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## AN ACT

Providing for the establishment of Auxiliary State Game  
Preserves

1 Section 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*  
2 *sentatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly*  
3 *met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That*  
4 hereafter whenever the owner or owners or the person in  
5 control of suitable lands of a total of not less than  
6 one hundred acres nor more than four thousand acres  
7 shall desire to have said lands set apart as a city of  
8 refuge for game and wild birds they shall petition the  
9 Board of Game Commissioners of this Commonwealth de-  
10 claring their desires and setting forth in said petition  
11 the location of said lands with a description thereof

12 Section 2 The petition of those desiring to have cre-  
13 ated an Auxiliary State Game Preserve in any part of  
14 this Commonwealth shall state clearly that the owner or  
15 owners or persons in control of such lands are willing  
16 to vest in the Commonwealth all right to hunt upon

1 said lands either without charge or remuneration or for  
2 such rental as may be agreed upon between them and  
3 the Board of Game Commissioners for the use of such  
4 property that they the contracting party or parties of  
5 the first part agree that neither they their families their  
6 agents their tenants nor any other persons shall hunt  
7 thereon by and with their authority and that they will  
8 make every effort to protect said preserve from hunting  
9 and from violations of any nature The petition shall also  
10 set forth that all agreements therein shall continue in  
11 force for an uninterrupted period of not less than ten  
12 years and such longer period as may be desired by the  
13 petitioners and shall be indorsed by at least fifty quali-  
14 fied electors of the county wherein said lands may be  
15 located and shall be presented to said Board for their  
16 consideration and approval

17 Section 3 If upon investigation said Board is satisfied  
18 that such lands are suitable for the purpose mentioned  
19 and shall decide that the establishment of said Auxiliary  
20 Game Preserve is advisable they shall thereupon enter into  
21 an agreement in the form of a lease with those in  
22 control of such property and shall declare said lands or  
23 any part thereof an Auxiliary Game Preserve They shall  
24 cause said lands so designated as an Auxiliary State  
25 Game Preserve to be surrounded by a single wire as a  
26 marker if same is not already surrounded by a suitable  
27 enclosure They shall cause to be posted notices not more  
28 than one hundred and fifty yards apart along the border  
29 of such Auxiliary State Game Preserve Such notices shall

1 bear at the head the words "Auxiliary State Game Pre-  
2 serve" followed by a plain statement that it is unlawful  
3 to trespass upon said lands at any time or to hunt  
4 thereon except for vermin under and by the written per-  
5 mission of the Board of Game Commissioners No Auxiliary  
6 State Game Preserve shall be established within a radius  
7 of five miles from a State Game Preserve or another  
8 Auxiliary State Game Preserve

9 Section 4 The Board of Game Commissioners is hereby  
10 empowered and authorized to formulate and have posted  
11 rules and regulations regarding the protection and preser-  
12 vation of game birds and game animals and song and  
13 insectivorous birds on such Auxiliary State Game Preserve  
14 as to them may appear best suited to secure the de-  
15 sired results and such rules and regulations so formulated  
16 and published by posters by said Board as herein pro-  
17 vided for shall be the law of this Commonwealth con-  
18 trolling such Auxiliary Game Preserves

19 Section 5 The Board shall cause notice of their ac-  
20 tion declaring lands to be an Auxiliary State Game Pre-  
21 serve to be advertised for at least one time each week  
22 for three consecutive weeks in at least two newspapers  
23 of general circulation in the county wherein said Auxili-  
24 ary State Game Preserve may be located and shall also  
25 have a suitable notice published for at least two con-  
26 secutive months in not less than two sportsmen's journals  
27 if there be so many published monthly in the State

28 Section 6 The said Auxiliary State Game Preserve  
29 shall thereupon be deemed to be a public State Game

1 Preserve All violations of all rules and regulations adopted  
2 by the Board of Game Commissioners to control Auxiliary  
3 State Game Preserves shall be punishable under the same  
4 laws rules and regulations and the same penalties be im-  
5 posed for similar offenses as now apply or shall here-  
6 after apply to State Game Preserves

7 Section 7 The act approved the twenty-ninth day of  
8 May one thousand nine hundred and seventeen (Pamphlet  
9 Laws three hundred and twenty-six) entitled "An act pro-  
10 viding for the establishment of Auxiliary State Game Preserves"  
11 and all other acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the  
12 provisions of this act are hereby repealed Provided how-  
13 ever that, the repeal of any act of Assembly relating to  
14 game preserves shall not affect any prosecution pending at  
15 the date of the passage of this act nor prevent the  
16 institution of any prosecutions for violations of any act  
17 committed prior to the passage of this act but all such  
18 violations shall be prosecuted in the same manner and  
19 under the same authority and with like effect as prior  
20 to the passage of this act Provided also that any Aux-  
21 iliary State Game Preserve created under the provisions of  
22 said act of May twenty-ninth one thousand nine hundred  
23 and seventeen shall continue under the provisions of this  
24 act in like manner and with the same effect as though  
25 created under the provisions of this act