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HOUSE BILL

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ROHRER AND BASTIAN, JUNE 13, 2005

SENATOR CONTI, GAME AND FISHERIES, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED,
NOVEMBER 1, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for unlawful devices and methods
3 AND FOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. <—

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

6 Section 1. ~~Section 2308(b)~~ SECTIONS 2308(B) AND 2701(A) of <—
7 Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes ~~is~~ ARE <—
8 amended to read:

9 § 2308. Unlawful devices and methods.

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11 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not
12 apply to:

13 (1) Any archery sight or firearm's scope which contains
14 and uses any mechanical, photoelectric, ultraviolet or solar-
15 powered device to solely illuminate the sight or crosshairs
16 within the scope. No archery sight or firearm's scope shall

1 contain or use any device, no matter how powered, to project
2 or transmit any light beam, infrared beam, ultraviolet light
3 beam, radio beam, thermal beam, ultrasonic beam, particle
4 beam or other beam outside the sight or scope onto the
5 target.

6 (2) (i) Any political subdivision, its employees or
7 agents, which has a valid deer control permit issued
8 under section 2902(c) (relating to general categories of
9 permits).

10 (ii) Any licensed hunter in cities of the first
11 class, while hunting on private property and using a bow
12 and arrow or crossbow, using bait to attract deer for
13 removal as provided by commission regulations.

14 (iii) Any licensed hunter in special regulation
15 areas, other than counties of the second class, using
16 bait to attract deer for removal as provided by
17 commission regulations.

18 (3) Any artificial or manufactured turkey blind
19 consisting of all manmade materials of sufficient density to
20 block the detection of movement within the blind from an
21 observer located outside of the blind.

22 (4) Any natural or manmade nonliving bait used to
23 attract coyotes for hunting or trapping.

24 (5) ANY ELECTRONIC OR MECHANICAL DEVICE USED TO ATTRACT <—
25 COYOTES FOR HUNTING.

26 (6) ANY DECOY USED IN THE TRAPPING OR HUNTING OF
27 FURBEARERS.

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29 § 2701. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS. <—

30 (A) GENERAL RULE.--EXCEPT IN DEFENSE OF PERSON OR PROPERTY

1 OR PURSUANT TO EXEMPTIONS AUTHORIZED IN THIS TITLE OR BY
2 REGULATION OF THE COMMISSION FOR IMPLEMENTING A MENTORED YOUTH
3 HUNTING PROGRAM, EVERY PERSON, PRIOR TO ENGAGING IN ANY OF THE
4 PRIVILEGES GRANTED BY THIS TITLE, SHALL FIRST OBTAIN THE
5 APPLICABLE LICENSE SUBJECT TO ANY CONDITIONS OR OTHER
6 REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THIS TITLE.

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