



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1144

PRINTERS NO. 1402

PRIME SPONSOR: Haluska

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) to further clarify the definition of "Bow" to include crossbows and other braced devices, and remove outdated language related to permits for disabled hunters to hunt with a crossbow. The changes will update the Code to reflect the permanent regulatory action by the PA Game Commission.

ANALYSIS: HB 1144 amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) Section 102 (relating to definitions) by adding language to the definition of "Bow" to include devices held in place by a brace secured around the body of a hunter, as well as crossbows used for hunting deer, bear or turkey which have a draw weight of at least 125 pounds using arrows tipped with broadheads of cutting-edge design.

The bill also removes subsection (c) from Section 2923 (relating to disabled person permits), taking out language related to required crossbow permits for disabled hunters that is no longer necessary due to regulatory change.

Both changes will update the Code to reflect the permanent regulatory action by the PA Game Commission which allows crossbows to be used by all properly licensed hunters, including able-bodied hunters, during specified hunting seasons.

Effective Date: 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: Enactment of this legislation will have no adverse impact on Commonwealth funds.

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DATE: December 10, 2013

Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.