

No. 2003-6

AN ACT

HB 331

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for disabled persons permits for bow and arrow or crossbow.

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

Section 1. Section 2923(c) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 2923. Disabled person permits.

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(c) Bow and arrow or crossbow.—A *lifetime* permit shall be issued to any person who presents a doctor's certificate showing that the person is, because of a permanent [or temporary] physical condition, unable to hunt with a conventional bow and arrow[, authorizing that]. *A temporary permit shall be issued to a person who presents a doctor's certificate showing that the person is, because of a temporary physical condition, unable to hunt with a conventional bow and arrow. A temporary permit issued under this subsection shall be valid only for the license year for which the permit is issued. The lifetime or temporary permit shall authorize the named person to hunt by the use of:*

(1) A bow and arrow which is held in place by a brace secured around the body of the hunter or is triggered with the aid of a mechanical device.

(2) A crossbow subject to the following restrictions:

(i) When hunting deer, bear or turkey, the crossbow must have a draw weight of not less than 125 pounds nor more than 200 pounds.

(ii) The arrows for the crossbow must be tipped with broadheads of a cutting edge design.

[Any permit issued under this subsection shall be valid only for the license year for which the permit is issued.] The permittee shall carry the permit upon his person at all times while hunting. [To the extent that it authorizes the issuance of permits based upon temporary disability, this subsection shall expire on June 30, 2003, unless legislation is enacted reauthorizing it.]

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Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 17th day of June, A.D. 2003.

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