

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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 FEBRUARY 23, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 23, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for
 3 unlawful acts concerning licenses; and, in special licenses
 4 and permits, further providing for authority to issue
 5 permits, for permit fees and for falconry permits.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 2711 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
 9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
 10 § 2711. Unlawful acts concerning licenses.

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12 (a.1) Exception.--For the sole purpose of implementing and
 13 enhancing a mentored youth hunting program within this
 14 Commonwealth, the commission may establish regulations exempting
 15 certain limited youth hunting activities from the prohibitions
 16 specified in subsection (a)(1), (3), (5) and (8). Such exemption
 17 shall include a provision limiting a mentored youth
 18 participating in a mentored youth hunting program to the receipt

1 of not more than one antlerless deer license in each license
2 year.

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4 Section 2. Sections 2901(e), 2904(a)(7) and 2925(a) and (b)
5 of Title 34 are amended to read:

6 § 2901. Authority to issue permits.

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8 (e) Falconry permits.--Notwithstanding the provisions of
9 subsection (a), falconry permits may be issued only to persons
10 who are residents of this Commonwealth and [16] 12 years of age
11 or older.

12 § 2904. Permit fees.

13 (a) Annual fees.--The annual fee for permits provided for in
14 this chapter shall be as follows:

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16 (7) Falconry - [\$25 for each raptor held] \$50.

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18 § 2925. Falconry permits.

19 (a) Powers of commission.--The commission may adopt
20 regulations [consistent with Federal fish and wildlife laws and
21 regulations concerning the sport of falconry] to define,
22 implement and provide for the issuance of falconry permits to
23 eligible persons within this Commonwealth.

24 (b) Unlawful acts.--It is unlawful [to practice any of the
25 actions defined as falconry under this section without a
26 falconry permit or to violate any regulation of the commission
27 or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, whose
28 regulations pertaining to falconry are hereby made a part of
29 this title] for any person to engage in any falconry activities
30 without a valid falconry permit or to violate any regulation of

1 the commission relating to falconry.

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3 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.