
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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BOOK, BELARDI, CLYMER, COSLETT, PHILLIPS AND MACKOWSKI,
MARCH 22, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 22, 1983

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," further providing for the
5 operation of vehicles with flashing or rotating red lights
6 and audible warning devices, and for unlawful acts; and
7 making a repeal.

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

10 Section 1. Sections 729.1 and 730 of the act of June 3, 1937
11 (P.L.1225, No.316), known as The Game Law, amended or added June
12 11, 1976 (P.L.157, No.77), are amended to read:

13 Section 729.1. Flashing or Rotating Red Light or Lights and
14 Audible Warning Device.--Notwithstanding any provision of any
15 other law to the contrary, active full-time salaried
16 Pennsylvania Game Protectors shall be authorized to operate or
17 move any [official] vehicle [owned by the Commonwealth which is
18 identified or marked as such by appropriate lettering, decal, or
19 both, as approved by the commission,] upon any street or highway

1 within the Commonwealth, with a flashing or rotating red light
2 or lights attached to such vehicle in a temporary or permanent
3 fashion [which is visible in any direction] and an audible
4 warning device. Pennsylvania Deputy Game Protectors shall be
5 authorized to operate or move any vehicle upon any street or
6 highway within the Commonwealth, with a flashing or rotating red
7 light or lights temporarily attached to the vehicle when
8 performing duties within the scope of their authority. The
9 commission shall prescribe the type of flashing or rotating red
10 light or lights to be used and the manner of attachment to the
11 vehicle.

12 Section 730. Vehicles Required to Stop Upon Signal.--It
13 shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to fail
14 or refuse to stop any such vehicle or conveyance of any kind,
15 being operated anywhere within this Commonwealth, upon request
16 or signal of any active full-time salaried Game Protector using
17 a flashing or rotating red light or lights or an audible warning
18 device or Deputy Game Protector using a flashing or rotating red
19 light or lights as defined in section 729.1 of this act, or upon
20 request or hand signal of any officer whose duty it is to
21 enforce the game laws, when such officer in every instance is in
22 uniform and shall display his badge or other insignia of
23 identification, for the purpose of inspecting or searching said
24 vehicle or conveyance, its passengers or contents, for the
25 unlawful possession, concealment, or transportation of any wild
26 bird or wild animal or parts thereof, or for the purpose of
27 inspecting or searching said vehicle or conveyance, its
28 passengers or contents, for any other violation of the act, or
29 to in any manner interfere with any such officer while making
30 such inspection.

1 It is unlawful for any person to turn off any or all lights
2 on a vehicle or conveyance, being operated anywhere within this
3 Commonwealth, for the purpose of avoiding identification or
4 arrest, upon request or signal to stop as required in this
5 section.

6 Section 2. Section 4571(c) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes (relating to Game Commission vehicles) is
8 repealed.

9 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.