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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for unlawful acts concerning  
3 licenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2711 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2711. Unlawful acts concerning licenses.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this  
10 title, it is unlawful for any person to:

11 (1) Hunt or take any game or wildlife by any means or  
12 manner or device, including the use of dogs, without first  
13 securing and personally signing [and displaying] the required  
14 license.

15 (2) Procure a license in a name other than the person's  
16 legal name, furnish an address other than his legal place of  
17 residence and domicile or make any false or misleading

1 statement whatsoever in securing a license.

2 (3) Lend or transfer in any manner whatsoever a license  
3 or game or wildlife kill tag to any other person regardless  
4 of the purpose.

5 (4) Issue or aid, assist or conspire, either for that  
6 person or any other person, in procuring any hunting or  
7 furtaking license for which that person is not legally  
8 entitled thereto.

9 (5) Possess while hunting or taking game or wildlife or  
10 going to or from hunting or taking game or wildlife any  
11 report card, license tag, license stamp or game or wildlife  
12 kill tag belonging to another.

13 (6) Except as provided under section 2705 (relating to  
14 classes of licenses), receive a hunting or furtaking license  
15 under any circumstances if under 12 years of age.

16 (7) Receive a hunting or furtaking license without  
17 presenting a written request executed by a parent or legally  
18 constituted guardian if under 17 years of age.

19 (8) Use firearms of any kind or a bow and arrow for the  
20 purpose of hunting any game or wildlife or attempting to take  
21 or kill any game or wildlife by hunting or trapping if under  
22 12 years of age or when hunting or trapping any game or  
23 wildlife or attempting to hunt or trap any game or wildlife  
24 if between 12 and 14 years of age, unless accompanied by a  
25 parent or a person 18 years of age or older serving in loco  
26 parentis or as guardian or some other family member 18 years  
27 of age or older or when hunting if between 14 and 16 years of  
28 age, unless accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.  
29 For the purpose of this paragraph "accompany" means close  
30 enough that verbal instructions and guidance can be easily

1 understood. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply  
2 to section 2363 (relating to trapping exception for certain  
3 persons).

4 [(9) Remove or cause to be removed or permit the removal  
5 of any hunting or furtaking license required by this title  
6 from the place where the license is required to be displayed  
7 for the purpose of concealing the identity of that person or  
8 to resort to any other means or manner to conceal the  
9 identity of that person.]

10 (10) Hunt or take, or aid, assist or attempt to hunt or  
11 take, furbearers or take any game or wildlife anywhere in  
12 this Commonwealth, either with or without a license, or make  
13 application, receive or attempt or conspire to receive any  
14 license required by this chapter, during any period that  
15 these privileges have been denied or withdrawn by this title,  
16 by the director or by a magisterial district judge or court.

17 (11) Conspire to or duplicate, reproduce, alter, forge  
18 or counterfeit any permit, license, tag or stamp required by  
19 this title.

20 (12) While exercising any of the privileges granted by  
21 any license provided for in this title, refuse or fail to  
22 satisfactorily provide positive identification to any  
23 landowner upon whose land that person may be occupying or to  
24 any officer whose duty it is to enforce this title.

25 (13) Violate any regulations promulgated under the  
26 authority of this subchapter.

27 (b) Penalties.--A violation of this subchapter relating to:

28 (1) Hunting by a nonresident without a valid license or  
29 licenses required by this title is a summary offense of the  
30 fourth degree.

1           (2) Furtaking by a nonresident without a valid furtaking  
2 license or licenses required by this title is a summary  
3 offense of the second degree.

4           (3) Hunting or furtaking by a resident without a valid  
5 license or licenses required by this title is a summary  
6 offense of the fifth degree.

7           (4) Subsection (a)(1) insofar as it relates to signing  
8 [or displaying] a license is a summary offense of the eighth  
9 degree.

10           (5) Subsection (a)(2), (3), (4)[, (5) or (9)] or (5) is  
11 a summary offense of the fifth degree.

12           (6) Subsection (a)(6), (7) or (8) is a summary offense  
13 of the seventh degree.

14           (7) Subsection (a)(11) is a summary offense of the third  
15 degree. In addition to the imposition of any penalty, a  
16 convicted violator shall incur a five-year mandatory  
17 revocation of the privilege to hunt or trap anywhere in this  
18 Commonwealth.

19           (8) Any of the other provisions of this subchapter or  
20 the regulations promulgated thereunder is a summary offense  
21 of the fifth degree.

22           (c) Separate offenses.--Each day of violation or each  
23 illegal act constitutes a separate offense.

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