otherwise provides live birds for the purpose set forth
9 in subparagraph (i).

10 (2) All animals, equipment, devices and money involved
11 in a violation of this section shall be subject to forfeiture
12 by the Commonwealth.

13 (3) This subsection shall not apply to, interfere with
14 or hinder any activity which is authorized or permitted
15 pursuant to the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), known
16 as The Game Law, or Title 34 (relating to game).

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