

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 726

Session of
1979

INTRODUCED BY PICCOLA, MARCH 19, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 19, 1979

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," authorizing free licenses to be
5 issued to residents sixty-five years of age or older,
6 providing for reimbursement of lost revenue, and making an
7 appropriation.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Section 302, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225,
11 No.316), known as "The Game Law," amended October 21, 1975
12 (P.L.431, No.122), is amended to read:

13 Section 302. Resident License Fees.--Each such resident as
14 defined in sections 101 and 301, upon application made, in
15 writing, to an agent authorized to issue such licenses within
16 the Commonwealth, and upon presentation of proof by the
17 applicant that he or she is a resident of this Commonwealth as
18 previously defined in this act by producing a current
19 Pennsylvania motor vehicle registration card, or tax receipts
20 evidencing payment of State income tax, earned income tax or
21 other local taxes pursuant to the act of December 31, 1965

1 (P.L.1257, No.511), known as "The Local Tax Enabling Act," or
2 some other positive means of verifying residency, and the
3 establishment of his or her identity to the satisfaction of the
4 authority issuing the license, unless any such person has been
5 disqualified for a license in the manner hereinafter specified,
6 and the payment to said agent or the commission of eight dollars
7 and twenty-five cents (\$8.25) except as hereinafter provided for
8 certain minors and [older] persons sixty-five years of age or
9 older, shall be entitled to a resident hunter's license and a
10 tag with the number of the license thereon, which shall entitle
11 the holder to hunt or trap for all wild birds and wild animals
12 which may legally be hunted or trapped in this Commonwealth.
13 Residents with the above qualifications, who are between the
14 ages of twelve and sixteen inclusive [or who are sixty-five
15 years of age or more] at the time of application, shall be
16 entitled to a resident hunter's license and tag upon payment to
17 said agent or the commission of, [in the case of persons sixty-
18 five years of age or more, five dollars and twenty-five cents
19 (\$5.25) and,] in the case of persons between the ages of twelve
20 and sixteen, five dollars and twenty-five cents (\$5.25). The
21 application for the issuance of a license in such cases shall,
22 in addition to the other information required, give the date of
23 birth of the applicant. Residents with the above qualifications,
24 who are sixty-five or more years of age at the time of
25 application, shall be entitled to a resident hunter's license
26 free of charge except in the event that the license is issued by
27 an issuing agent, when a fee of twenty cents (20¢) for the use
28 of the issuing agent shall be collected.

29 Any resident disabled veteran of any war whose disability
30 consists of the loss of one or more limbs or the loss of the use

1 of one or more limbs, or who presents a physician's certificate
2 of total or one hundred per cent disability, and who meets the
3 above qualifications shall be issued such license upon
4 application to any county treasurer without the payment of the
5 above license fee provided for the use of the Commonwealth. The
6 application for the issuance of a license in such case shall in
7 addition to the other information required, contain a statement
8 that the applicant is a war veteran and that his disability was
9 service incurred. The county treasurer may likewise require of
10 such applicant the production of such applicant's discharge
11 papers. The General Assembly shall in each fiscal year beginning
12 on or after July 1, 1977, annually appropriate to the commission
13 a sum derived from multiplying five dollars (\$5.00) times the
14 number of free senior citizen licenses issued the previous
15 fiscal year for payment of the loss in license fees occasioned
16 by issuance of free licenses to senior citizens.

17 Section 2. The sum of two hundred thousand dollars
18 (\$200,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the
19 fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979 until June 30, 1980 is hereby
20 appropriated to the Pennsylvania Game Commission for payment of
21 the loss in license fees provided by this amending act.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1979.