

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 647 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY HELFRICK, HESS, WENGER, STAPLETON, REGOLI,
SALVATORE, SHAFFER, MADIGAN AND RHOADES, MARCH 6, 1989

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 6, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for the issuance of reduced fee hunting
3 licenses to certain parties who open land to public hunting;
4 and providing for reimbursement to the Game Fund.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 2706 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
9 § 2706. Resident license and fee exemptions.

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11 (d) Owners or possessors of land open to public hunting.--A
12 resident owner or possessor of land, comprising greater than 80
13 contiguous acres farmed under a conservation plan which does not
14 conflict with the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L.1987, No.394), known
15 as The Clean Streams Law, and which meets the requirements of 25
16 Pa. Code Ch. 102 (relating to erosion control), shall, if he
17 permits public hunting as evidenced by enrollment in a
18 Cooperative Public Access Program, be entitled to purchase a

1 Landowners Hunting License at the cost of \$3 plus the current
2 issuing fee. The 80-acre requirement shall be exclusive of
3 safety zones in excess of 20% of the total acreage. The license
4 shall be issued to the owner or possessor or an immediate family
5 member of either the owner or possessor living in the same
6 household so designated by the owner or possessor in the case of
7 a single owner or possessor, and to the individual so designated
8 in the case of more than one owner or possessor. No person shall
9 be issued a hunting license under this subsection unless the
10 person is 12 years of age or older, has met the requirements
11 prescribed in section 2704 (relating to eligibility for license)
12 and has not been denied the privilege to hunt. A person entitled
13 to receive a hunting license under this subsection shall certify
14 to the commission in the form and manner prescribed by the
15 commission that the land tract he owns or possesses is presently
16 in his ownership or possession.

17 Section 2. Section 2709(a) of Title 34 is amended by adding
18 a paragraph to read:

19 § 2709. License costs and fees.

20 (a) License costs.--Any person who qualifies under the
21 provisions of this chapter shall be issued the applicable
22 license upon payment of the following costs and the issuing
23 agent's fee:

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25 (19) Owners or possessors of land open to public hunting
26 under section 2706(d) (relating to owners or possessors of
27 land open to public hunting) - \$3. All hunting licenses
28 issued under section 2706(d) shall be recorded by the
29 commission. The commission annually shall certify to the
30 General Assembly the difference between \$3 and the fee for a

1 resident hunting license for all licenses so issued and the
2 General Assembly shall cause that amount annually to be
3 appropriated and credited to the Game Fund.

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5 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1989, or
6 immediately, whichever is later.