

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 451 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY PYLE, MOUL, CUTLER, HARHAI, KORTZ, KAUFFMAN,  
SONNEY, LUCAS, HARKINS, OBERLANDER, M. K. KELLER, READSHAW,  
BENNINGHOFF, HESS, ROCK, GROVE AND COX, JANUARY 30, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JANUARY 30, 2013

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] do any of the  
15 following:

16 (1) Make use of a dog to pursue, chase, scatter and  
17 track wild turkeys during the fall wild turkey season.

18 (2) Make use of a leashed blood-tracking dog to track a

1 white-tailed deer or bear in an attempt to recover an animal  
2 which has been legally killed or wounded during any open  
3 season for white-tailed deer or bear. This paragraph shall  
4 expire 1,095 days from the effective date of this paragraph.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.