

No. 77

AN ACT

HB 972

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," authorizing Pennsylvania Game Protectors to use a flashing or rotating red light on officially marked vehicles to stop and inspect vehicles for the illegal transportation or concealment of wild birds or wild animals protected by the act.

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

Section 1. The act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No316), known as "The Game Law," is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 729.1. Flashing or Rotating Red Light.—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 attached to such vehicle in a temporary or permanent fashion which is visible in any direction. The commission shall prescribe the type of flashing or rotating red light to be used and the manner of attachment to the vehicle.

Section 2. Section 730 of the act is amended to read:

Section 730. Vehicles [on Highways] Required to Stop Upon Signal.—It [is] ***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 [upon any public highway] ***anywhere*** within this Commonwealth, upon request or signal of any ***active full-time salaried Game Protector using a flashing or rotating red light 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 [game of any species,] ***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 [upon any public highway] ***anywhere*** within this Commonwealth, for the purpose of avoiding identification or arrest, upon request or signal to stop as required in this section.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 11th day of June, A. D. 1976.

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