
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 602 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY JOZWIAK, PHILLIPS-HILL, WARD, JAMES, DAY,
D. COSTA, GILLESPIE, PEIFER, STAATS, READSHAW, CUTLER, BAKER,
MALONEY, RADER, GABLER, ZIMMERMAN AND BENNINGHOFF,
FEBRUARY 23, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for the
3 offense of dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2383 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2383. Dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), it
10 is unlawful for any person to make use of a dog in any manner to
11 hunt for or to take big game or to permit a dog owned,
12 controlled or harbored by that person to pursue, harass, chase,
13 scatter, injure or make use of a dog to kill any big game.

14 (b) Exception.--It shall be lawful to [make] do any of the
15 following:

16 (1) Make use of a dog to pursue, chase, scatter and
17 track wild turkeys during the fall wild turkey season.

1 (2) Make use of a leashed blood-tracking dog to track a
2 white-tailed deer, bear or elk in an attempt to recover an
3 animal which has been legally killed or wounded during any
4 open season for white-tailed deer, bear or elk.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.