
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HENNESSEY, CUTLER, MOUL, GABLER AND COHEN, JANUARY 29, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JANUARY 29, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for
3 penalties; and, in protection of property and persons,
4 further providing for safety zones.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 2364 and 2505(c) of Title 34 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 2364. Penalties.

10 Any violation of this subchapter relating to bobcat or otter
11 is a summary offense of the fourth degree. Any violation of
12 section 2361(a)(11) (relating to unlawful acts concerning taking
13 of furbearers) is a summary offense of the first degree. Except
14 for threatened or endangered species, any other violation of
15 this subchapter is a summary offense of the fifth degree.

16 § 2505. Safety zones.

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18 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "safety
19 zone" means:

1 (1) Except as otherwise provided in [paragraph (2)]
2 paragraphs (2) and (3), the area within 150 yards around and
3 that area which is below the highest point of any occupied
4 dwelling house, residence, or other building or camp occupied
5 by human beings, or any barn, stable, or other building used
6 in connection therewith or any attached or detached
7 playground of any school, nursery school or day-care center.

8 (2) When applied to properly licensed persons hunting
9 with bow and arrow or crossbow and persons properly licensed
10 for falconry, the area within 50 yards around and that area
11 which is below the highest point of any occupied dwelling
12 house, residence or other building or camp occupied by human
13 beings or any barn, stable or other building used in
14 connection therewith and the area within 150 yards around and
15 that area which is below the highest point of any attached or
16 detached playground of any school, nursery school or day-care
17 center.

18 (3) When applied to properly licensed furtakers trapping
19 within a permanent watercourse and using traps submerged in
20 water, or making use of any special permit issued in
21 accordance with this title or commission regulations, the
22 area within 50 yards around any occupied dwelling house,
23 residence or other building or camp occupied by human beings,
24 or any barn, stable or other building used in connection
25 therewith and the area within 150 yards around any attached
26 or detached playground of any school, nursery school or day-
27 care center.

28 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.