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HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS,
APRIL 18, 1978

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled
2 "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the
3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the
4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative
5 departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof,
6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or
7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or
8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative
9 departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and
10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative
11 officers, and of the several administrative departments,
12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the
13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive
14 and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of
15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and
16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards,
17 and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the
18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other
19 assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and
20 commissions shall be determined," regulating the harvesting
21 of Wild American Ginseng.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known
25 as "The Administrative Code of 1929," is amended by adding a

1 section to read:

2 Section 1927-A. Wild American Ginseng.--The Department of
3 Environmental Resources shall regulate the digging, harvesting,
4 sale and exportation of Wild American Ginseng (Panax
5 quinquefolius). The regulations shall (i) consider the
6 distribution, abundancy, economic value, growing and
7 reproduction cycle of Wild American Ginseng, (ii) establish
8 seasons for the digging and harvesting of the root of mature
9 Ginseng plants after the seeds are ripe and can be replanted but
10 not earlier than August 1 nor later than November 1, (iii)
11 provide for the licensing of persons who buy and sell Ginseng
12 roots within the Commonwealth or export the root therefrom and
13 to require the licensees to maintain records of their
14 transactions. Any person wilfully who violates a regulation made
15 pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a summary offense
16 and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to pay a fine not
17 exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100) or to undergo imprisonment
18 not exceeding ten days, or both.

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