

No. 297.

AN ACT

For the protection of human life, live stock, and growing timber by prohibiting the discharge of certain guns, except at birds and animals or at targets properly protected, and providing penalties.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be unlawful for any person, while hunting for birds or animals of any kind, or while in hunting territory during the open season for upland game, except in the performance of an official duty or the protection of life and property, to shoot at any mark or target, other than birds or animals, with a rifle or firearm of any sort emitting a single ball or bullet larger than a twenty-two caliber short at one discharge, or to discharge such firearm at random without aiming at any certain object, except at a properly constructed target or mark, or a dead tree protected either by a natural or an artificial barrier, so that the ball or bullet cannot travel more than fifteen yards beyond the target aimed at, after making due allowance for deflection in any direction, not to exceed an angle of forty-five (45) degrees.

Section 2. Any person violating the provisions of this act shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding brought within two years, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars. Each shot fired contrary to the provisions of this act shall constitute a separate offense.

Any constable, police officer, member of the State Police Force, game protector, special deputy game protector, forester, forest ranger, or fish warden may, upon view, arrest without warrant any person found violating the provisions of this act, and bring such person before a justice of the peace, alderman, or magistrate for hearing. All penalties shall be paid into the funds of the county in which collected: Provided, however, That the provisions of this act shall not be construed to apply in any manner to the building or equipment of rifle ranges owned, leased, or maintained by the Pennsylvania National Guard or by any properly accredited State and Federal rifle clubs or associations, or to any public shooting exhibition properly safeguarded and conducted under the direction of any organization for the promotion of marksmanship.

Shooting at target or random.

During hunting season.

With certain firearms.

Violations.

Penalty.

Arrests.

Hearing.

Proviso.

Rifle ranges.

Shooting exhibitions.

APPROVED—The 17th day of May, A. D. 1921.

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