

GAME AND WILDLIFE CODE (34 PA.C.S.) - UNLAWFUL DEVICES AND
METHODS AND ELK HUNTING LICENSES

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HB 263

AN ACT

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for elk hunting licenses.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 2308(a)(2) and (5) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

§ 2308. Unlawful devices and methods.

(a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this title, it is unlawful for any person to hunt or aid, abet, assist or conspire to hunt any game or wildlife through the use of:

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(2) A semiautomatic rifle or pistol, **except as set forth in subsection (b.1).**

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[(5) Any device operated by air, chemical or gas cylinder by which a projectile of any size or kind can be discharged or propelled.]

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(b.1) Additional exception.--A semiautomatic rifle may be used to hunt game in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commission.

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Section 2. Section 2706.2(c)(6) of Title 34 is amended to read:

§ 2706.2. Elk hunting licenses.

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(c) Special-license fundraiser.--In addition to any other elk license provided for under this section, the commission may hold a special-license fundraiser for hunters interested in the opportunity to hunt one elk, subject to the following:

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[(6) This subsection shall expire July 1, 2018.]

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Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The amendment of 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2308(a)(5) and 2706.2(c)(6) shall take effect in 60 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 21st day of November, A.D. 2016.

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