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LAUGHLIN, MARCH 16, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 16, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing for hunter education.

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

5 Section 1. Section 2704(b) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 § 2704. Eligibility for license.

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9 (b) Hunter education.--

10 (1) Persons who have not held a hunting license lawfully  
11 issued to them in this Commonwealth or another state or  
12 nation or have not hunted under the exceptions in section  
13 2706 (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) or do  
14 not possess a certificate of training approved by the  
15 director prior to the enactment of this title shall be  
16 required to attain accreditation in a hunter education  
17 program approved by the director before a hunting license is

1 issued to them.

2 (2) (i) A person who wishes to hunt wild turkeys shall  
3 successfully complete a course specifically on wild  
4 turkey hunter safety.

5 (ii) All wild turkey hunting safety courses must  
6 issue a certificate to persons who successfully complete  
7 the course. This certificate shall be carried with the  
8 hunting license while hunting or assisting in hunting  
9 wild turkeys. The course need only be successfully  
10 completed one time by each person.

11 (iii) Each wild turkey hunting safety course shall  
12 be approved or disapproved by the commission within 60  
13 days of receipt of the application. All wild turkey  
14 safety courses shall be offered free of charge. All costs  
15 incurred in the development of the program, including  
16 training instructors and conducting courses, shall be  
17 paid out of the Game Fund.

18 (iv) The commission, in conjunction with the  
19 Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Wild Turkey  
20 Federation, shall establish the course content.

21 (3) The provisions of [this subsection] paragraph (1)  
22 shall not apply to a person who presents:

23 [(1)] (i) Evidence of service in the armed forces  
24 of the United States or in the United States Coast Guard  
25 and discharge or separation under honorable conditions  
26 within six months of the date of application.

27 [(2)] (ii) Evidence that the person is currently  
28 serving in the armed forces of the United States or in  
29 the United States Coast Guard.

30 (4) Penalty.--A violation of this subsection is a

1     summary offense of the fifth degree.

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3     Section 2. The provisions of 34 Pa.C.S. § 2704(b)(2)(i)  
4 requiring successful completion of wild turkey hunter safety  
5 courses shall be applicable within two years of the effective  
6 date of this act.

7     Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

8         (1) The addition of 34 Pa.C.S. § 2704(b)(4) shall take  
9 effect in three years.

10        (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60  
11 days.