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**AN ACT**

Creating a reward or bounty for the destruction of crow killed within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing the method of furnishing evidence of said destruction and penalties for the violation of the several provisions hereof

- 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 *a reward or bounty of five cents shall be paid by this*  
5 *Commonwealth for the killing within the Commonwealth only*  
6 *of each crow*
- 7 Section 2 Any person who having killed within this  
8 Commonwealth one or more of the birds named in sec-  
9 tion one of this act and being desirous of securing the  
10 reward or bounty named for such killing as fixed by  
11 section one of this act shall produce the head of such  
12 slain bird before any game protector or any justice of

1 the peace or alderman or magistrate within this Common-  
2 wealth and shall make affidavit that he or some member  
3 of his family naming such person killed the same—naming  
4 it—stating clearly the approximate time of such killing  
5 and the fact that the place where such bird was killed  
6 —naming it—was within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 and that such bird was not reared in captivity

8 (a) Upon the production of the head of such bird  
9 and the making of such affidavit before a game protector  
10 such official shall in the presence of the party making  
11 such affidavit cut off the beak and destroy the head of  
12 such bird and shall fill out in the name of the party  
13 making such affidavit a certificate directed to the Secre-  
14 tary of the Board of Game Commissioners at Harrisburg  
15 setting forth clearly the fact that the provisions of this  
16 act have been complied with giving the name of the  
17 bird killed the name of the person killing it the ap-  
18 proximate time it was killed and as nearly as possible  
19 the name of the place and county within the Common-  
20 wealth where it was thus killed and that such bird was  
21 not reared in captivity and the said game protector shall  
22 forward to the office of the Secretary of the Board of  
23 Game Commissioners at Harrisburg the said certificate

24 (b) Where the affidavit required by this act is made  
25 before a justice of the peace or alderman or magistrate  
26 such official shall include in one affidavit all claims for  
27 bounty that may be made by one person at one time  
28 and shall receive in full for services rendered a fee of  
29 twenty-five cents in all cases to be paid by the claim-

1 ant for bounty The affidavit shall preferably be made  
2 upon forms to be provided by the Board of Game Com-  
3 missioners on demand by any justice of the peace or  
4 alderman or magistrate within this Commonwealth and all  
5 affidavits of this character shall in all cases clearly set  
6 forth the name of the bird killed for which a bounty  
7 is claimed the name of the person killing same the ap-  
8 proximate time when such bird was killed and as nearly  
9 as possible the name of the place and county within  
10 this Commonwealth where same was killed and that such  
11 bird was not reared in captivity Upon the completion of  
12 such affidavit and the payment of the fee as above  
13 stated the justice of the peace or alderman or magis-  
14 trate shall deliver said affidavit and head brought before  
15 him to the claimant for bounty who shall as soon as  
16 may be forward such affidavit and the head of the bird  
17 or birds for the killing of which a bounty is claimed  
18 and named in such affidavit to the Secretary of the  
19 Board of Game Commissioners at Harrisburg It shall be  
20 the duty of the justice of the peace or alderman or  
21 magistrate before whom any claim for bounty is made to  
22 examine all heads presented to him so that he may judge  
23 of the legality of the claim made but such official shall  
24 not cut off the beak or in any manner mutilate same

25 Section 3 Upon the receipt of such affidavit or such  
26 certificate or both in proper form the Secretary of the  
27 Board of Game Commissioners being satisfied that the  
28 heads presented to him are the heads of birds for the  
29 killing of which a bounty is offered by this act and

1 that such claims are in all respects legitimate shall de-  
2 stroy the heads so received and shall at least once a  
3 month draw his requisition upon the Auditor General in  
4 favor of the persons named in said affidavits or certifi-  
5 cates received by him for the amount to which each  
6 claimant may be entitled in the manner provided by law  
7 for the payment of rewards or bounties for the destruc-  
8 tion of certain noxious animals

9 Section 4 The game protectors of the Commonwealth  
10 of Pennsylvania are hereby authorized and empowered to  
11 administer the oath necessary to the providing of the  
12 claims made as provided by section two of this act but  
13 no charge for administering such oath is to be made by  
14 any of said game protectors

15 Section 5 No person shall at any time be paid a  
16 bounty for the killing of the bird named in this act  
17 the beak of which is cut off before presenting to the  
18 persons authorized to take affidavits under the provisions  
19 of this act and no person shall at any time collect or  
20 attempt to collect a second bounty for the killing of any  
21 bird under the provisions of this act or shall attempt  
22 to collect such bounty through the presentation of the  
23 head of a bird named in this act or through deception  
24 of any character and it shall be unlawful for any per-  
25 son in this Commonwealth to present for the purpose of  
26 securing the bounty provided for by this act the head  
27 of a bird that has been reared in captivity or the  
28 head of a bird killed or captured outside of this Com-  
29 monwealth Each and every person who shall wilfully or

1 fraudulently collect or attempt to collect any reward or  
2 bounty provided for by this act to which he or they  
3 are not legally entitled under the provisions of this act  
4 or shall aid or abet or assist in any capacity official  
5 or otherwise in any attempt to defraud the State through  
6 the collection or payment of any reward or bounty pro-  
7 vided for by this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor  
8 and upon conviction thereof shall in addition to the pen-  
9 alty that may be imposed for perjury where a false  
10 affidavit is made be sentenced to pay to the Common-  
11 wealth of Pennsylvania a fine of not less than one  
12 hundred nor more than five hundred dollars or in de-  
13 fault of the payment thereof with costs shall suffer an  
14 imprisonment in the common jail of the county in which  
15 the affidavit is made for a period of one day in jail  
16 for each dollar of fine imposed and unpaid

17 Section 6 All acts and parts of acts inconsistent  
18 with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed

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