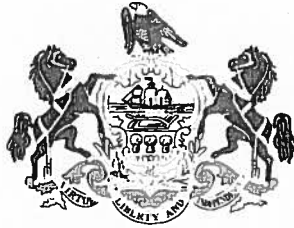


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Ryan P. Aument   
**DATE:** November 2, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Legislation – Regulated Hunting Grounds Permits

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Pennsylvania Game Code to clarify, clean up, and remove unnecessary or conflicting language in regard to Regulated Hunting Grounds and their related permits.

Specifically, my legislation will remove the requirement to release a minimum of 100 birds under current permits. When regulated hunting grounds first came to be, there was a notion that birds that were not killed would leave the permitted area and reproduce, helping to create a population of the birds. We now know that is not the case, and domestically produced birds do not reproduce in a wild state in numbers that are significant.

The requirement to release a minimum of 100 of each species is cost prohibitive and serves no biological purpose. Since many private regulated hunting grounds are used by hunting dog owners to keep their dogs in shape or for training young dogs, it serves no purpose to force them to spend extra money to buy 100 of each species when they may only need to use 10 or 15 to accomplish their desired goal for training.

Additionally, the legislation will differentiate chukar partridges from game birds on regulated hunting grounds and remove the tagging requirements for chukars, as they are not considered game birds in Pennsylvania. The legislation does maintain a tagging requirement for game birds, however, providing that tags must be attached to one leg of each game bird taken.

The legislation also removes the requirement to report chukars taken on a regulated hunting ground during a dog trial held under a dog trial permit and removes the requirement to obtain a field trial or retriever trial permit on private regulated hunting grounds when chukars are being released for the trials because they may already be released and shot at any time on land other than a regulated hunting ground.

If you would like to cosponsor this measure, please contact Lori Clark at [lclark@pahousegop.com](mailto:lclark@pahousegop.com) or 705-7161. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

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