## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

## No. 2866 Session of 1992

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 22, 1992

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, further providing for protective material and for
- 3 license eligibility.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Sections 2524 and 2704(b) of Title 34 of the
- 7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
- 8 § 2524. Protective material required.
- 9 (a) General rule.--Unless further restricted by regulations
- 10 of the commission, every person hunting for or assisting to hunt
- 11 for [deer, bear or woodchucks] big game, excluding wild turkey,
- 12 or small game, excluding migratory waterfowl, shall wear either
- 13 a minimum of 250 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange-
- 14 colored material on the back and front combined or, in lieu
- 15 thereof, a hat of the same color material. The material shall be
- 16 worn so it is visible in a 360-degree arc. [Unless otherwise
- 17 specified by regulations of the commission, the]

- 1 (b) Exceptions. -- The provision of this section shall not
- 2 apply to the following:
- 3 <u>(1)</u> any season for using muzzle-loading firearms
- 4 only[,]<u>;</u>
- 5 (2) any season for hunting wild turkey; or
- 6 (3) any season for using bows and arrows [only] unless
- 7 such season overlaps with small game season.
- 8 [(b)] (c) Penalty.--A violation of this section is a summary
- 9 offense of the fifth degree.
- 10 § 2704. Eligibility for license.
- 11 \* \* \*
- 12 (b) Hunter education.--
- 13 (1) Persons who have not held a hunting license lawfully
- issued to them in this Commonwealth or another state or
- nation or have not hunted under the exceptions in section
- 16 2706 (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) or do
- 17 not possess a certificate of training approved by the
- 18 director prior to the enactment of this title shall be
- 19 required to attain accreditation in a hunter education
- 20 program approved by the director before a hunting license is
- 21 issued to them.
- 22 (2) In addition to taking a general hunter education
- 23 program, a person who wishes to hunt turkey shall complete
- 24 <u>successfully</u>, <u>evidenced</u> by a <u>certificate</u>, a <u>course</u>
- 25 <u>specifically limited to turkey hunting safety which shall be</u>
- offered by the commission by the beginning of the season in
- 27 1994 and each year thereafter. A person who issues hunting
- 28 <u>licenses shall, upon being shown a person's turkey hunting</u>
- 29 <u>safety course certificate, issue a turkey stamp to the</u>
- 30 certificateholder, who shall affix the stamp to the license.

- 1 There shall be no costs or fees charged or collected for the
- 2 stamp or the course.
- 3 (3) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to
- 4 a person who presents:
- 5 [(1)] <u>(i)</u> Evidence of service in the armed forces of
- 6 the United States or in the United States Coast Guard and
- 7 discharge or separation under honorable conditions within
- 8 six months of the date of application.
- 9 [(2)] <u>(ii)</u> Evidence that the person is currently
- 10 serving in the armed forces of the United States or in
- 11 the United States Coast Guard.
- 12 \* \* \*
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.