## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 297

Session of 1987

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, TIGUE, NOYE, OLASZ, CLYMER, TRELLO, JOHNSON, CIVERA, GLADECK AND LEH, FEBRUARY 11, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 11, 1987

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, further providing for the Statewide removal of
- 3 protection from foxes, raccoons and skunks for a limited
- 4 period of time.
- 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 6 hereby enacts as follows:
- 7 Section 1. Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:
- 9 § 2104. Removal of protection.
- 10 (a) General rule. -- For a period of five years from the
- 11 effective date of this section, all protection on foxes,
- 12 raccoons and skunks throughout this Commonwealth is removed in
- 13 order to impede and prevent the spread of rabies from
- 14 southcentral Pennsylvania through the remainder of this
- 15 Commonwealth.
- 16 (b) Restrictions.--Except for foxes, raccoons or skunks or
- 17 their parts submitted for laboratory analysis, it is unlawful
- 18 for any person to:

- 1 (1) Remove the named animals or their carcasses.
- 2 (2) Possess the named animals alive which were taken
- 3 <u>from the wild.</u>
- 4 Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the removal of dried or
- 5 <u>cured skins of the named animals.</u>
- 6 (c) Expiration. -- This section shall expire five years from
- 7 <u>its effective date.</u>
- 8 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1987, or
- 9 immediately, whichever is later.