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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY SHUSTERMAN, ISAACSON, McNEILL, MADDEN,  
SCHLOSSBERG, HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, HOWARD, HILL-EVANS,  
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BOROWSKI AND TAKAC, MARCH 23, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 23, 2023

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for  
3 unlawful devices and methods; and, in hunting and furtaking  
4 licenses, further providing for denial or revocation of  
5 licenses and for period of revocation.

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

8 Section 1. Section 2308(a) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

10 § 2308. Unlawful devices and methods.

11 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this  
12 title, it is unlawful for any person to hunt or aid, abet,  
13 assist or conspire to hunt any game or wildlife through the use  
14 of:

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16 (9.2) Any device or method that involves the beating of  
17 any game or wildlife.

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1 Section 2. Section 2741(b) of Title 34 is amended to read:

2 § 2741. Denial or revocation of licenses.

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4 (b) Violations.--In addition to any penalty and costs  
5 imposed by this title, the commission may revoke any hunting or  
6 furtaking license and deny any person the privilege to secure a  
7 license or to hunt or take furbearers anywhere in this  
8 Commonwealth, with or without a license, if the licensee or  
9 person:

10 (1) Has either been convicted or signed an  
11 acknowledgment of guilt of violating any of the provisions of  
12 this title for such periods as are specified in this  
13 subchapter.

14 (2) Has been accused of having violated any of the  
15 following provisions even though such person has not been  
16 convicted of a violation of these sections:

17 (i) Section 2308(a)(9.2) (relating to unlawful  
18 devices and methods).

19 (ii) Section 2501 (relating to hunting or furtaking  
20 prohibited while under influence of alcohol or controlled  
21 substance).

22 (iii) Section 2505 (relating to safety zones).

23 (iv) Section 2509 (relating to damage to property).

24 (v) Section 2522 (relating to shooting at or causing  
25 injury to human beings).

26 (vi) Section 2523 (relating to rendering assistance  
27 after incidents).

28 (3) Has been convicted of, pleaded guilty to or entered  
29 a plea of nolo contendere to a violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5534  
30 (relating to aggravated cruelty to animal) or a similar

1 offense in another state.

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3 Section 3. Section 2742 of Title 34 is amended by adding a  
4 subsection to read:

5 § 2742. Period of revocation.

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7 (d) Revocation of privilege.--Notwithstanding the provisions  
8 of this section, the commission may, for a period as the  
9 commission may determine, deny the privilege to hunt or take  
10 wildlife anywhere in this Commonwealth, with or without a  
11 license, to:

12 (1) Any person subject to section 2741(b)(2)(i)  
13 (relating to denial or revocation of licenses).

14 (2) Any person subject to section 2741(b)(3).

15 (3) Any person convicted or having signed an  
16 acknowledgment of guilt of a first or subsequent offense of  
17 violating section 2308(a)(9.2) (relating to unlawful devices  
18 and methods).

19 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.