

**RELATING TO THE SPORT OF RACING AND CARRIER PIGEONS**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to the sport of racing and carrier pigeons; providing for regulation thereof by municipalities (excluding cities of the first class), townships and counties; and authorizing the flying of such pigeons within municipalities (excluding cities of the first class), townships and counties.

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

Section 1. For the purposes of this act,

(1) The term "carrier pigeon" shall mean and include homing and racing pigeons which have the name of the owner stamped upon the wing or tail, or are banded upon the leg with the name or initials of the owner or with an identification or registration number stamped on the band.

(2) The term "racing pigeon" shall mean and include any pigeon registered with any national pigeon racing organization.

(3) The term "department" shall mean and include the Health Department, Department of Health, Board of Health, or other name for a health department of any municipality (excluding cities of the first class), township or county and shall include the head of such department or any employe acting in his stead.

(4) The term "loft" shall mean and include any structure in which carrier pigeons are housed.

Section 2. (a) The department of any municipality (excluding cities of the first class), township or county shall issue a carrier pigeon permit to the owner of any carrier pigeons who complies with the following requirements:

(1) Identification marks stamped on each carrier pigeon or band are recorded with the department.

(2) The loft is found on inspection to be in compliance with regulations prescribed by the department and is maintained in a clean, orderly condition and kept in good repair.

(3) The construction of a loft complies with the building code regulations and zoning requirements of the municipality (excluding cities of the first class), township or county in which it is erected. ((3) amended Nov. 22, 1967, P.L.530, No.256)

(b) The requirements of zoning regulations relating to restrictions on the location of stables and poultry enclosures shall not apply to a loft for which a permit has been issued.

Section 3. Any person to whom the department of a municipality (excluding cities of the first class), township or county has issued a carrier pigeon permit may erect and maintain a loft of carrier or racing pigeons in the municipality (excluding cities of the first class), township or county.

Section 4. Any owner of carrier pigeons, to whom the department of a municipality (excluding cities of the first class), township or county has issued a carrier pigeon permit,

or person acting for him, having in his charge or possession and under restraint and control not more than twenty-five pairs of carrier pigeons shall be allowed to fly the pigeons for necessary exercise and training.