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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 18, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the definition of "bow" and
3 for disabled person permits.

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

6 Section 1. The definition of "bow" in section 102 of Title
7 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 102. Definitions.

9 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
10 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
11 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
12 used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this
13 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 "Bow." A weapon which propels an arrow, is hand-held, hand-

1 drawn, held in the drawn position by hand or by a hand-held
2 mechanical device and released by hand. The term [shall not be
3 construed or interpreted to mean or include what is commonly
4 known as] includes a cross-bow and a bow and arrow which is held
5 in place by a brace secured around the body of the hunter or is
6 triggered with the aid of a mechanical device.

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8 Section 2. Section 2923(c) of Title 34 is amended to read:

9 § 2923. Disabled person permits.

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11 [(c) Bow and arrow or crossbow.--A lifetime permit shall be
12 issued to any person who presents a doctor's certificate showing
13 that the person is, because of a permanent physical condition,
14 unable to hunt with a conventional bow and arrow. A temporary
15 permit shall be issued to a person who presents a doctor's
16 certificate showing that the person is, because of a temporary
17 physical condition, unable to hunt with a conventional bow and
18 arrow. A temporary permit issued under this subsection shall be
19 valid only for the license year for which the permit is issued.
20 The lifetime or temporary permit shall authorize the named
21 person to hunt by the use of:

22 (1) A bow and arrow which is held in place by a brace
23 secured around the body of the hunter or is triggered with
24 the aid of a mechanical device.

25 (2) A crossbow subject to the following restrictions:

26 (i) When hunting deer, bear or turkey, the crossbow
27 must have a draw weight of not less than 125 pounds nor
28 more than 200 pounds.

29 (ii) The arrows for the crossbow must be tipped with
30 broadheads of a cutting edge design.

1 The permittee shall carry the permit upon his person at all
2 times while hunting.]

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4 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.