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SATHER, STERN AND JAMES, FEBRUARY 18, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 18, 2003

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for disabled persons permits for  
3 bow and arrow or crossbow.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2923(c) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2923. Disabled person permits.

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10 (c) Bow and arrow or crossbow.--A lifetime permit shall be  
11 issued to any person who presents a doctor's certificate showing  
12 that the person is, because of a permanent [or temporary]  
13 physical condition, unable to hunt with a conventional bow and  
14 arrow[, authorizing that]. A temporary permit shall be issued to  
15 a person who presents a doctor's certificate showing that the  
16 person is, because of a temporary physical condition, unable to

1 hunt with a conventional bow and arrow. A temporary permit  
2 issued under this subsection shall be valid only for the license  
3 year for which the permit is issued. The lifetime or temporary  
4 permit shall authorize the named person to hunt by the use of:

5           (1) A bow and arrow which is held in place by a brace  
6           secured around the body of the hunter or is triggered with  
7           the aid of a mechanical device.

8           (2) A crossbow subject to the following restrictions:

9                 (i) When hunting deer, bear or turkey, the crossbow  
10           must have a draw weight of not less than 125 pounds nor  
11           more than 200 pounds.

12                (ii) The arrows for the crossbow must be tipped with  
13           broadheads of a cutting edge design.

14 [Any permit issued under this subsection shall be valid only for  
15 the license year for which the permit is issued.] The permittee  
16 shall carry the permit upon his person at all times while  
17 hunting. [To the extent that it authorizes the issuance of  
18 permits based upon temporary disability, this subsection shall  
19 expire on June 30, 2003, unless legislation is enacted  
20 reauthorizing it.]

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22           Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.