THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY REED, BOYD, CALTAGIRONE, CREIGHTON, FLECK, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GRELL, HARHART, M. KELLER, KORTZ, MENSCH, R. MILLER, MURT, NAILOR, PHILLIPS, PYLE, REICHLEY AND SONNEY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, defining "wildlife management unit"; and further
- 3 providing for resident license and fee exemptions.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
- 8 § 102. Definitions.
- 9 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
- 10 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
- 11 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
- 12 used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 13 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 14 * * *
- 15 <u>"Wildlife management unit." One of the 22 areas in this</u>
- 16 Commonwealth designated by the commission in which hunting and
- 17 furtaking may occur and licenses may be sold.

- 1 Section 2. Section 2706(c) of Title 34 is amended to read:
- 2 § 2706. Resident license and fee exemptions.
- 3 * * *
- 4 (c) Landowner antlerless deer license. -- Eligible landowners
- 5 who own 50 or more contiguous acres of land within any [county]
- 6 wildlife management unit where the landowners desire to hunt
- 7 antlerless deer shall be entitled to obtain one antlerless deer
- 8 license for that [county] wildlife management unit, at the
- 9 prescribed fee, issued to one and only one person whose name
- 10 appears on the deed. These antlerless deer licenses shall be
- 11 allocated in advance of their availability to the general public
- 12 from the quota established by the commission for the county
- 13 where the land is situated to landowners who meet all of the
- 14 following requirements:
- 15 (1) The 50 or more contiguous acres of land are owned by
- a natural person individually or as tenants by the entirety,
- or by a corporation of four or fewer shareholders, or by
- 18 tenants in common of four or fewer natural persons.
- 19 (2) The 50 or more contiguous acres of land are open to
- 20 public hunting and trapping and shall remain open to hunting
- and trapping during the hunting license year for which the
- 22 antlerless deer license is issued.
- 23 (3) The applicant for an antlerless deer license shall
- furnish proof of ownership of 50 or more contiguous acres of
- land to the [county treasurer within the county where the
- land is situated] commission.
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- 28 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.