

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2861** Session of  
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LEVANSKY, METCALFE, READSHAW AND STABACK, JUNE 29, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 29, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for the use of commission-owned  
3 land for recreational hunting.

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

6 Section 1. Section 742 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

8 § 742. Use of property.

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10 (f) Recreational hunting.--

11 (1) Subject to valid existing rights, commission-owned  
12 lands shall be open to access and use for recreational  
13 hunting except as limited by the commission for reasons of  
14 public safety, fish or wildlife management, or homeland  
15 security or as otherwise limited by law.

16 (2) The commission shall exercise its authority,  
17 consistent with paragraph (1), in a manner to support,  
18 promote and enhance recreational hunting opportunities, to

1 the extent authorized by State law. The commission is not  
2 required to give preference to hunting over other uses of  
3 commission-owned lands or over other water management  
4 priorities established by commission regulations or State  
5 law.

6 (3) Commission land management decisions and actions may  
7 not, to the greatest practical extent, result in any net loss  
8 of habitat available for hunting opportunities on commission-  
9 owned lands that exists on the effective date of this  
10 subsection.

11 (4) By October 1 of each year, the director shall submit  
12 to the General Assembly a written report describing:

13 (i) The acreage administered by the commission that  
14 has been closed during the previous year to recreational  
15 hunting and the reasons for the closures.

16 (ii) The acreage administered by the commission  
17 that, in order to comply with paragraph (3), was opened  
18 to recreational hunting to compensate for that acreage  
19 closed under subparagraph (i).

20 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.