
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No.

205

Session of

1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. KROMER, FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FORESTS & WATERS, GAME & FISH, FEBRUARY 13, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 3 1937 (P. L. 1225) entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending revising consolidating and changing the law relating thereto" making it unlawful to shoot any deer not having two or more points to one antler or an antler three or more inches long

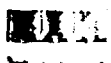
The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

hereby enacts as follows:

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underscoring indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 Section 1 The first three paragraphs of section 501 act of June 3
2 1937 (P L 1225) known as "The Game Law" amended June 24 1939
3 (P L 810) are amended to read

4 Section 501 Open Seasons After investigation or information
5 otherwise obtained by the commission as to the annual game supply the
6 commission may by appropriate rules and regulations a summary of
7 which shall be published as hereinafter specified fix seasons shooting
8 hours and daily season and possession limits or remove protection and
9 declare an open season or increase reduce or close seasons or increase
10 or reduce bag limits for all species of game birds and game animals
11 throughout the Commonwealth or in any part thereof or limit the
12 number of hunters in any designated area and prescribe the methods of
13 hunting therein when in its opinion such action is necessary to assure
14 the maintenance of an adequate supply of such species or when an un-
15 balanced sex ratio exists which in its opinion should be corrected or
16 when in the opinion of the commission such additional open season will
17 not jeopardize the future supply of game



1 If in any year the commission fails to establish such seasons or
 2 bag limits the open seasons and bag limits for game Sundays excepted
 3 unless otherwise provided by this act shall be as below indicated

4	Kind of Game	Open Season
5	Raccoon	October 15th to December 31st
6		except as to trapping which shall be
7		from November 15th to December
8		31st where trapping is lawful upon
9		resolution of the commission
10	Wild turkey ruffed grouse male	
11	pheasant bobwhite quail gambel	
12	quail valley quail grackles com-	
13	monly known as blackbirds rabbit	
14	hare and gray black and fox squir-	
15	rel	November 1st to November 30th
16	Hungarian partridge and Chu-	
17	kar partridge	No open season except as fixed by
18		resolution of the commission
19	Red squirrel	November 1st to August 15th next

1 following

2 Woodchuck commonly known

3 as groundhog July 1st to September 30th next

4 following

5 Bear over one year old November 10th to November 25th

6 Male deer with two or more

7 points to one antler which second

8 point shall be of sufficient size to

9 hang a ring thereon or male deer

10 with an antler three or more

11 inches long without points measur-

12 ing from the top of the skull as the

13 deer is in life December 1st to December 15th

14 Antlerless deer No open season [except as fixed by

15 resolution of the commission]

16 Elk No open season except as fixed by

17 resolution of the commission

18 It is unlawful for any person to kill or attempt to kill or to hunt

19 for or take or have in possession any game bird or game animal at any

1 time of the year other than the open season fixed by resolution of the
2 commission in the manner above provided or as set forth in this section
3 except as elsewhere provided in this act

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5 Section 2 Subsection (c) of section 501 of the act is repealed

6 Section 3 Subsection (e) of section 501 of the Act amended June
7 14 1957 (P L 307) and June 28 1957 (P L 398) is amended to
8 read

9 Section 501 Open Seasons * * *

10 (e) Open Season For Hunting Deer with Bows and Arrows In
11 each year in which there is an open season for hunting deer there shall
12 in addition be an open season for hunting deer [of both sexes] with
13 bows and arrows exclusively unless otherwise declared by resolution
14 of the commission [and the provisions of subsection (c) of this section
15 shall not apply thereto] The duration and time of such additional open
16 season shall each year be fixed by the commission During any such
17 additional open season it shall be unlawful to hunt for kill or attempt
18 to kill any deer without a license as hereinafter prescribed or with any
19 weapon other than a bow and arrow or with any bow other than a long
20 bow controlled without aid of mechanical means or with any arrow with

1 any explosive in the head or shaft

2 No person shall hunt for or kill any deer during such additional
3 open archery season with bow and arrow without first having secured
4 a hunting license and in addition thereto an archery license from the
5 Department of Revenue or county treasurer when designated as an
6 issuing agent of the Department of Revenue the fee for which is hereby
7 fixed at two dollars Such license shall be attached to the hunter's license
8 certificate for the current year and shall be countersigned in ink diagon-
9 ally across its face by the licensee before hunting in the open season
10 herein provided for Any person securing an archery license under the
11 provisions of this subsection shall also be entitled to hunt for and kill
12 game of any kind during a lawful open season with bow and arrow on
13 the archery preserves provided for under section nine hundred thirty-
14 six without securing the permit required in that section and any person
15 securing the archery preserve permit under the provisions of section
16 nine hundred thirty-six shall be entitled to hunt for and kill deer with
17 bow and arrow during the open archery season provided for in this
18 subsection without securing the archery license herein provided for

1 The county treasurer of each county is hereby designated the
 2 agent for the Department of Revenue for the issuance of archery
 3 licenses and for such service the applicant shall pay in addition to the
 4 license fee prescribed the sum of fifteen cents to be retained by the
 5 county The provisions of this act with respect to the issuance of licenses
 6 collections of fees and records shall apply to the issuance of archery
 7 licenses

8 Section 4 Sections 502 and 705 of the act amended June 28 1957
 9 (P L 398) are amended to read

10 Section 502 Bag Limits It is unlawful for any person to kill or
 11 attempt to kill or have in possession in any one day or in any one season
 12 unless otherwise provided in this act or by resolution of the commission
 13 more game birds or game animals than fixed by resolution of the com-
 14 mission or in lieu thereof as hereinafter enumerated:

15	Kind of Game	In One	In One
16	Kind of Game	Day	Season
17	Racoons (by individual or hunting party the		
18	shooting or trapping day for which is		
19	hereby fixed from 12 o'clock noon eastern		
20	standard time of one day to 12 o'clock noon		

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1	of the following day	3	10
2	Wild Turkey	1	1
3	Ruffed Grouse	3	12
4	Male Pheasants	2	10
5	Quail of the combined kinds	8	24
6	Grackles	Unlimited	Unlimited
7	Rabbits	5	20
8	Hares	3	12
9	Squirrels including the fox black gray com-		
10	bined	6	20
11	Red Squirrels	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Woodchucks	Unlimited	Unlimited
13	Bear (by individual or hunting party)	1	1
14	Deer (by individual)	1	1
15	Deer (by hunting party)	6	6
16	[Except as otherwise provided by regulations of the commission		
17	and the provisions of subsection (e) of section 501 of this act every]		
18	<u>Every deer taken shall be a male deer having two or more points to</u>		
19	<u>one antler or having an antler three or more inches long without points</u>		
20	and every bear taken shall be not less than one year old		

1 Section 705 Unlawful Killing of Big Game It is unlawful for any
2 person at any time by standing on watch or otherwise to kill or attempt
3 to kill a second big game animal of the same species in one season It
4 shall not be unlawful for a member of a camp or body of men hunting
5 together who has killed a legal big game animal to cooperate with the
6 members of such camp or body of men hunting together only in the
7 manner known as driving while acting as a member of such camp or
8 body of men hunting together so long as the number of big game
9 animals killed by such camp or body of men hunting together shall
10 not exceed the legal limit

11 It is unlawful for any person at any time to shoot at or wound or
12 kill or attempt to shoot at or wound or kill or have in possession a
13 female elk or a deer without visible antlers or horns less than [such
14 weight or age as shall be fixed by resolution of the commission except
15 as otherwise provided by subsection (c) of section 501 of this act]
16 the size specified in section 501 or any part thereof or a male elk or a
17 male deer or a bear of either sex found in a wild state or any part
18 thereof that may not be lawfully taken except as otherwise provided by
19 the laws of this Commonwealth

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor