
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY EMRICK, GILLEN, B. MILLER, OWLETT, ROWE, WARNER
AND ZIMMERMAN, MARCH 7, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 7, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for
3 interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other
4 activities permitted by this title prohibited.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2302(a.1) and (d) of Title 34 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 2302. Interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other
10 activities permitted by this title prohibited.

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12 (a.1) Activities which violate section.--A person violates
13 this section when he intentionally or knowingly:

14 (1) drives or disturbs wildlife for the purpose of
15 disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife where another person
16 is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or
17 other permitted activities;

18 (2) blocks, impedes or otherwise harasses another person
19 who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or

1 other permitted activities;

2 (3) uses natural or artificial visual, aural, olfactory
3 or physical stimuli to affect wildlife behavior in order to
4 hinder or prevent the lawful taking of wildlife or other
5 permitted activities;

6 (4) creates or erects barriers with the intent to deny
7 ingress or egress to areas where the lawful taking of
8 wildlife or other permitted activities may occur;

9 (5) interjects himself into the line of fire;

10 (6) affects the condition or placement of personal or
11 public property intended for use in the lawful taking,
12 viewing, photographing or video recording of wildlife or
13 other permitted activities in order to impair its usefulness
14 or prevent its use;

15 (7) enters or remains upon public lands or upon private
16 lands without permission of the owner or their agent, with
17 intent to violate this section; or

18 (8) fails to obey the order of any officer whose duty it
19 is to enforce any of the laws of this Commonwealth where such
20 officer observes any conduct which violates this section or
21 has reasonable grounds to believe that any person intends to
22 engage in such conduct.

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24 (d) Penalties.--[A]

25 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), a
26 violation of this section is a summary offense of the second
27 degree.

28 (2) A violation of subsection (a)(6) is a summary
29 offense of the first degree. In addition to any penalty, the
30 violator shall be denied the right to hunt or trap in this

1 Commonwealth, with or without a license, for a period of one
2 year.

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