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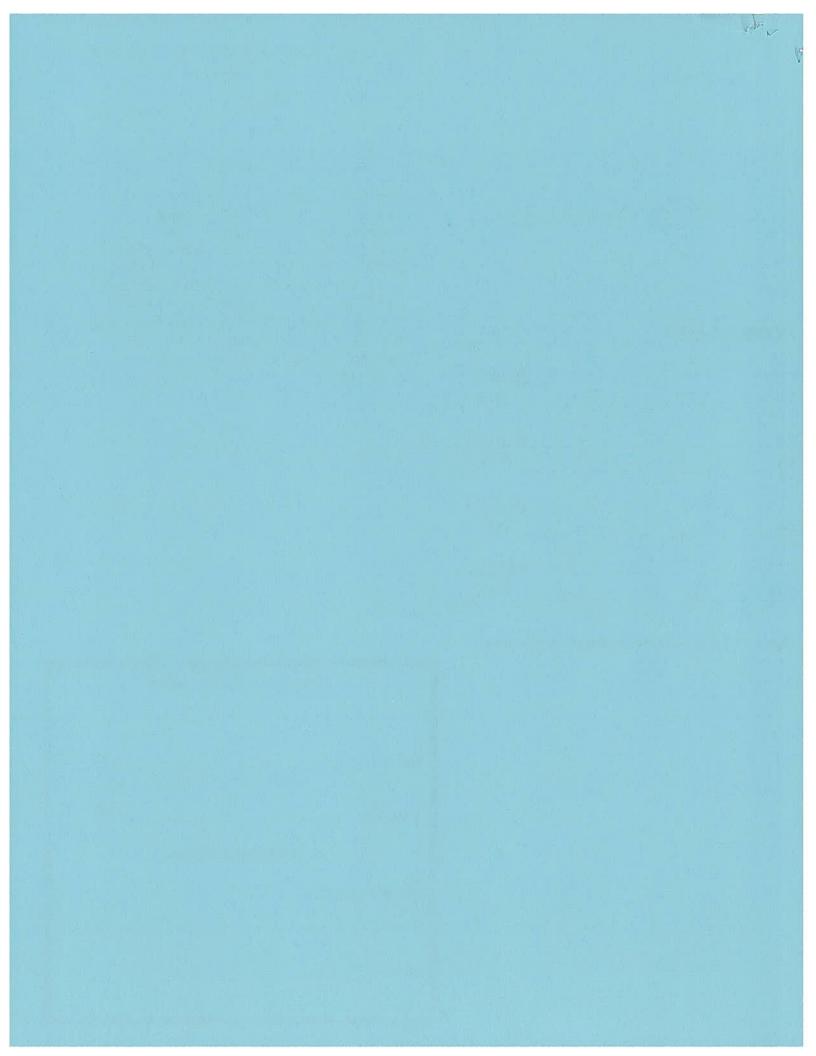
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Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for definitions and for interference with lawful fishing and boating; and, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for definitions and for interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other activities.

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- 2 Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for
- definitions and for interference with lawful fishing and
- 4 boating; and, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for
- definitions and for interference with lawful taking of
- 6 wildlife or other activities.
- 7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 hereby enacts as follows:
- 9 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
- 10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
- 11 § 102. Definitions.
- 12 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
- 13 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
- 14 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
- 15 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
- 16 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:
- 17 * * *
- 18 "Drone." An aerial vehicle that does not carry a human
- 19 operator.

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- 2 Section 2. Section 909(b) of Title 30 is amended by adding a
- 3 paragraph to read:
- 4 § 909. Interference with lawful fishing and boating prohibited.
- 5 * * *
- 6 (b) Activities that violate section. -- A person violates this
- 7 section if that person intentionally or knowingly commits any of
- 8 the following:
- 9 * * *
- 10 (7) Uses a drone in a way that interferes with another
- person who is engaged in the process of lawful fishing or
- 12 boating.
- 13 * * *
- 14 Section 3. Section 102 of Title 34 is amended by adding a
- 15 definition to read:
- 16 § 102. Definitions.
- 17 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
- 18 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
- 19 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
- 20 used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 21 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 22 * * *
- 23 <u>"Drone." An aerial vehicle that does not carry a human</u>
- 24 operator.
- 25 * * *
- 26 Section 4. Section 2302(a.1) of Title 34 is amended to read:
- 27 § 2302. Interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other
- 28 activities permitted by this title prohibited.
- 29 * * *
- 30 (a.1) Activities which violate section.--A person violates

- 1 this section when he intentionally or knowingly:
- 2 (1) drives or disturbs wildlife for the purpose of 3 disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife where another person 4 is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or
- 5 other permitted activities;

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- 6 (2) blocks, impedes or otherwise harasses another person 7 who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or 8 other permitted activities;
 - (3) uses natural or artificial visual, aural, olfactory or physical stimuli to affect wildlife behavior in order to hinder or prevent the lawful taking of wildlife or other permitted activities;
 - (4) creates or erects barriers with the intent to deny ingress or egress to areas where the lawful taking of wildlife or other permitted activities may occur;
 - (5) interjects himself into the line of fire;
 - (6) affects the condition or placement of personal or public property intended for use in the lawful taking of wildlife or other permitted activities in order to impair its usefulness or prevent its use;
 - (7) enters or remains upon public lands or upon private lands without permission of the owner or their agent, with intent to violate this section; [or]
 - (8) fails to obey the order of any officer whose duty it is to enforce any of the laws of this Commonwealth where such officer observes any conduct which violates this section or has reasonable grounds to believe that any person intends to engage in such conduct[.]; or
- 29 <u>(9) uses a drone in a way that interferes with another</u>
 30 <u>person who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking</u>

- 1 <u>wildlife or other permitted activities.</u>
- 2 * * *
- 3 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.