

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 2, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further
3 providing for license requirements; and, in special licenses
4 and permits, further providing for regulated hunting grounds
5 permits.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 2701 and 2928 of Title 34 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended by adding
10 subsections to read:

11 § 2701. License requirements.

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13 (d) Exemption for members of armed services and disabled
14 veterans.--

15 (1) The commission shall issue a Military Event License
16 Exemption exempting eligible individuals under paragraph (2)
17 from the license and permit fee requirements under section
18 2709 (relating to license costs and fees) while participating

1 in an eligible activity for which the commission has issued a
2 Military Event License Exemption Permit under paragraph (3).

3 (2) The following individuals are eligible for a
4 Military Event License Exemption under paragraph (1):

5 (i) A veteran of the armed forces of the United
6 States who has been certified by the United States
7 Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor or by
8 any branch of the United States Armed Forces to have
9 served during war time and has a service-connected
10 disability of 30% or more.

11 (ii) An active duty member, reserve duty member or
12 veteran of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
13 who has received the Purple Heart.

14 (iii) One additional individual per eligible
15 individual under subparagraph (i) or (ii), who shall
16 provide assistance to the eligible individual as
17 necessary during the specified permitted event.

18 (3) The commission may issue a Military Event License
19 Exemption Permit for an event, subject to paragraph (5),
20 whose primary purpose is the rehabilitation or enjoyment of
21 eligible individuals. Each eligible individual must receive a
22 Military Event License Exemption to participate in the event.
23 The event may have a duration of no more than seven
24 consecutive days.

25 (4) All regulations and requirements regarding seasons,
26 bag limits and reporting standards must be adhered to by the
27 participants of an event under paragraph (3).

28 (5) An individual or entity that wishes to host an event
29 for which the commission may issue a Military Event License
30 Exemption Permit under paragraph (3) shall apply for the

1 Military Event License Exemption Permit in a manner provided
2 by the commission no less than 14 days prior to the event.
3 The following apply:

4 (i) The permit applicant shall provide the
5 commission with the documentation required for each
6 eligible individual participating in the event.

7 (ii) The permit application shall include the
8 ability to apply for a Military Event License Exemption
9 for each eligible individual participating in the event
10 for which the applicant is applying for a Military Event
11 License Exemption Permit.

12 (iii) The fee to apply for a Military Event License
13 Exemption Permit shall be the product of the license cost
14 under section 2709(a)(2)(ii) and the number of eligible
15 individuals participating in the event.

16 (6) Military Event License Exemption Permits may only be
17 used for an event hosted on private land within this
18 Commonwealth with the express approval of the landowner.

19 (7) The commission may issue a Military Event License
20 Exemption Permit for an event with no more than 10 eligible
21 individuals participating.

22 (8) The commission may not issue a Military Event
23 License Exemption Permit for an event that would unduly
24 impact commission resources or impose significant costs to
25 the commission.

26 (9) The commission shall impose upon each Military Event
27 License Exemption Permit reasonable conditions that are
28 necessary to ensure that the use or activity authorized under
29 the permit will limit liability to the commission.

30 (10) Violations of the terms of the Military Event

1 License Exemption Permit or violation of any other game law
2 under this title shall result in the revocation of the permit
3 and possible denial of future Military Event License
4 Exemption Permit applications.

5 (11) The commission shall promulgate guidelines for the
6 implementation and issuance of Military Event License
7 Exemptions and Military Event License Exemption Permits under
8 this subchapter.

9 (12) The following words and phrases when used in this
10 subsection shall have the meanings given to them in this
11 paragraph unless context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Eligible individual." An individual eligible for a
13 Military Event License Exemption under paragraph (2).

14 "Military Event License Exemption." A Military Event
15 License Exemption issued under paragraph (1).

16 "Military Event License Exemption Permit." A Military
17 Event License Exemption Permit issued under paragraph (3).

18 § 2928. Regulated hunting grounds permits.

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20 (f.1) Exception.--Notwithstanding subsection (f), a
21 permittee may remove or have removed from its premises any bird
22 that is permitted to be killed under the authority of this
23 permit without adhering to the tagging requirement of subsection
24 (f) if the permittee attaches to the package or container that
25 contains the killed birds a label that states the permittee's
26 name, address, permit number, number and types of killed birds
27 and the date the birds were killed. The label under this
28 subsection shall remain on the package or container that
29 contains the killed birds under the authority of the permit and
30 removed from the permittee's premises until the birds are either

1 returned to the permittee's address identified on the label or
2 are prepared for consumption.

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