## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 717

Session of 1993

INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, PHILLIPS, BELFANTI, DURHAM, COY, GIGLIOTTI, BUNT, PESCI, JAROLIN, CORNELL, SURRA, HASAY, KING AND TRELLO, MARCH 22, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 22, 1993

## AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, providing for the establishment of a separate
- 3 account within the Game Fund.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 521 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:
- 8 § 521. Establishment and use of Game Fund.
- 9 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this
- 10 title, all fees, royalties, fines, penalties and other moneys
- 11 paid, received, recovered and collected under the provisions of
- 12 this title shall be placed in a separate fund by the State
- 13 Treasurer to be known as the Game Fund and shall be used solely
- 14 for any contingent, incidental or other expenses of any kind or
- 15 description reasonably necessary in carrying on the work of the
- 16 commission, including, but not limited to, the purchase of land,
- 17 the costs of activities for the promotion of public interest in
- 18 recreational hunting and furtaking, nongame species, endangered

- 1 or threatened species and all other game or wildlife in this
- 2 Commonwealth and administration of this title.
- 3 (b) Specific allocation of certain revenues. -- The following
- 4 sums of money are specifically allocated for the following
- 5 purposes:
- 6 (1) A minimum of \$1.25 from each resident license for
- 7 which the full fee has been paid shall be used solely for
- 8 habitat improvement and restoration conducive to increasing
- 9 natural propagation of game or wildlife on all lands under
- 10 the control or operation of the commission or on lands open
- 11 to public hunting.
- 12 (2) A minimum of \$2.00 of the fee collected for the
- issuance of antlerless deer licenses shall be used solely for
- 14 cutting or otherwise removing overshadowing tree growth to
- produce underbrush, sprouts and saplings for deer food and
- 16 cover on lands under the control or operation of the
- 17 commission, including lands enrolled in commission public
- 18 access programs.
- 19 The revenues specifically allocated under this subsection shall
- 20 be deposited into a separate account within the Game Fund to be
- 21 known as the Propagation and Habitat Improvement Account. The
- 22 commission shall submit an annual report on this separate
- 23 account in the same manner as the audit and report under section
- 24 <u>522(b)</u> (relating to appropriation and audit of moneys).
- 25 Section 2. This act shall apply to license year 1993 and
- 26 thereafter.
- 27 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.