
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2084 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY MULLERY, MUSTIO, THOMAS, SWANGER, FARINA, COHEN
AND GIBBONS, MARCH 12, 2014

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 12, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for
3 definitions and for interference with lawful fishing and
4 boating; and, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for
5 definitions and for interference with lawful taking of
6 wildlife or other activities.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

11 § 102. Definitions.

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

17 * * *

18 "Drone." An aerial vehicle that does not carry a human
19 operator.

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1 Section 2. Section 909(b) of Title 30 is amended by adding a
2 paragraph to read:

3 § 909. Interference with lawful fishing and boating prohibited.

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5 (b) Activities that violate section.--A person violates this
6 section if that person intentionally or knowingly commits any of
7 the following:

8 * * *

9 (7) Uses a drone in a way that interferes with another
10 person who is engaged in the process of lawful fishing or
11 boating.

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13 Section 3. Section 102 of Title 34 is amended by adding a
14 definition to read:

15 § 102. Definitions.

16 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
17 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
18 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
19 used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this
20 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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22 "Drone." An aerial vehicle that does not carry a human
23 operator.

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25 Section 4. Section 2302(a.1) of Title 34 is amended to read:

26 § 2302. Interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other
27 activities permitted by this title prohibited.

28 * * *

29 (a.1) Activities which violate section.--A person violates
30 this section when he intentionally or knowingly:

1 (1) drives or disturbs wildlife for the purpose of
2 disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife where another person
3 is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or
4 other permitted activities;

5 (2) blocks, impedes or otherwise harasses another person
6 who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or
7 other permitted activities;

8 (3) uses natural or artificial visual, aural, olfactory
9 or physical stimuli to affect wildlife behavior in order to
10 hinder or prevent the lawful taking of wildlife or other
11 permitted activities;

12 (4) creates or erects barriers with the intent to deny
13 ingress or egress to areas where the lawful taking of
14 wildlife or other permitted activities may occur;

15 (5) interjects himself into the line of fire;

16 (6) affects the condition or placement of personal or
17 public property intended for use in the lawful taking of
18 wildlife or other permitted activities in order to impair its
19 usefulness or prevent its use;

20 (7) enters or remains upon public lands or upon private
21 lands without permission of the owner or their agent, with
22 intent to violate this section; [or]

23 (8) fails to obey the order of any officer whose duty it
24 is to enforce any of the laws of this Commonwealth where such
25 officer observes any conduct which violates this section or
26 has reasonable grounds to believe that any person intends to
27 engage in such conduct[.]; or

28 (9) uses a drone in a way that interferes with another
29 person who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking
30 wildlife or other permitted activities.

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2 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.