

No. 2014-92

AN ACT

HB 1144

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing for disabled person permits.

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

Section 1. The definition of "bow" in section 102 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 102. Definitions.

Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent provisions of this title which are applicable to specific provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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"Bow." A weapon which propels an arrow, is hand-held, hand-drawn, held in the drawn position by hand or by a hand-held mechanical device and released by hand. The term **[shall not be construed or interpreted to mean or include what is commonly known as a cross-bow]** *includes a device held in place by a brace secured around the body of the hunter. The term also includes a crossbow which, when used for hunting deer, bear or turkey, has a draw weight of no less than 125 pounds and uses arrows tipped with broadheads of a cutting edge design.*

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Section 2. Section 2923(c) of Title 34 is repealed:
§ 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 physical condition, unable to hunt with a conventional bow and arrow. 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. The permittee shall carry the permit upon his person at all times while hunting.]

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Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 2nd day of July, A.D. 2014

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