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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1198 Session of  
2013

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INTRODUCED BY SWANGER, COHEN, GINGRICH AND C. HARRIS,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 16, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for unlawful devices and methods.

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

5 Section 1. Section 2308(a)(7) and (8) of Title 34 of the  
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

7 § 2308. Unlawful devices and methods.

8 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this  
9 title, it is unlawful for any person to hunt or aid, abet,  
10 assist or conspire to hunt any game or wildlife through the use  
11 of:

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13 (7) A vehicle or conveyance of any kind or its  
14 attachment propelled by other than manpower. Nothing [in this  
15 subsection] under this paragraph shall pertain to any  
16 motorboat or sailboat if the motor has been completely shut  
17 off or sail furled, and the progress thereof has ceased. A  
18 person may not, when using a vehicle or conveyance under this

1 paragraph, take big game on the property of another without  
2 lawful permission from the owner of the property.

3 (8) Any artificial or natural bait, hay, grain, fruit,  
4 nut, salt, chemical, mineral or other food as an enticement  
5 for game or wildlife, regardless of kind and quantity, or  
6 take advantage of any such area or food or bait prior to 30  
7 days after the removal of such material and its residue.

8 Nothing [contained in this subsection] under this paragraph  
9 shall pertain to normal or accepted farming, habitat  
10 management practices, oil and gas drilling, mining, forest  
11 management activities or other legitimate commercial or  
12 industrial practices. Upon discovery of such baited areas,  
13 whether prosecution is contemplated or not, the commission  
14 may cause a reasonable area surrounding the enticement to be  
15 posted against hunting or taking game or wildlife. The  
16 posters shall remain for 30 days after complete removal of  
17 the bait.

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