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YOUNGBLOOD, SAMUELSON, KILLION AND PETRONE, DECEMBER 13, 2007

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, DECEMBER 13, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cruelty to
3 animals.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5511(q) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions and the
8 section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 5511. Cruelty to animals.

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11 (c.1) Use of live animals or fowl for targets at trap shoot
12 or block shoot prohibited.--

13 (1) A person commits a summary offense if that person
14 willfully organizes, operates, conducts or is a participant
15 in any trap shoot or block shoot in which live animals or

1 fowl are used as targets.

2 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
3 apply to any activity which is authorized or permitted under
4 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to game).

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6 (q) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
7 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
8 subsection:

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10 "Fowl." Any avis.

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12 "Participant." Any individual who actively engages in any
13 manner in the use of live animals or fowl as targets in a trap
14 shoot or block shoot. The term does not include a spectator or
15 other individual who may happen to be present and who does not
16 engage in any activity prohibited by this section.

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18 "Trap shoot or block shoot." An event during which
19 participants shoot or attempt to shoot targets that are:

20 (1) launched or otherwise presented to the shooter with
21 electronic or mechanical assistance from a fixed location or
22 locations within a predefined shooting field; or

23 (2) affixed to a rope, chain or other tethering device
24 when presented to the shooter.

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26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.