
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 14, 1995

AN ACT

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

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

5 Section 1. Section 2926 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 2926. Taxidermy permits.

8 (a) Requirements.--Unless further provided by commission
9 regulation, any person now holding a taxidermy permit shall be
10 eligible for a renewal. The commission shall set up a system of
11 examinations to determine the fitness of all future applicants
12 for the permits, including the establishment of appropriate fees
13 covering the cost of such examination. Nothing contained in this
14 section shall preclude the requirements of any other State or
15 Federal law.

16 (b) Activities authorized.--Permits issued to persons
17 residing within this Commonwealth desiring to practice taxidermy

1 shall authorize the holder thereof to:

2 (1) Unless otherwise restricted, receive from any person
3 any bird or animal that has been legally or accidentally
4 killed, keep the specimen or any part thereof in possession
5 indefinitely and mount the specimen or any part thereof,
6 either himself or through any legitimate employee.

7 (2) Sell or dispose of any unclaimed specimen.

8 (3) Mount and sell any bird or animal which is lawfully
9 disposed of under authority of this title and the state or
10 nation where killed or taken.

11 (b.1) Specific areas.--A taxidermist may be licensed to
12 obtain a permit for one or more of the following areas:

13 (1) big and small game animals;

14 (2) fish; and

15 (3) game birds.

16 An individual, as part of the taxidermy examination, must
17 present one specimen from each group for which he is seeking a
18 permit.

19 (c) Unlawful acts.--It is unlawful:

20 (1) For any taxidermist to mount any bird or animal, or
21 part thereof, protected by this title, which was not lawfully
22 killed or raised under authority of a propagating permit
23 until the owner thereof presents a permit obtained from the
24 commission and, in the case of migratory birds, the required
25 Federal permit.

26 (2) For any person to do taxidermy work for another
27 without a permit. Employees of a licensed taxidermist may
28 perform taxidermy work without a permit at the permittee's
29 shop under the supervision of the permittee who shall be
30 solely responsible for the quality of the work.

1 (3) To violate any other provision of this section.
2 (d) Penalty.--A violation of this section is a summary
3 offense of the fourth degree.
4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.