

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 881 Session of 2011

INTRODUCED BY PYLE, BENNINGHOFF, CUTLER, ELLIS, FABRIZIO, GEIST, GROVE, HORNAMAN, KAUFFMAN, MOUL, PEIFER, RAPP, ROCK, SONNEY, SWANGER AND COX, MARCH 2, 2011

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, MAY 7, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for dogs pursuing, injuring or
3 killing big game.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2383 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2383. Dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), it
10 is unlawful for any person to make use of a dog in any manner to
11 hunt for or to take big game or to permit a dog owned,
12 controlled or harbored by that person to pursue, harass, chase,
13 scatter, injure or make use of a dog to kill any big game.

14 ~~(b) Exception. It shall be lawful to make use of a dog to~~
15 ~~pursue, chase, scatter and track wild turkeys during the fall~~
16 ~~wild turkey season or to make use of a leashed blood tracking~~
17 ~~dog to track a white tailed deer in an attempt to recover an~~



1 ~~animal which has been legally killed or wounded during any open~~
2 ~~season for white-tailed deer.~~

3 (B) EXCEPTION.--IT SHALL BE LAWFUL TO [MAKE] DO ANY OF THE
4 FOLLOWING:

5 (1) MAKE USE OF A DOG TO PURSUE, CHASE, SCATTER AND
6 TRACK WILD TURKEYS DURING THE FALL WILD TURKEY SEASON.

7 (2) MAKE USE OF A LEASHED BLOOD-TRACKING DOG TO TRACK A
8 WHITE-TAILED DEER OR BEAR IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECOVER AN ANIMAL
9 WHICH HAS BEEN LEGALLY KILLED OR WOUNDED DURING ANY OPEN
10 SEASON FOR WHITE-TAILED DEER OR BEAR. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL
11 EXPIRE 1,095 DAYS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

