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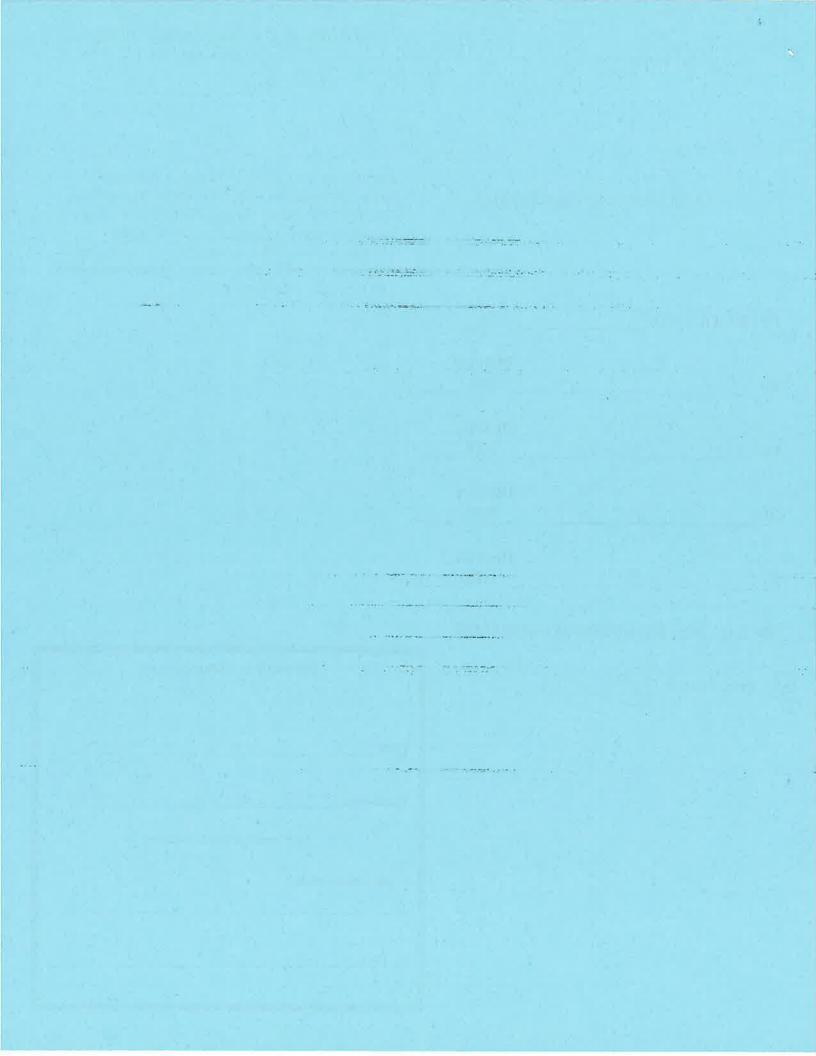
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- The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 5
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- Section 1. Sections 2701(c)(1), 2704(b) introductory 7
- paragraph, 2705(15), 2706 heading, (b) (1) and (1.1) and (b.1) 8
- and 2709(a)(2) and (17) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania 9
- Consolidated Statutes are amended to read: 10
- 11 § 2701. License requirements.
- * * * 12
- Exception. -- Any person who has never held a hunting 13
- license in Pennsylvania or any other state may participate in 14
- the hunting and trapping activities authorized under this title 15
- or commission regulations without compliance with subsection (a) 16
- or section 2704 (relating to eligibility for license) if that 17
- person satisfies all of the following requirements: 18

- 1 (1) The person who participates in the hunting or
- 2 trapping activities must always be in sight of and close
- 3 enough to a licensed hunter who is at least 18 years of age
- 4 to clearly hear and understand instructions communicated to
- 5 the person through normal conversation without the aid of any
- 6 device. The licensed hunter shall have a valid hunting
- 7 license for the game or wildlife they are hunting or qualify
- 8 for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 (relating
- 9 to [resident] license and fee exemptions).
- 10 * * *
- 11 § 2704. Eligibility for license.
- 12 * * *
- 13 (b) Hunter education. -- Persons who have not held a hunting
- 14 license lawfully issued to them in this Commonwealth or another
- 15 state or nation or have not hunted under the exceptions in
- 16 section 2706 (relating to [resident] license and fee exemptions)
- 17 or do not possess a certificate of training approved by the
- 18 director prior to the enactment of this title shall be required
- 19 to attain accreditation in a hunter education program approved
- 20 by the director before a hunting license is issued to them. The
- 21 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person who
- 22 presents:
- 23 * * *
- 24 § 2705. Classes of licenses.
- Unless otherwise provided, any person wishing to exercise any
- 26 of the privileges granted by this title shall first secure the
- 27 applicable resident or nonresident hunting or furtaker license
- 28 as follows:
- 29 * * *
- 30 (15) Elk hunting license to persons eligible for classes 2017D04809 2 -

- of licenses in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (7), (7.1), (8), (9)
- and (11.1). Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
- 3 title or the regulations promulgated thereunder, elk licenses
- 4 under this paragraph shall not be subject to the provisions
- of sections 2706 (relating to [resident] license and fee
- 6 exemptions) and 2706.1 (relating to complimentary nonresident
- 7 licenses). To ensure sound management of Pennsylvania's wild
- 8 elk population, the commission may promulgate regulations to
- 9 establish a limited number of licenses. The commission may
- 10 establish a nonrefundable application fee at a cost of \$10.
- 11 * * *
- 12 § 2706. [Resident license] <u>License</u> and fee exemptions.
- 13 * * *
- 14 (b) Disabled veterans.--
- 15 (1) Any resident or nonresident disabled veteran who has
- 16 a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict which
- 17 consists of the loss of one or more limbs, or the loss of the
- use of one or more limbs, or who is 100% disabled as
- certified by the United States Department of Veterans
- 20 Affairs, and who meets all other qualifications of this title
- 21 and is otherwise mentally and physically fit, shall be issued
- 22 a free regular hunting or furtaking license upon application
- 23 to the commission or a county treasurer.
- 24 (1.1) Any <u>resident or nonresident</u> disabled veteran who
- 25 has a disability incurred in any war or armed conflict and
- possesses a disability rating between 60% and 99% as
- certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
- and who meets all other qualifications of this act and is
- otherwise mentally and physically fit shall be issued a
- resident hunting or furtaking license at the cost of \$1 upon

- application to the commission or a county treasurer.
- 2 * * *
- 3 (b.1) Prisoners of war.--A <u>resident or nonresident</u> former
- 4 prisoner of war shall be entitled to purchase a resident hunting
- 5 license at the cost of \$1 plus the current issuing fee upon
- 6 application to the commission. An application under this
- 7 subsection shall contain the same information as is required for
- 8 other resident hunting license applications. As used in this
 - 9 subsection, the term "former prisoner of war" means an
- 10 individual who was imprisoned by enemy forces while in the
- 11 service of the armed forces of the United States as certified by
- 12 the appropriate branch of the armed forces of the United States.
- 13 * * *
- 14 § 2709. License costs and fees.
- 15 (a) License costs. -- Any person who qualifies under the
- 16 provisions of this chapter shall be issued the applicable
- 17 license upon payment of the following costs and the issuing
- 18 agent's fee:
- 19 * * *
- 20 (2) (i) Adult resident hunting \$19.
- 21 (ii) Resident military personnel hunting \$1.
- 22 (iii) [Former] Resident and nonresident former
- 23 prisoner of war hunting \$1.
- 24 (iv) Pennsylvania National Guard hunting \$1.
- 25 (v) Reserve component of the armed forces hunting
- 26 \$1.
- 27 * * *
- 28 (17) Resident <u>and nonresident</u> disabled veteran hunting
- or furtaker under section 2706(b) (relating to disabled
- 30 veterans) no cost.

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