
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1318 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY GOODMAN, EMRICK, HILL-EVANS, KORTZ, MARKOSEK,
MILLARD, READSHAW AND ZIMMERMAN, APRIL 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for
3 interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other
4 activities permitted by this title prohibited.

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

7 Section 1. Section 2302(a.1) and (d) of Title 34 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 2302. Interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other
10 activities permitted by this title prohibited.

11 * * *

12 (a.1) Activities which violate section.--A person violates
13 this section when he intentionally or knowingly:

14 (1) drives or disturbs wildlife for the purpose of
15 disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife where another person
16 is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or
17 other permitted activities;

18 (2) blocks, impedes or otherwise harasses another person
19 who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or

1 other permitted activities;

2 (3) uses natural or artificial visual, aural, olfactory
3 or physical stimuli to affect wildlife behavior in order to
4 hinder or prevent the lawful taking of wildlife or other
5 permitted activities;

6 (4) creates or erects barriers with the intent to deny
7 ingress or egress to areas where the lawful taking of
8 wildlife or other permitted activities may occur;

9 (5) interjects himself into the line of fire;

10 (6) affects the condition or placement of personal or
11 public property intended for use in the lawful taking or
12 viewing of wildlife or other permitted activities in order to
13 impair its usefulness or prevent its use;

14 (7) enters or remains upon public lands or upon private
15 lands without permission of the owner or their agent, with
16 intent to violate this section; or

17 (8) fails to obey the order of any officer whose duty it
18 is to enforce any of the laws of this Commonwealth where such
19 officer observes any conduct which violates this section or
20 has reasonable grounds to believe that any person intends to
21 engage in such conduct.

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23 (d) Penalties.--[A]

24 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), a
25 violation of this section is a summary offense of the second
26 degree.

27 (2) A violation of subsection (a) (6) is a summary
28 offense of the first degree. In addition to any penalty, the
29 violator shall be denied the right to hunt or trap in this
30 Commonwealth, with or without a license, for a period of one

1 year.

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