

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 377 Session of 2019

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

SENATOR LAUGHLIN, GAME AND FISHERIES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for jurisdiction
3 and penalties; and, in game or wildlife protection, further
4 providing for the offense of unlawful taking and possession
5 of protected birds and for endangered or threatened species.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 925(b), 2164(d) and 2167(d) of Title 34
9 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding
10 paragraphs to read:

11 § 925. Jurisdiction and penalties.

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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:

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17 (4.1) Summary offense and not less than ~~\$2,500~~ \$2,000 <--
18 when the offense involves a violation of section 2164
19 (relating to unlawful taking and possession of protected

1 birds) that results in the killing of a bald eagle or golden
2 eagle.

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4 § 2164. Unlawful taking and possession of protected birds.

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6 (d) Penalties.--

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8 (3) A violation of this section relating to birds listed
9 under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (54 Stat. 250,
10 16 U.S.C. § 668) is, in addition to any other penalties, a
11 misdemeanor of the second degree.

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13 § 2167. Endangered or threatened species.

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15 (d) Penalties.--A violation of this section shall be graded
16 as follows:

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18 (4) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of
19 subsection (b) that results in the killing of a protected
20 bird listed in the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (54
21 Stat. 250, 16 U.S.C. § 668) shall be graded one degree higher
22 than the penalty provided under paragraph (1), (2) or (3).

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