
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SMITH, ARGALL, HUGHES AND RAFFERTY, APRIL 3, 2014

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 3, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Pennsylvania Game Commission to include Lyme disease
2 education in the Hunter-Trapper Education training courses
3 that are offered to hunters each year.

4 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a potentially serious disease
5 transmitted to humans through deer tick bites and is the most
6 common tick-borne disease in the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control and
8 Prevention, 22,014 cases of Lyme disease were confirmed in the
9 United States in 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, Four thousand one hundred forty-six, 18.83% of all
11 confirmed cases in the United States, occurred in this
12 Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, Lyme disease is a frequently misunderstood illness
14 that if not caught and treated properly can cause serious health
15 problems; and

16 WHEREAS, Children five to nine years of age and adults in
17 their fifties and sixties experience the highest occurrence of
18 Lyme disease; and

1 WHEREAS, Symptoms of Lyme disease vary and may include fever,
2 headache, joint pain and fatigue and 70% to 80% of people
3 develop a rash that begins as a darkened area at the site of the
4 tick attachment that resembles a bull's eye rash; and

5 WHEREAS, In most cases, the infection and its symptoms are
6 eliminated by antibiotics, especially if the illness is treated
7 early; and

8 WHEREAS, Delayed or inadequate treatment can lead to more
9 serious symptoms, which can be disabling and difficult to treat;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The best protection from tick exposure is education
12 and reduction of exposure to the ticks, including tucking in
13 pant cuffs and using bug repellent containing DEET; and

14 WHEREAS, The health and well-being of the men and women of
15 this Commonwealth who participate in outdoor activities is of
16 paramount importance to the Senate; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Pennsylvania Game
18 Commission to include Lyme disease education in the Hunter-
19 Trapper Education training courses that are offered to hunters
20 each year.