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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 9, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; and, in special licenses and permits, further
4 providing for disabled person permits.

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

7 Section 1. The definition of "bow" in section 102 of Title
8 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 102. Definitions.

10 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
11 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
12 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
13 used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this
14 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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16 "Bow." A weapon which propels an arrow, is hand-held, hand-
17 drawn, held in the drawn position by hand or by a hand-held
18 mechanical device and released by hand. The term [shall not be

1 construed or interpreted to mean or include what is commonly
2 known as a cross-bow] includes a device held in place by a brace
3 secured around the body of the hunter. The term also includes a
4 crossbow which, when used for hunting deer, bear or turkey, has
5 a draw weight of no less than 125 pounds and uses arrows tipped
6 with broadheads of a cutting edge design.

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8 Section 2. Section 2923(c) of Title 34 is repealed:

9 § 2923. Disabled person permits.

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11 [(c) Bow and arrow or crossbow.--A lifetime permit shall be
12 issued to any person who presents a doctor's certificate showing
13 that the person is, because of a permanent physical condition,
14 unable to hunt with a conventional bow and arrow. A temporary
15 permit shall be issued to a person who presents a doctor's
16 certificate showing that the person is, because of a temporary
17 physical condition, unable to hunt with a conventional bow and
18 arrow. A temporary permit issued under this subsection shall be
19 valid only for the license year for which the permit is issued.
20 The lifetime or temporary permit shall authorize the named
21 person to hunt by the use of:

22 (1) A bow and arrow which is held in place by a brace
23 secured around the body of the hunter or is triggered with
24 the aid of a mechanical device.

25 (2) A crossbow subject to the following restrictions:

26 (i) When hunting deer, bear or turkey, the crossbow
27 must have a draw weight of not less than 125 pounds nor
28 more than 200 pounds.

29 (ii) The arrows for the crossbow must be tipped with
30 broadheads of a cutting edge design.

1 The permittee shall carry the permit upon his person at all
2 times while hunting.]

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4 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.