

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE BILL

## No. 2650

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JULY 1, 2006

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## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for the organization of the  
3 Pennsylvania Game Commission AND FOR REPORT TO COMMISSION  
4 OFFICIAL. <—

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

7 ~~Section 1. Section 301 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania~~ <—  
8 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:~~

9 SECTION 1. SECTIONS 301 AND 2122 OF TITLE 34 OF THE <—  
10 PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE AMENDED TO READ:

11 § 301. Organization of commission.

12 (a) Composition.--The independent administrative commission  
13 known as the Pennsylvania Game Commission shall consist of  
14 [eight] nine competent citizens of this Commonwealth who shall  
15 be well informed on the subject of wildlife conservation and  
16 restoration and who shall be appointed by the Governor, by and  
17 with the advice and consent of two-thirds of the elected members  
18 of the Senate.

(b) Qualifications.--[The]

(1) Eight members of the commission shall be appointed from the various geographical sections of this Commonwealth so that one and only one shall be a resident of each of the following districts:

[(1)] (i) The counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence, Venango, Butler, Warren, Forest and Clarion, constituting the first district.

[(2)] (ii) The counties of Beaver, Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Armstrong, Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette, constituting the second district.

[(3)] (iii) The counties of McKean, Elk, Jefferson, Potter, Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton and Centre, constituting the third district.

[(4)] (iv) The counties of Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon and Fulton, constituting the fourth district.

[(5)] (v) The counties of Tioga, Lycoming, Union, Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia, Montour and Northumberland, constituting the fifth district.

[(6)] (vi) The counties of Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata, Franklin, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Dauphin, York, Lebanon and Lancaster, constituting the sixth district.

[(7)] (vii) The counties of Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Carbon, Wayne, Pike and Monroe, constituting the seventh district.

[(8)] (viii) The counties of Schuylkill, Berks, Chester, Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia and Delaware, constituting the eighth district.

(2) One member of the commission shall be appointed from

1 the Commonwealth at large who shall be a resident of this  
2 Commonwealth and who shall currently hold, and have held for  
3 a continuous period of not less than ten years immediately  
4 prior to appointment, an adult or senior resident hunting or  
5 furtaker license issued pursuant to Chapter 27 (relating to  
6 hunting and furtaking licenses).

7 (c) Term of office and compensation.--The members of the  
8 commission shall hold office for terms of eight years each and  
9 may continue to hold office for a period of time not to exceed  
10 six months or until a successor is appointed and qualified,  
11 whichever occurs first. A member of the commission appointed to  
12 fill a vacancy for a period of four years or less may be  
13 eligible for appointment to a full eight-year term. A member of  
14 the commission who serves a full eight-year term or fills a  
15 vacancy for a period of more than four years shall not be  
16 eligible for reappointment to the commission until a period of  
17 eight years expires. Commissioners shall receive no compensation  
18 for their services, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses.

19 (d) Vacancies.--Upon the death, resignation or removal from  
20 office of any person so appointed, the Governor shall appoint a  
21 competent person to serve for the unexpired term as provided in  
22 subsection (a).

23 § 2122. REPORT TO COMMISSION OFFICER.

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24 ANY PERSON WHO KILLS ANY GAME OR WILDLIFE, OTHER THAN  
25 RACCOONS AND WOODCHUCKS, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBCHAPTER  
26 SHALL, WITHIN 24 HOURS, REPORT, ORALLY OR IN WRITING, THE  
27 KILLING TO AN OFFICER OF THE COMMISSION. THE REPORT SHALL SET  
28 FORTH THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE KILLING, THE NUMBER OF  
29 SPECIES KILLED AND THE SEX OF THE SPECIES.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.