

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

No. 37

Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. WHELAN, LAUDADIO, ENGLEHART AND W. D.  
HUTCHINSON, JANUARY 27, 1975

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
APRIL 15, 1975

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), entitled  
2 "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild  
3 animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing  
4 the law relating thereto," changing certain requirements  
5 relating to possession of game.

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

8 Section 1. Section 701, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225,  
9 No.316), known as "The Game Law," amended June 13, 1961  
10 (P.L.296, No.175), is amended to read:

11 Section 701. Unlawful Taking, Killing, Possession, Etc., of  
12 Game.--Except as otherwise provided in this act, it is unlawful  
13 for any person to take or kill or wound or attempt to take or  
14 kill or wound, or assist in the taking, killing or wounding of  
15 any game, except during the open season, or to have in  
16 possession, either living or dead, any game, or any part  
17 thereof, except game lawfully taken during the open season which  
18 may be had in possession up to and including [July first] August  
19 thirty-first OF THE year immediately following.

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1       The burden of proof that game, or any part thereof, found in  
2 possession of any person after the close of the open season was  
3 lawfully taken shall be upon the person in whose possession such  
4 game, or part thereof, is found.

5       This section does not prohibit the possession at any time of  
6 game killed or taken outside of this Commonwealth, or the  
7 possession of the tanned or cured skins, or any parts thereof,  
8 of birds or animals now unlawfully killed, or the possession of  
9 live raccoons when lawfully taken during the open season.

10       It is unlawful for any person to use any game that has been  
11 unlawfully killed or taken, or to aid or assist in the taking,  
12 possessing, concealment, or transportation of any game  
13 unlawfully killed, or to have in possession for any purpose  
14 whatsoever, or conceal the same, any game, or any part thereof,  
15 that has been unlawfully killed or taken.