

No. 243

AN ACT

HB 2000

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," changing the tagging and reporting requirements for deer, bear, and turkey lawfully killed, and providing penalties.

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

Section 1. Section 708 and subsection (f) of section 731, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225), known as "The Game Law," amended August 26, 1965 (P.L.407), are amended to read:

Section 708. Tagging, Removing, Transporting, and Reporting Big Game and [Tagging] Wild Turkeys.—Each person killing a [big game animal] *deer* or a wild turkey found in a wild state shall immediately after removing the entrails, but in any event, within one hour, and before transporting or removing the carcass in any manner from where it was killed, *complete and* detach the [big game] *deer* tag or wild turkey tag from the license and attach it to the [big game animal] *deer* or wild turkey as the case may require. [Both the big game tag and the big game kill report card shall be properly completed at the same time.] The portion supplied with his hunting license for reporting such [big game killing] *deer or turkey killed* shall be mailed to the commission at Harrisburg within five days following the [close of the season for the animal killed.] *killing of such deer or turkey. The deer tag shall remain attached to the head of the deer. The turkey tag shall remain attached to a leg of the turkey.*

Each person killing a bear in a wild state shall immediately after removing the entrails, but in any event, within one hour, and before transporting or moving the carcass in any manner from where it was killed, prepare and attach a home-made tag giving the person's name, address, license number, and time, date, and county where killed. Before any bear lawfully killed may be possessed beyond twenty-four hours it shall be presented to an officer of the Game Commission for examination. Each person presenting a lawfully killed bear for examination shall report such information concerning the killing as may be required by resolution of the commission, after which a metal tag, supplied by the commission, shall be attached to the head, which tag shall remain permanently attached, or until it has been tanned or mounted.

If [such animal] *a deer* or wild turkey has been lawfully killed by a person not required to secure a license, [or by a person who has previously killed another legal big game animal, or by a person who has lost the tag supplied with his license,] such person shall make and attach a tag within the time specified

after such killing, bearing in plain English, his name, address, [and, if holding a license, the license number, with the date, township if known,] *date, time* and county where such game was killed. On a similar tag or on a post card, such person, *or a person who has previously killed a deer or turkey*, shall within five days following the [close of the season for the animal killed,] *killing of such deer or turkey*, mail to the commission at Harrisburg, a statement setting forth the information above, including the kind of [animal] *game*, whether male or female, the dressed weight, actual or estimated, and if a male deer, the total number of points on both antlers.

It shall be unlawful for any person to remove the tag attached to a deer, or turkey, or the metal tag attached to a bear, contrary to the provisions of this section, or while in the field or forest after having killed the legal limit of deer or turkey to be in possession of a tag for the species of game killed.

Every failure to have said tag attached, or removing or transporting such animal or wild turkey in any manner, or failure to mail the [big game] *deer or turkey* kill report, *or failure to present a lawfully killed bear for examination*, as herein provided, shall subject the person so neglecting to the penalties provided in this article; and if the person responsible for such neglect to tag any such game cannot be located, each member of the camp or party shall be individually liable to such penalty.

Any game found in the possession of any person and not tagged as herein provided [shall] *may* be [forfeited to] *confiscated by* the Commonwealth to be disposed of as hereinafter provided and may be seized by any officer whose duty it is to enforce the game laws.

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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(f) For failure to tag or mark [any big game animal] *a deer, bear*, or wild turkey as required by the provisions of this article, ten dollars (\$10); for [failing to tag and for] removing or transporting in any manner [any big game animal] *a deer, or bear*, or wild turkey which has not been tagged, as required by the provisions of this article, twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each [big game animal] *deer or bear* and fifteen dollars (\$15) for each wild turkey; *for failure to present a lawfully killed bear for examination within twenty-four hours after killing, twenty-five dollars (\$25); for removing the tag from a deer or turkey, or possessing a deer or turkey tag contrary to the provisions of this article, twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each deer tag and fifteen dollars (\$15) for each turkey tag; for removing the metal tag from a bear contrary to this article, twenty-five dollars (\$25);* for failure to report the killing of a [big game animal] *deer or turkey* taken during the open season as required by the provisions of this article, five dollars (\$5);

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Section 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1973.

APPROVED—The 18th day of October, A. D. 1972.

MILTON J. SHAPP

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly
No. 243.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. McLaughlin Tucker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Secretary of the Commonwealth.