

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 972

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INTRODUCED BY COLE, GEESEY, BRADLEY, GLEASON, HALVERSON,
GIAMMARCO, MRKONIC, E. H. SMITH, LETTERMAN, MCINTYRE,
RENWICK AND NOYE, APRIL 9, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 14, 1975

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), entitled
2 "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild
3 animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing
4 the law relating thereto," authorizing Pennsylvania Game
5 Protectors to use a flashing or rotating red light on
6 officially marked Game Commission vehicles to stop and
7 inspect vehicles for the illegal transportation or
8 concealment of wild birds or wild animals protected by the
9 act.

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

12 Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No316), known
13 as "The Game Law," is amended by adding a section to read:

14 Section 729.1. Flashing or Rotating Red Light.--

15 Notwithstanding any provision of any other law to the contrary,
16 Pennsylvania Game Protectors shall be authorized to operate or
17 move any official Game Commission vehicle which is identified or
18 marked as such by appropriate lettering, decal, or both, as
19 approved by the commission, upon any street or highway within
20 the Commonwealth, with a flashing or rotating red light attached
21 to such vehicle in a temporary or permanent fashion which is

1 visible in any direction. The commission shall prescribe the
2 type of flashing or rotating red light to be used and the manner
3 of attachment to the vehicle.

4 Section 2. Section 730 of the act is amended to read:

5 Section 730. Vehicles on Highways Required to Stop Upon
6 Signal.--It [is] shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor
7 vehicle to fail or refuse to stop any such vehicle or conveyance
8 of any kind, being operated [upon any public highway] anywhere
9 within this Commonwealth, upon request or signal of any Game
10 Protector using a flashing or rotating red light as defined in
11 section 729.1 of this act, or upon request or hand signal of any
12 officer whose duty it is to enforce the game laws, when such
13 officer in every instance is in uniform and shall display his
14 badge or other insignia of identification, for the purpose of
15 inspecting or searching said vehicle or conveyance, its
16 passengers or contents, for the unlawful possession,
17 concealment, or transportation of [game of any species,] any
18 wild bird or wild animal or parts thereof, or for the purpose of
19 inspecting or searching said vehicle or conveyance, its
20 passengers or contents, for any other violation of the act, or
21 to in any manner interfere with any such officer while making
22 such inspection.

23 It is unlawful for any person to turn off any or all lights
24 on a vehicle or conveyance, being operated [upon any public
25 highway] anywhere within this Commonwealth, for the purpose of
26 avoiding identification or arrest, upon request or signal to
27 stop as required in this section.

28 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.