

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1243 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY HELFRICK, KASUNIC, ROBBINS AND MADIGAN,
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REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, DECEMBER 6, 2001

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the allocation of revenues
3 within the Game Fund.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 521(b) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 521. Establishment and use of Game Fund.

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10 (b) Specific allocation of certain revenues.--

11 (1) A minimum of [\$1.25] \$4.25 from each resident and
12 nonresident license [for which the full fee has been paid]
13 and [a minimum of] \$2 from each antlerless deer license
14 issued for which the full fee has been paid shall be used
15 [solely] for habitat improvement, development, maintenance,
16 protection and restoration conducive to increasing natural
17 propagation of game [or] and wildlife on all lands under the
18 control or operation of the commission, including lands

1 enrolled in the commission's public access programs and other
2 public lands open to hunting under agreement with the
3 commission. The moneys collected under this paragraph shall
4 be deposited into [two separate accounts] one separate
5 account and shall be used exclusively for the natural
6 propagation of game and wildlife by:

7 (i) Improving and maintaining any natural wildlife
8 habitat by the production, distribution and planting of
9 trees, shrubs, vines and forage crops.

10 (ii) Forest management practices related to the
11 creation and development of food and cover.

12 (iii) Development and management of food and cover
13 openings, including maintenance of soil fertility and
14 herbaceous ground cover.

15 (iv) Purchase, construction and enhancement of
16 wetlands and riparian areas.

17 (v) Construction and maintenance of nesting,
18 brooding and rearing structures or areas.

19 (vi) The prorated cost for the purchase, maintenance
20 and operation of equipment, tools and materials necessary
21 to meet the habitat improvement objectives of this
22 section. No moneys in [these accounts] this account shall
23 be used for capital purchases under this subparagraph.

24 The commission shall submit an annual report on all
25 expenditures from this account in the manner prescribed under
26 section 522 (relating to appropriation and audit of moneys).

27 (2) Any moneys collected by or for the commission from
28 the sale of the migratory bird hunting license shall be used
29 [solely] for the purpose of migratory game bird management,
30 habitat acquisition and improvement and related program

1 administrative costs.

2 [(3) A minimum of \$3 from each resident and nonresident
3 license for which the full fee has been paid shall be used
4 solely for habitat improvement and restoration conducive to
5 increasing natural propagation of game on all lands under the
6 control or operation of the commission, including lands
7 enrolled in the commission's public access programs and other
8 public lands open to hunting under agreement with the
9 commission. The moneys collected under this paragraph shall
10 be used exclusively for the natural propagation of game by:

11 (i) Improving and maintaining any natural wildlife
12 habitat by the production, distribution and planting of
13 trees, shrubs, vines and forage crops.

14 (ii) Forest management practices related to the
15 creation and development of food and cover.

16 (iii) Development and management of food and cover
17 openings.

18 (iv) Construction and enhancement of wetlands and
19 riparian areas.

20 (v) Construction and maintenance of nesting
21 structures.

22 (vi) The prorated cost for the maintenance and
23 operation of equipment, tools and materials necessary to
24 meet the habitat improvement objectives of this section.
25 No moneys in these accounts shall be used for capital
26 purchases under this subparagraph.

27 The commission shall submit an annual report on all
28 expenditures from this account in the manner prescribed under
29 section 522.]

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.