

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1313 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN AND STEFANO, APRIL 28, 2026

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, JUNE 8, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further
3 providing for residents.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2702 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 2702. Residents.

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10 (a.1) Native Pennsylvanian Annual License.--The commission
11 shall issue annual Pennsylvania hunting licenses known as the
12 Native Pennsylvanian Annual License. The license shall be in <--
13 accordance with THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO <--
14 the following:

15 (1) The license may be issued to either: <--

16 (i) Nonresidents who were born in Pennsylvania and
17 do not currently reside in this Commonwealth.

18 (ii) Nonresidents who currently have a living parent
19 or former guardian residing in this Commonwealth.

1 ~~(2) The license shall cost the same as a resident~~
2 ~~license under subsection (a).~~

3 ~~(3) Applicants must meet the following criteria:~~

4 ~~(i) An applicant must provide:~~

5 ~~(A) For an applicant born in Pennsylvania:~~

6 ~~(I) A certified copy of the original birth-~~
7 ~~certificate showing the applicant was born in the~~
8 ~~Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or that the~~
9 ~~applicant's parent's address was in the~~
10 ~~Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the time of the~~
11 ~~birth as shown on the birth certificate.~~

12 ~~(II) A valid current photo identification~~
13 ~~card.~~

14 ~~(B) For an applicant with a living parent or~~
15 ~~guardian residing in this Commonwealth:~~

16 ~~(I) Proof of the living parent or guardian's~~
17 ~~address within this Commonwealth.~~

18 ~~(II) A valid current photo identification~~
19 ~~card.~~

20 ~~(ii) The applicant may hold status as a service~~
21 ~~member, or a family member who resides in the household~~
22 ~~of the service member, domiciled in this Commonwealth who~~
23 ~~resides outside this Commonwealth while serving on active~~
24 ~~duty in the armed forces of the United States.~~

25 ~~(4) First time applicants for the Native Pennsylvanian~~
26 ~~Annual License must submit the application to the commission.~~

27 ~~(5) The Native Pennsylvanian Annual License shall be~~
28 ~~identical to annual resident licenses sold by the commission~~
29 ~~and shall be properly designated "Native Pennsylvanian."~~

30 ~~(6) All regular annual licenses currently offered to~~

~~residents shall be made available to applicants who qualify
as Native Pennsylvanians. Lifetime licenses shall not be
included in the Native Pennsylvanian license program.~~

~~(7) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
limit eligibility for a resident hunter's license under
paragraph (3)(ii).~~

(1) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A NONRESIDENT WHO MEETS <--
EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) THE NONRESIDENT WAS BORN IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(II) THE NONRESIDENT HAS A LIVING PARENT OR FORMER
GUARDIAN WHO RESIDES IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(2) THE LICENSE SHALL COST THE SAME AS A RESIDENT
LICENSE UNDER SECTION 2709 (RELATING TO LICENSE COSTS AND
FEES).

(3) AN APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT PHOTO
IDENTIFICATION CARD AND THE APPLICABLE DOCUMENTATION UNDER
ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(I) FOR AN APPLICANT WHO QUALIFIES UNDER PARAGRAPH

(1)(I), EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S ORIGINAL
BIRTH CERTIFICATE SHOWING THAT THE APPLICANT WAS BORN
IN THIS COMMONWEALTH OR THAT THE APPLICANT'S PARENT'S
ADDRESS WAS IN THIS COMMONWEALTH AT THE TIME OF THE
APPLICANT'S BIRTH.

(B) A WRITTEN AFFIRMATION THAT THE APPLICANT WAS
BORN IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(II) FOR AN APPLICANT WHO QUALIFIES UNDER PARAGRAPH
(1)(II), PROOF OF THE LIVING PARENT OR FORMER GUARDIAN'S
ADDRESS WITHIN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(4) A FIRST-TIME APPLICANT FOR A NATIVE PENNSYLVANIAN

1 ANNUAL LICENSE MUST SUBMIT THE APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSION.

2 (5) A NATIVE PENNSYLVANIAN ANNUAL LICENSE SHALL BE
3 IDENTICAL TO AN ANNUAL RESIDENT LICENSE SOLD BY THE
4 COMMISSION AND SHALL BE PROPERLY DESIGNATED "NATIVE
5 PENNSYLVANIAN."

6 (6) ALL REGULAR ANNUAL LICENSES OFFERED TO RESIDENTS
7 SHALL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AN APPLICANT WHO QUALIFIES AS A
8 NATIVE PENNSYLVANIAN. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO A
9 LIFETIME LICENSE.

10 (7) NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO
11 LIMIT ELIGIBILITY FOR A RESIDENT HUNTER'S LICENSE UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (B).

13 (8) AN APPLICANT WHO PROVIDES A FALSE WRITTEN
14 AFFIRMATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) (I) (B) SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
15 SECTION 2711(A) (2) AND (B) (3) (RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTS
16 CONCERNING LICENSES) AND 18 PA.C.S. § 4904 (RELATING TO
17 UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

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