

No. 1984-142

## AN ACT

HB 542

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," further providing for the operation of vehicles with flashing or rotating red lights and audible warning devices, and for unlawful acts; and making a repeal.

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

Section 1. Sections 729.1 and 730 of the act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), known as The Game Law, amended or added June 11, 1976 (P.L.157, No.77), are amended to read:

Section 729.1. **Flashing or Rotating Red Light or Lights and Audible Warning Device.**—Notwithstanding any provision of any other law to the contrary, active full-time salaried Pennsylvania Game Protectors shall be authorized to operate or move any [official] vehicle owned by the Commonwealth which is identified or marked as such by appropriate lettering, decal, or both, as approved by the commission, upon any street or highway within the Commonwealth, with a flashing or rotating red light or lights attached to such vehicle in a temporary or permanent fashion [which is visible in any direction] and an audible warning device. *Uniformed Pennsylvania Deputy Game Protectors shall be authorized to operate or move any vehicle which is identified or marked by appropriate commission-approved lettering or decal, or both, upon any street or highway within the Commonwealth, with a flashing or rotating red light or lights temporarily attached to the vehicle when performing duties within the scope of their authority.* The commission shall prescribe the type of flashing or rotating red light or lights to be used and the manner of attachment to the vehicle.

Section 730. **Vehicles Required to Stop Upon Signal.**—It shall be unlawful for the operator of any motor vehicle to fail or refuse to stop any such vehicle or conveyance of any kind, being operated anywhere within this Commonwealth, upon request or signal of any active full-time salaried Game Protector *using a flashing or rotating red light or lights or an audible warning device or Deputy Game Protector* using a flashing or rotating red light or lights as defined in section 729.1 of this act, or upon request or hand signal of any officer whose duty it is to enforce the game laws, when such officer in every instance is in uniform and shall display his badge or other insignia of identification, for the purpose of inspecting or searching said vehicle or conveyance, its passengers or contents, for the unlawful possession, concealment, or transportation of any wild bird or wild animal or parts thereof, or for the purpose of inspecting or searching said vehicle or conveyance, its passengers or contents, for any other violation of the act, or to in any manner interfere with any such officer while making such inspection.

It is unlawful for any person to turn off any or all lights on a vehicle or conveyance, being operated anywhere within this Commonwealth, for the purpose of avoiding identification or arrest, upon request or signal to stop as required in this section.

Section 2. Section 4571(c) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes (relating to Game Commission vehicles) is repealed.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of July, A. D. 1984.

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