

years of age at the date of application [and has been a resident of the township for at least one year preceding immediately his application, unless no such resident applicants are available]. The commissioners may, at their option, accept applications from nonresidents of the township and may, by ordinance, require nonresident policemen and firemen to become residents of the township after appointment to such positions.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 28th day of March, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

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No. 30

AN ACT

SB 569

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," providing for the issuance of licenses to persons under sixteen and imposing duties on the commission relative to the giving of instructions in the safe handling of firearms and bows and arrows.

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

Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), known as "The Game Law," is amended by adding after section 301 a new section to read:

Section 301.1. Licenses for Persons Under Sixteen.—(a) No hunting license shall be issued to any person under the age of sixteen years unless he presents to the person authorized to issue such license either (i) evidence that he has held a hunting license issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or another state in a prior year, or (ii) a certificate of competency as provided in this section.

(b) The commission shall provide for a course of instruction in the safe handling of firearms and bows and arrows such as approved by the National Rifle Association of America, and for this purpose may cooperate with any reputable association or organization having as

one of its objectives the promotion of safety in the handling of firearms, and bows and arrows.

(c) The commission may designate any person found by it to be competent to give instruction in the handling of firearms and bows and arrows to persons under the age of sixteen years. A person so appointed shall give such course of instruction, and upon the successful completion thereof shall issue to the person instructed a certificate of competency in the safe handling of firearms and bows and arrows. No charge shall be made for such course of instruction, except for materials or ammunition consumed.

(d) The commission shall furnish information on the requirements of the hunter safety education program as provided herein, said information to be distributed free of charge to applicants for hunting licenses by the persons appointed and authorized to issue such licenses.

Section 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1969.

APPROVED—The 28th day of March, A. D. 1968.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER.

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No. 31

AN ACT

SB 770

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," authorizing the issuance of archery licenses by agents designated by the Department of Revenue and increasing the agent's fee.

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

Section 1. The second and third paragraphs of subsection (e) of section 501, act of June 3, 1937 (P. L. 1225), known as "The Game Law," amended June 14, 1957 (P. L. 307) and June 28, 1957 (P. L. 398), and second paragraph amended June 8, 1961 (P. L. 278), are amended to read:

Section 501. Open Seasons.—

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