



Senate of Pennsylvania

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32nd Senatorial District

MEMO

Date: *April 20, 2012*
To: *All Senators*
From: *Senator Richard A. Kasunic*
Senator Richard Alloway
Subject: *Memo: Wild Game Fundraising Dinner Legislation*

In the near future, we will be introducing a bill to clarify that existing language in Title 34 (Game) that prohibits the buying and selling of venison up to 20 pounds and other wild game does not apply to Churches, non-profits, or sportsmen clubs for the purposes of holding a feed to raise funds for the organization.

The original intent of the language was to curtail the poaching and black market for venison and wild game in Pennsylvania, it was never intended to limit organizations from using "game dinners" for fundraising purposes.

Recently, the Game Commission threatened a local church with possible criminal charges for hosting a "venison dinner", and asking for a modest (\$7) donation. While the issue was resolved and the dinner occurred as planned, we feel it is imperative to ensure that issues such as this do not surface in the future.

If you wish to join us in co-sponsoring this bill please contact Jennifer Bonifanti office at 717-787-7175 or jbonifanti@pasenate.com.