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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**

**No. 1818** Session of  
1987

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INTRODUCED BY BELFANTI, SHOWERS, STABACK, LETTERMAN, NOYE,  
MORRIS, COY, KUKOVICH, BURD, SCHEETZ, HERSHEY, SEVENTY,  
FARGO, MAINE, BOWSER, ANGSTADT, McCALL, BUSH, BALDWIN,  
PHILLIPS, HERMAN, FLICK, YANDRISEVITS, BUNT, PETRONE,  
LEVDANSKY, GODSHALL, BARLEY, VEON AND VAN HORNE, OCTOBER 7,  
1987

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, OCTOBER 7, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Exempting owners of shooting ranges from any civil or criminal  
2 actions relating to noise pollution.

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

5 Section 1. General immunity for noise.

6 All owners of rifle, pistol, silhouette, skeet, trap,  
7 blackpowder or other ranges in this Commonwealth shall be exempt  
8 and immune from any civil action or criminal prosecution in any  
9 matter relating to noise or noise pollution resulting from the  
10 normal and accepted shooting activity on ranges, provided that  
11 the owners of the ranges are in compliance with any applicable  
12 noise control laws or ordinances extant at the time construction  
13 of the range was initiated.

14 Section 2. Nuisances and injunction.

15 The owners of the ranges shall not be subject to any action  
16 for nuisance, and no court in this Commonwealth shall enjoin the

1 use or operation of the ranges on the basis of noise or noise  
2 pollution, provided that the owners of the ranges are in  
3 compliance with any applicable noise control laws or ordinances  
4 extant at the time construction of the range was initiated.

5 Section 3. Effective date.

6 This act shall take effect immediately.