
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1068 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY, KASUNIC, SOLOBAY, WAUGH, FOLMER,
BRUBAKER, BROWNE AND SCARNATI, AUGUST 12, 2013

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, AUGUST 12, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for dog training areas.

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

5 Section 1. Section 2941 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 2941. Dog training areas.

8 (a) Establishment.--Upon the application of 20 or more
9 citizens of this Commonwealth, the commission may issue a permit
10 to the applicants authorizing the establishment and maintenance,
11 on land owned by them or over which they have legal control, of
12 a special dog training area where dogs may be trained at any
13 time during the entire year and field trials may be conducted
14 without the necessity of securing a field trial permit. No such
15 dog training area shall be less than [100] 50 acres nor more
16 than 250 acres. Permits shall not be issued for more than ten
17 special dog training areas in any one county. Persons training
18 dogs in established dog training areas shall not be required to

1 have a hunting or furtaking license.

2 (b) Training periods.--At any time during the year,
3 permittees or guests may train their dogs or the dogs of other
4 persons on the designated dog training area.

5 (c) Hunting and furtaking restrictions.--[Neither the
6 permittees nor any other person shall at any time hunt or take
7 furbearers within the confines of the dog training area. The
8 permittees, or any person authorized by them, may hunt or trap
9 unprotected game or wildlife for the purpose of population
10 control. A permit must be secured from the director permitting
11 the removal of any protected game or wildlife.] Hunting or
12 trapping of a furbearer or other protected game animal by the
13 permittee or any other person authorized in writing by the
14 permittee may occur during seasons established by the
15 commission.

16 (d) Big game hunting may be permitted.--Hunting of big game
17 may be permitted on dog training areas during seasons fixed by
18 the commission. [Action of the permittees to permit big game
19 hunting shall be conspicuously posted in the vicinity of the
20 area at least two weeks prior to any such season.] A person may
21 not hunt big game on a dog training area without permission from
22 the permittee, unless the area is conspicuously posted open to
23 the public for big game hunting.

24 (e) Marking boundary.--[The boundary line of a special dog
25 training area shall be plainly and conspicuously posted prior to
26 October 1 of each year with legible notices at least 10 by 12
27 inches in size, placed in such a manner that any intruder is
28 warned of the purpose of the area and bearing such information
29 as the commission may require.] A roadway, vehicle entrance or
30 pedestrian pathway entering or bordering a dog training area

1 must be posted prior to October 1 of each year with either a
2 legible notice to warn a trespasser of the purpose of the area
3 or by legible no trespassing signs endorsed by the permittee.
4 The endorsement must note the purpose of the area.

5 (f) Unlawful acts.--It is unlawful to:

6 (1) Permit, or through negligence permit, dogs to
7 disturb game or wildlife on a dog training area contrary to
8 the provisions of this section.

9 (2) Trap for any game or wildlife on a dog training area
10 without [a permit] written permission from the permittees.

11 (3) Willfully, negligently or maliciously cut, remove,
12 cover up, deface or otherwise mutilate, injure or destroy any
13 special dog training area boundary fence or wire or poster
14 placed in accordance with the provisions of this section[.]
15 or to willfully, negligently or maliciously destroy,
16 vandalize or remove any equipment, vegetation, buildings or
17 other facilities within the dog training area.

18 (3.1) Willfully, negligently or maliciously kill, maim,
19 injure or interfere with a dog engaged in training or field
20 trials within a permitted dog training area or to willfully,
21 negligently or maliciously interfere with a person training
22 dogs or participating in field trial events or lawfully
23 engaged in hunting or trapping within a permitted dog
24 training area.

25 (3.2) Enter onto a posted dog training area without the
26 written permission of the permittee for any purpose.

27 (4) Violate any other provision of this section.

28 (g) Penalty.--A violation of this section is a summary
29 offense of the fifth degree.

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