

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2139 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY WARREN, MARCH 19, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 19, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
 2 Consolidated Statutes, in riot, disorderly conduct and
 3 related offenses, providing for the offense of use of live
 4 pigeons for target.

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

7 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 5545.1. Use of live pigeons for target.

10 (a) Offense defined.--A person commits a summary offense if
 11 the person willfully organizes, operates, conducts or knowingly
 12 permits a premises to be owned, leased or used for a contest
 13 event in which live pigeons are used as targets for either
 14 amusement or as a test of skill in marksmanship that are
 15 launched or otherwise immediately presented to the shooter
 16 either manually or with electronic or mechanical assistance from
 17 a fixed location or locations within a predefined shooting
 18 field.

19 (b) Applicability.--Nothing under this section shall be

1 construed to apply to activity which is authorized or permitted
2 under 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to game), the training of dogs for
3 activity which is authorized or permitted under 34 Pa.C.S. or a
4 special permit under 58 Pa. Code Ch. 147 (relating to special
5 permits).

6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.