

No. 25

AN ACT

SB 692

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," further defining firearms, further restricting carrying loaded firearms in vehicles or conveyances and providing exceptions to such restrictions.

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

Section 1. Section 806, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225), known as "The Game Law," amended December 14, 1967 (P.L.731), is amended to read:

Section 806. Possession of Loaded Firearms.—(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, it is unlawful for any person to have in his possession a loaded [~~rifle or loaded shotgun~~] *firearm of any kind*, or a [~~rifle or shotgun~~] *loaded firearm of any kind* from the magazine *or chamber* of which all shells and cartridges have not been removed, in or on any vehicle or conveyance, *including snowmobiles*, or its attachments, while standing, [~~upon~~] or being driven, [~~upon, any public highway, or a highway open to use or used by the public,~~] within this Commonwealth [~~or the right-of-way of such highway~~].

(b) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to a public police officer engaged in the performance of his official duty, or to an officer whose duty it is to enforce the game law and engaged in the performance of his official duty, *or to any person authorized to hunt or trap without a license when said person is on lands on which he resides, or to prohibit a person from carrying a loaded pistol or revolver when in possession of a valid firearms license issued by the chief or head of any police force, or the sheriff of a county when said license is issued for protection under provisions of the Uniform Firearms Act, section 628 of The Penal Code.*

(b.1) As used in this section, the term "firearm" means an instrument used in the propulsion of shot, shell, bullet or any other object by the action of gunpowder exploded, explosive powder or the expansion of gas therein.

(c) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section while the vehicle *or conveyance including snowmobiles, or its attachments* is in motion, or is being used as a blind from which to kill or attempt to kill game, while the vehicle is not in motion, shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars and costs of prosecution. Any other violation of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, subject the person responsible therefor to a fine of ten dollars and costs of prosecution.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of February, A. D. 1972.

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.