

No. 1982-282

AN ACT

HB 2127

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," increasing the maximum purchase price per acre the commission may pay for land.

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

Section 1. The first paragraph of section 903, act of June 3, 1937 (P.L.1225, No.316), known as "The Game Law," amended July 9, 1976 (P.L.908, No.163), is amended to read:

Section 903. Purchase Price.—**[For]** *Except as otherwise provided, for land to be used as State Game Lands the commission may pay what it considers a fair and reasonable price not exceeding [two hundred dollars] three hundred dollars per acre exclusive of Federal and other cost-sharing funds and consistent with the market value of land in the locality in which any such land may be located. The commission, without restriction or limitation to the price per acre for State Game Lands heretofore set forth, shall be authorized to purchase interior holdings of privately owned lands totally or partially surrounded by State Game Lands, to purchase privately owned lands to straighten indentures in State Game Lands boundary lines, and to purchase privately owned lands to gain rights-of-ways to such State Game Lands. The commission, under such conditions, shall be authorized to pay whatever it considers a fair and reasonable price for such additions to State Game Lands. Any future appropriation law relating to land acquisition by the commission shall specify county, township, acreage and cost.*

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 14th day of December, A. D. 1982.

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