

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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FONTANA AND MCILHINNEY, MAY 5, 2009

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, MAY 5, 2009

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 or conducts a trap shoot or
15 block shoot in which live animals or fowl are used as
16 targets.

17 (2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to

1 apply to any activity which is authorized or permitted under
2 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to game) or a special permit under 58
3 Pa. Code Ch. 147 (relating to special permits).

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

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9 "Fowl." A bird, except game birds as defined and regulated
10 under 34 Pa.C.S. § 5102 (relating to definitions).

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

14 (1) launched or otherwise immediately presented to the
15 shooter with electronic or mechanical assistance from a fixed
16 location or locations within a predefined shooting field; or

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

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