

No. 153

AN ACT

HB 1136

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 penalty for killing bobcat or wildcat.

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

Section 1. Section 506, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225), known as "The Game Law," amended June 13, 1961 (P.L.306), is amended to read:

Section 506. Penalties.—Any person violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the following fines and costs of prosecution for each offense:

For taking, killing, wounding, possessing, or transporting from one locality to another within this State, or for attempting to take, kill, or wound, contrary to this article, or any rules and regulations relative to the taking of game or fur-bearing animals adopted by the commission:

(a) Each elk, two hundred dollars (\$200), and in the discretion of the court, six months imprisonment;

(b) Each deer, one hundred dollars (\$100);

(c) Each bear, two hundred dollars (\$200);

(d) Each wild turkey, ruffed grouse, ringneck pheasant, quail, partridge, or woodcock, swan, wild goose, brant or wild duck, twenty-five dollars (\$25);

(e) Each raccoon, twenty-five dollars (\$25);

(f) ***Each bobcat or wildcat, fifty dollars (\$50);***

(g) For each other bird or animal, ten dollars (\$10).

For violating any of the provisions of this article not above specifically provided for, or for violating any of the rules and regulations of the commission adopted under the provisions of this article, twenty-five dollars (\$25) and costs of prosecution for each offense.

Upon failure of any person convicted of a first offense to immediately pay the fine imposed and costs of prosecution, he shall be imprisoned one day for each dollar of fine imposed and costs of prosecution.

Any person convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be liable to the fines above provided and costs of prosecution, and in addition thereto shall, in the discretion of the court, suffer imprisonment one day for each dollar of fine imposed.

Section 2. Clause (q) of section 731 of the act, amended August 11, 1967 (P.L.235), is amended to read:

Section 731. Penalties.—Any person violating any of the provisions of the sections of this article shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the following fines and costs of prosecution for each offense:

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(q) Except as otherwise herein provided, for hunting, or chasing, or catching, or taking, or killing, or wounding, or receiving, or delivering, or transporting, or shipping or using or concealing or assisting to take, kill, wound, transport or conceal, or having in possession, or attempting to hunt for, catch, take, kill, wound, or transport contrary to this article, or regulations adopted thereunder by the commission, or for violating any of the provisions of this article relating to the shipping or transportation or removal out of this Commonwealth, or relating to the buying or selling or bartering of the whole, or any substantial part or parts of:

I. Each elk, two hundred dollars (\$200), and in the discretion of the court six months' imprisonment.

II. Each deer, one hundred dollars (\$100) during any deer season; at any other time, for the first offense, one hundred dollars (\$100) and the person convicted shall be denied the right to hunt or trap anywhere in this Commonwealth, with or without a license, for a period of three years; and for the second and each subsequent offense, two hundred dollars (\$200) and the person convicted shall be denied the right to hunt or trap anywhere in this Commonwealth, with or without a license, for a period of three years. When the convicted person has been denied the right to hunt or trap anywhere in this Commonwealth for a period of one year, the commission upon good cause shown may grant the right to hunt or trap anywhere in this Commonwealth to the person convicted.

III. Each bear, two hundred dollars (\$200) during any bear season; at any other time, two hundred dollars (\$200) and the person convicted shall be denied the right to hunt or trap anywhere in this Commonwealth, with or without a license, for a period of five years. When the convicted person has been denied the right to hunt or trap anywhere in this Commonwealth for a period of one year, the commission upon good cause shown may grant the right to hunt or trap anywhere in this Commonwealth to the person convicted.

IV. Each wild turkey, ruffed grouse, pheasant, quail, partridge, or woodcock, swan, wild goose, brant, or wild duck, twenty-five dollars (\$25).

V. Each raccoon, twenty-five dollars (\$25).

VI. *Each bobcat or wildcat, fifty dollars (\$50).*

VII. Each other wild bird or wild animal, ten dollars (\$10).

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 1st day of December, A. D. 1971.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C" and a prominent "T" at the end.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.