## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 979

Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, COSTA, FONTANA, MENSCH, SCAVELLO, BREWSTER, DINNIMAN, SABATINA, SCHWANK, TARTAGLIONE, WOZNIAK, ARGALL, RAFFERTY AND VULAKOVICH, AUGUST 24, 2015

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, AUGUST 24, 2015

## AN ACT

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated 1 Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for jurisdiction 2 and penalties; and, in game or wildlife protection, further 3 providing for unlawful taking and possession of protected 5 birds. 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Sections 925(b) and 2164(d) of Title 34 of the 8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding 10 paragraphs to read: 11 § 925. Jurisdiction and penalties. 12 \* \* \* 13 (b) Fines and penalties for violations. -- In addition to any other requirements of this title, the following fines and 14 15 penalties shall be imposed for violations of this title: 16 \* \* \* 17 (4.1) Summary offense and not less than \$2,500 when the offense involves a violation of section 2164 (relating to 18 unlawful taking and possession of protected birds) that 19

- 1 <u>results in the killing of a bald eagle or golden eagle.</u>
- 2 \* \* \*
- 3 § 2164. Unlawful taking and possession of protected birds.
- 4 \* \* \*
- 5 (d) Penalties.--
- 6 \* \* \*
- 7 (3) A violation of this section relating to birds listed
- 8 <u>under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (54 Stat. 250,</u>
- 9 <u>16 U.S.C. § 668) is, in addition to any other penalties, a</u>
- 10 <u>summary offense of the first degree.</u>
- 11 \* \* \*
- 12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.