



Senate Game and Fisheries Committee

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AGENDA

Tuesday November 17, 2015

Off The Floor

- Call to Order and Roll Call
- **Senate Bill 1065** (Scavello), Printer's Number 1393, amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for falconry on Sunday.
- **House Bill 698** (Marshall), Printer's Number 2458, amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for unlawful devices and methods; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing for permits for individuals with disabilities.
- Recess



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 1065
Printer's No. 1393

Prime Sponsor: Scavello
Committee: Game and Fisheries

SYNOPSIS:

Amends Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for falconry on Sunday.

SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1065 amends Section 2303 (b.1) exceptions, providing for an additional exception for hunting with the use of birds of prey commonly known as falconry.

Currently, Title 34 Section 2303 prohibits hunting on Sunday with the exception of the hunting of foxes and coyotes, as well as any hunting which occurs on noncommercial regulated hunting grounds holding a valid permit under Section 2928 (b) (2) (relating to regulated hunting grounds permits).

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, November 12, 2015

Prepared by: Zubeck 11/16/2015

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1065 Session of
2015

INTRODUCED BY SCAVELLO, BARTOLOTTA, GREENLEAF AND YAW,
NOVEMBER 12, 2015

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, NOVEMBER 12, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for
3 hunting on Sunday prohibited.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2303(b.1) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2303. Hunting on Sunday prohibited.

9 * * *

10 (b.1) Exceptions.--Subsection (a) shall not apply to:

11 (1) The hunting of foxes.

12 (2) The hunting of coyotes.

13 (2.1) Any hunting with the use of birds of prey commonly
14 known as falconry.

15 (3) Any hunting which occurs on noncommercial regulated
16 hunting grounds holding a valid permit under section 2928(b)

17 (2) (relating to regulated hunting grounds permits).

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



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 0698
Printer's No. 2458

Prime Sponsor: Marshall
Committee: Game and Fisheries

SYNOPSIS:

Amends Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, to allow for the use of a motorized wheelchair by hunters with permanent disabilities, and provides for a related permit.

SUMMARY:

House Bill 698 amends Section 2308 (a) (7) (relating to Unlawful devices and methods) of Title 34 to provide that the subsection shall not pertain to a motorized wheelchair if the person has been issued a permit to hunt under Section 2923 (a.1) (relating to disabled person permits—use of a motorized wheelchair).

The legislation also creates a new permit under Section 2923 (a.1) for “use of motorized wheelchair.” This subsection provides for a lifetime permit to hunt from a motorized wheelchair outside of a vehicle for properly licensed hunters with a permanent or irreversible physical disability who are unable to ambulate and require a wheelchair, walker, one leg brace or external prosthesis above the knee, two leg braces or external prostheses below the knees, two crutches or two canes for mobility. Permittees must carry the permit upon their person while hunting, may use the motorized wheelchair to flush or locate game, and may carry a loaded firearm while the wheelchair is in motion.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

BILL HISTORY:

Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, November 12, 2015

Prepared by: Zubeck 10/30/2015

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 698 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY MARSHALL, BARRAR, CAUSER, EVERETT, FARINA, GINGRICH, HARHART, MALONEY, MILLARD, MOUL, MURT, MUSTIO, ORTITAY, RAPP, READSHAW, GILLEN, M. K. KELLER, GABLER, GIBBONS, ENGLISH, JOZWIAK, ZIMMERMAN AND DAVIS, MARCH 3, 2015

AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 27, 2015

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 special licenses and
4 permits, further providing for disabled person permits-
5 PERMITS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. <--

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

8 Section 1. Section 2308(a)(7) of Title 34 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended 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:

15 * * *

16 (7) A vehicle or conveyance of any kind or its
17 attachment propelled by other than manpower. Nothing in this
18 subsection shall pertain to any of the following:

1 (i) A motorboat or sailboat if the motor has been
2 completely shut off or sail furled, and the progress
3 thereof has ceased.

4 (ii) A motorized wheelchair if the person has been
5 issued a permit to hunt under section 2923(a.1) (relating
6 to disabled person permits).

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8 Section 2. Section 2923 of Title 34 is amended by adding a
9 subsection to read:

10 § 2923. Disabled person permits.

11 * * *

12 (a.1) Use of motorized wheelchair.--

13 (1) Unless further restricted by commission regulation,
14 a lifetime permit to hunt from a motorized wheelchair outside
15 of a vehicle may be issued to a person with permanent
16 disabilities who qualified for a hunting license under
17 Chapter 27 or who possesses a junior resident license under
18 section 2705(2) and who has a permanent or irreversible
19 physical disability and is unable to ambulate and requires a
20 wheelchair, WALKER, ONE LEG BRACE OR EXTERNAL PROSTHESIS <--
21 ABOVE THE KNEE, TWO LEG BRACES OR EXTERNAL PROSTHESES BELOW
22 THE KNEES, TWO CRUTCHES OR TWO CANES FOR MOBILITY.

23 (2) Permittees shall carry the permit upon their person
24 while hunting. Any person named on this permit may hunt while
25 using a motorized wheelchair and may use the motorized
26 wheelchair to flush or locate game. The firearm may be loaded
27 while the motorized wheelchair is in motion.

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