

## No. 55

## AN ACT

## HB 773

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 certain publicity in lieu of advertising changes in rules and regulations made during the year and further providing for the availability of hunting information to hunters.

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

Section 1. Section 505, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225), known as "The Game Law," is amended to read:

Section 505. Action of Commission to Be Advertised.—To fix seasons, shooting hours, and daily, season and possession limits, or to remove protection and declare an open season, or to increase, reduce or close seasons or to increase or reduce bag limits, for any species of game birds, game animals or fur-bearing animals, or to permit the taking of raccoons with traps or deadfalls, or to limit the number of hunters in any designated area and prescribe the methods of hunting therein; or to remove any animal from, or add any animal to, the list of fur-bearing animals; or to add any bird to the list of unprotected birds, throughout the Commonwealth, or in any part thereof, a notice to that effect shall be published by the commission in not less than two newspapers of general circulation in each county affected, one time each week for at least two consecutive weeks, setting forth, either in full or in summarized form, the action of the commission and the rules and regulations adopted relative thereto. *This requirement shall not apply to any changes in such regulations made by the commission because of weather factors or unpredictable game management needs after the initial regulations for the year are promulgated, and before the regulations for the next year are prepared. News items outlining these changes in full or in summarized form, shall be made available to news media throughout the State.* The commission shall also [, whenever feasible,] publish *and make available to each hunter* a summary of the seasons and bag limits, and designate any counties that may be closed, and name the species of game birds and game animals or fur-bearing animals for which there is no open season, [**on the back of the hunter's licenses each year,**] and shall prepare and distribute such additional posters or notices as in its judgment may be necessary.

It is unlawful for any person to violate any of the rules and regulations adopted by the commission, and published as herein required, for the preservation of game birds, game animals, or fur-bearing animals; or to take, or be possessed of, such birds or animals at a time, or in any number or manner, or of any kind or sex, contrary to such rules and regulations.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 23rd day of July, A. D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly  
No. 55.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*