

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY REINARD AND RYAN, JANUARY 25, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JANUARY 25, 1989

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," providing for notice and a
21 hearing prior to holding a game hunt in a State park.

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

24 Section 1. Section 1906-A of the act of April 9, 1929
25 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
26 amended by adding a clause to read:

27 Section 1906-A. Parks.--The Department of Environmental

1 Resources shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

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3 (12) To comply with the following requirements prior to
4 holding a game hunt in a State park:

5 (a) At least one hundred and fifty (150) days prior to the
6 proposed hunt, the department shall provide notice of the
7 proposed hunt, including the date and objectives of the proposed
8 hunt and the time and place of the hearing required in subclause
9 (b):

10 (i) in writing to all municipalities abutting the park;

11 (ii) in writing to all legislators representing districts
12 abutting the park; and

13 (iii) by publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

14 (b) At least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed hunt, the
15 department shall hold a public hearing in a municipality
16 abutting the park for the purpose of considering alternative
17 methods of accomplishing the objectives of the proposed hunt.

18 (1) In addition to the notice provided in subclause (a),
19 notice of the hearing shall be advertised at least seven (7)
20 days in advance of the hearing in a newspaper of general
21 circulation in the area.

22 (2) At the hearing the department shall maintain an
23 attendance roster containing a space for persons to indicate
24 their desire to receive a copy of the department's decision with
25 respect to the proposed hunt.

26 (c) At least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed hunt,
27 the department shall hold a public meeting in a municipality
28 abutting the park for the purpose of explaining its decision
29 concerning the proposed hunt. Prior to the public meeting, the
30 department shall provide notice of the time and place of the

1 meeting and a copy of the decision and explanation to:

2 (1) all municipalities abutting the park;

3 (2) all legislators representing districts abutting the
4 park; and

5 (3) all persons who indicated their desire to receive a copy
6 of the decision on the attendance roster at the public hearing
7 or in writing addressed to the department.

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