

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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LEVANSKY, SOLOBAY AND YOUNGBLOOD, JUNE 5, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 5, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for safety zones.

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

5 Section 1. Section 2505 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 2505. Safety zones.

8 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this
9 title or to any political subdivision, its employees or agents,
10 which has a valid deer control permit issued under section
11 2902(c) (relating to general categories of permits), it is
12 unlawful for any person, other than the lawful occupant, while
13 hunting game or wildlife, taking furbearers of any kind, target
14 shooting, or pursuing any other privilege granted by this title,
15 to hunt for, take, trap, pursue, disturb or otherwise chase any
16 game or wildlife or to discharge, for any reason, any firearm,
17 arrow or other deadly weapon within or through a safety zone, or

1 to shoot at any game or wildlife while it is within the safety
2 zone without the specific advance written permission of the
3 lawful occupant thereof.

4 (b) Penalty.--A violation of this section is a summary
5 offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than
6 \$500. A second or subsequent offense within two calendar years
7 is a summary offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$500
8 nor more than \$1,000.

9 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "safety
10 zone" means:

11 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), the
12 area within 150 yards around and that area which is below the
13 highest point of any occupied dwelling house, residence, or
14 other building or camp occupied by human beings, or any
15 livestock, barn, stable, or other building used in connection
16 therewith or any attached or detached playground of any
17 school, nursery school or day-care center.

18 (2) When applied to properly licensed archery deer
19 hunters within any special area designated by commission
20 regulations or any area making use of any special permit
21 issued in accordance with this title or commission
22 regulations, the area within 50 yards around and that area
23 which is below the highest point of any occupied dwelling
24 house, residence or other building or camp occupied by human
25 beings or any livestock, barn, stable or other building used
26 in connection therewith and the area within 150 yards around
27 and that area which is below the highest point of any
28 attached or detached playground of any school, nursery school
29 or day-care center.

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