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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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EVERETT AND LAWRENCE, JANUARY 21, 2015

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JANUARY 21, 2015

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in property and buildings, further providing for  
3 use of property relating to recreational hunting.

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

6 Section 1. Section 722 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:  
8 § 722. Use of property.

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10 (d) Recreational hunting.--

11 (1) Subject to valid existing rights, commission-owned  
12 lands shall be open to access and use for recreational  
13 hunting except as limited by the commission for reasons of  
14 public safety, fish or wildlife management, or homeland  
15 security or as otherwise limited by law.

16 (2) The commission shall exercise its authority,  
17 consistent with paragraph (1), in a manner to support,  
18 promote and enhance recreational hunting opportunities, to

1 the extent authorized by State law.

2 (3) Commission land management decisions and actions may  
3 not, to the greatest practical extent, result in any net loss  
4 of habitat available for hunting opportunities on commission-  
5 owned lands that exists on the effective date of this  
6 subsection.

7 (4) By October 1 of each year, the executive director of  
8 the commission shall submit to the General Assembly a written  
9 report describing:

10 (i) the acreage owned by the commission that has  
11 been closed during the previous year to recreational  
12 hunting and the reasons for the closures; and

13 (ii) the acreage owned by the commission that, in  
14 order to comply with paragraph (3), was opened to  
15 recreational hunting to compensate for the acreage closed  
16 under subparagraph (i).

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.