

No. 76

AN ACT

HB 113

Amending the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), entitled "An act concerning game and other wild birds and wild animals; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating thereto," defining terms "bow" and "arrow" and further providing for hunting certain game with bow and arrow.

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

Section 1. Section 101, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), known as "The Game Law," is amended by adding after the definition of "close season" two definitions to read:

Section 101. Definitions.—Whenever used in this act, unless a contrary intention is evident from the context, the word "person" shall include individuals, copartnerships, associations, and corporations; the singular shall include the plural, and the masculine, and feminine and neuter. The word "each" shall include the whole or any substantial part or parts.

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The term "bow" shall mean a weapon which propels an arrow, is hand held, hand drawn, held in the drawn position by hand, and triggered by hand without aid of any device having movable parts.

The term "arrow" shall mean any arrow without an explosive, chemical, or poison in the head or shaft: And provided, That the arrows used for big game and turkey hunting shall be of a cutting-edged broadhead design.

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Section 2. The first paragraph of subsection (e) of section 501 of the act, amended December 10, 1970 (P.L.896, No.282), is amended to read:

Section 501. Open Seasons.—* * *

(e) Open Season for Hunting Deer with Bows and Arrows.—In each year in which there is an open season for hunting deer there shall, in addition, be an open season for hunting deer with bows and arrows exclusively, unless otherwise declared by resolution of the commission and the provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall not apply thereto. The duration and time of such additional open season, together with the description of the deer which may be lawfully killed, shall each year be fixed by the commission. During any such additional open season, it shall be unlawful to hunt for, kill or attempt to kill, any deer, without a license as hereinafter prescribed, or with any weapon other than a bow and arrow. [or with any bow other than a long bow controlled without aid of mechanical means, or with any arrow with any explosive in the head or shaft]

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Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 3rd day of October, A. D. 1973.

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, prominent initial "C".

Secretary of the Commonwealth.