

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 19, 1994

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## 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 the  
21 establishment and operation of a Sportsmen Advisory Council  
22 to advise the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the  
23 Pennsylvania Game Commission.

24 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
25 hereby enacts as follows:

26 Section 1. The introductory paragraph of section 448 of the  
27 act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The

1 Administrative Code of 1929, amended June 6, 1945 (P.L.1398,  
2 No.446), is amended and the section is amended by adding a  
3 clause to read:

4 Section 448. Advisory Boards and Commissions.--The advisory  
5 boards and commissions, within the several administrative  
6 departments and independent commissions, shall be constituted as  
7 follows:

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9 (q) (1) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall consist of the  
10 Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission,  
11 the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and a  
12 representative from each of the following groups:

13 The Department of Environmental Resources Bureau of Forestry,

14 The Western Pennsylvania Conservatory,

15 The Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania,

16 The Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Inc.,

17 The National Wild Turkey Federation - Pennsylvania Chapter,

18 The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited,

19 The Pennsylvania Trappers Association,

20 The Pennsylvania Bass Chapter Federation, Inc.,

21 The Pennsylvania Federation of Black Powder Shooters,

22 The Sierra Club,

23 The Pennsylvania Biological Survey,

24 The Pennsylvania ~~Farmers Association~~ FARM BUREAU,

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25 The Pennsylvania Grange,

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26 THE PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF DUCKS UNLIMITED,

27 THE UNIFIED DISABLED SPORTSMEN,

28 THE UNITED BOW HUNTERS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

29 (2) The term of office of each appointed member shall be  
30 three years, measured from the third Tuesday of January of the

1 year in which he takes office, or until his successor has been  
2 appointed; except that in the initial appointments of the  
3 members of the Sportsmen Advisory Council, the respective  
4 appointing authorities shall appoint two members for terms of  
5 one year each, two members for terms of two years each, and one  
6 member for a term of three years.

7 (3) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall include persons  
8 knowledgeable in fields related to the work of the Pennsylvania  
9 Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission  
10 such as, but not limited to, ecology, land management, water  
11 pollution, ~~boating~~, cold-water fisheries, warm-water fisheries, <—  
12 game management, landowner relations, endangered and threatened  
13 species, critical habitat and such other matters as may relate  
14 to the operations of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission  
15 or Pennsylvania Game Commission.

16 (4) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall annually elect one  
17 of its appointed members as chairman and shall elect a secretary  
18 who need not be a member of the Sportsmen Advisory Council.  
19 Meetings of the Sportsmen Advisory Council shall be held at  
20 least quarterly or at the call of the chairman.

21 (5) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall have power to  
22 employ and fix the compensation of such experts, stenographers  
23 and assistants as may be deemed necessary to carry out the work  
24 of the Sportsmen Advisory Council, but due diligence shall be  
25 exercised by the Sportsmen Advisory Council to enlist such  
26 voluntary assistance as may be available from citizens, research  
27 organizations, and other agencies in Pennsylvania or elsewhere,  
28 generally recognized as qualified to aid the Sportsmen Advisory  
29 Council. The expenses of the Sportsmen Advisory Council shall be  
30 paid equally from the Fish Fund and the Game Fund.

1     (6) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall review all hunting,  
2 trapping, ~~fishing and boating~~ AND FISHING laws of this     <—  
3 Commonwealth and make appropriate suggestions for the revision,  
4 modification and codification thereof.

5     (7) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall consider, study and  
6 review the work of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and  
7 the Pennsylvania Game Commission and for this purpose, the  
8 Sportsmen Advisory Council shall have access to all books,  
9 papers, documents and records pertaining or belonging to the  
10 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission or the Pennsylvania Game  
11 Commission.

12     (8) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall advise the  
13 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game  
14 Commission, on request, and shall make recommendations upon its  
15 initiative for the improvement of the work of the Pennsylvania  
16 Fish and Boat Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission.  
17 Advice and recommendations made by the Sportsmen Advisory  
18 Council shall not be binding upon the commissions.

19     (9) The Sportsmen Advisory Council shall report annually to  
20 the Governor and to the General Assembly and may make such  
21 interim reports as are deemed advisable.

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