



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2106

PRINTER'S NO. 3427

PRIME SPONSOR: Steele

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2023/24	FY 2024/25
Game Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

**SUMMARY:** HB 2106 PN 3427, repeals provisions related to Sunday hunting and defines the offense of trespassing on private land while hunting or furtaking. Parts of this legislation will take effect immediately, while others in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation amends Title 34 (Game) by making the following changes:

- Repeals Section 2303 (Hunting on Sunday Prohibited) which currently provides that hunting for any furbearer or game on Sunday;
- Creates a new Section 2303.1 (Hunting on Sunday) to unequivocally permit individuals to hunt for any furbearer or game on any day of the week, including Sunday, on private or Game Commission lands. The provisions of Section 2303.1 would not apply to individuals trying to hunt on private land without explicit written permission from the landowner or their representative. It is also articulated that Sunday hunting would be required to occur within the scope and seasons as provided by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Language further provides sunsets this section on July 30, 2029;
- Creates a new Section 2303.2 (Hunting and Training on Sunday) which provides for participation of dogs in trials and training, including on small game, until Sunday until July 1, 2029. Language further provides for training on raccoons until July 1, 2029;
- Repeals Section 2314 (Trespass on private property while hunting) which provides for penalties if a person is hunting or furtaking without being licensed, or privileged to do so on private land or enters the property without explicit permission from the landowner or a representative thereof;
- Repeals Section 2315 (Hunting on Sunday without written permission) which provides for penalties if a person is hunting or furtaking on Sunday without being licensed, or privileged to do so on private land or enters the property without explicit permission from the landowner or a representative thereof;
- Creates new Section 2316 (Trespass on private land while hunting or furtaking) which defines the offense of trespassing on private land while hunting or furtaking. Violations of this section would carry a range of penalties, depending on the frequency of trespasses
  - Municipal police would be empowered to assist in enforcement, however this rule does not apply to counties of the First Class)
- Creates new Section 2317 (Hunting, trapping or taking game or wildlife without written permission) which defines a new offense for individuals who enter or remain on private land while hunting, trapping, or taking game, by any means including the use of dogs. Violations of this section carry a penalty of a third-degree summary offense;
- Amends Section 2382 (Training dogs on small game) to remove Subsection (c) relating to Sunday limitations, in order to allow the training of dogs on private land on Sunday;

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The fiscal impact from enactment of this legislation would be de minimis on Commonwealth Funds, specifically the Game Fund. According to the Game Commission, provisions of this legislation would be administered through currently available resources.

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