
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 576 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY LUCAS, MULLERY, READSHAW, CALTAGIRONE, FREEMAN,
HAGGERTY, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, MAHER, ROCK, SAYLOR AND TALLMAN,
DECEMBER 9, 2013

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Game Commission to explore the
2 possibility of opening the rifle hunting season for white-
3 tailed deer in Pennsylvania on the Saturday directly
4 following Thanksgiving.

5 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Game Commission is the agency with
6 ultimate management authority for white-tailed deer; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, an
8 estimated 343,110 deer were harvested during the 2012-2013 deer
9 hunting seasons, with 225,220 being taken during the regular
10 rifle deer season; and

11 WHEREAS, Deer hunting is one of this Commonwealth's most
12 valued traditions and has a significant economic impact on this
13 Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, Hunters have less available time to hunt due to the
15 ever-increasing demands of work, family and other obligations;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, For many hunters, taking a day off work or missing
18 other obligations in order to hunt on the traditional Monday

1 start to the season can create additional financial burden
2 during challenging economic times; and

3 WHEREAS, Opening the regular rifle deer season on the
4 Saturday following Thanksgiving could help generate more
5 interest and participation in deer hunting in this Commonwealth
6 due to the additional opportunity it would provide; therefore be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
9 Pennsylvania Game Commission to explore the possibility of
10 opening the rifle deer hunting season on the Saturday directly
11 following Thanksgiving; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the
13 Pennsylvania Game Commission.