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INTRODUCED BY BOSCOLA, BREWSTER, COSTA, BROWNE, MENSCH, SANTARSIERO, SCHWANK AND VOGEL, MARCH 4, 2019

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 4, 2019

AN ACT

Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for jurisdiction 2 and penalties; and, in game or wildlife protection, further 3 providing for the offense of unlawful taking and possession of protected birds and for endangered or threatened species. 5 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 7 hereby enacts as follows: Section 1. Sections 925(b), 2164(d) and 2167(d) of Title 34 8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding 10 paragraphs to read: § 925. Jurisdiction and penalties. 11 12 13 (b) Fines and penalties for violations. -- In addition to any 14 other requirements of this title, the following fines and 15 penalties shall be imposed for violations of this title: * * * 16 17 (4.1) Summary offense and not less than \$2,500 when the offense involves a violation of section 2164 (relating to 18 unlawful taking and possession of protected birds) that 19

- 1 <u>results in the killing of a bald eagle or golden eagle.</u>
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- 3 § 2164. Unlawful taking and possession of protected birds.
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- 5 (d) Penalties.--
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- 7 (3) A violation of this section relating to birds listed
- 8 under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (54 Stat. 250,
- 9 <u>16 U.S.C. § 668) is, in addition to any other penalties, a</u>
- 10 misdemeanor of the second degree.
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- 12 § 2167. Endangered or threatened species.
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- 14 (d) Penalties. -- A violation of this section shall be graded
- 15 as follows:
- 16 * * *
- 17 (4) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of
- 18 subsection (b) that results in the killing of a protected
- bird listed in the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (54
- 20 Stat. 250, 16 U.S.C. § 668) shall be graded one degree higher
- 21 than the penalty provided under paragraph (1), (2) or (3).
- 22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.