

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, merging the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
3 Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission; in
4 preliminary provisions, in preliminary provisions relating to
5 fish, further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Fish
6 and Boat Commission, further providing for organization of
7 commission, for executive director, for assistant executive
8 directors, for waterways patrolmen and employees, for Boating
9 Advisory Board, for designation of commission and for
10 publications; in Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact,
11 further providing for members of commission from
12 Pennsylvania; in preliminary provisions relating to game,
13 further providing for definitions; in Pennsylvania Game
14 Commission, further providing for organization of commission,
15 for director, for Game Commission officers and employees, for
16 deputy Game Commission officers and for junior hunter
17 projects; and, in enforcement relating to game, further
18 providing for powers and duties of enforcement officers and
19 for deputy Game Commission officers; adding transitional
20 provisions; and making editorial changes.

21 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
22 hereby enacts as follows:

23 Section 1. The definitions of "commission" and "executive
24 director" in section 102 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
25 Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section is amended by
26 adding a definition to read:

1 § 102. Definitions.

2 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
3 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
4 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
5 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
6 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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8 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Game and Fish [and Boat]
9 Commission of the Commonwealth established in 34 Pa.C.S. § 301
10 (relating to organization of commission and division).

11 * * *

12 "Division." The Division of Fish and Boats within the
13 Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission.

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15 "Executive director." The executive director of the
16 Division of Fish and Boats within the Pennsylvania Game and Fish
17 [and Boat] Commission.

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19 Section 2. Chapter 3 heading and sections 301, 302, 303,
20 304, 306(a), 308, 323 and 7102(a) and (b) of Title 30 are
21 amended to read:

22 CHAPTER 3

23 PENNSYLVANIA GAME AND FISH [AND BOAT] COMMISSION AND DIVISION OF
24 FISH AND BOATS

25 § 301. Organization of commission and division.

26 (a) Composition.--The Pennsylvania Game and Fish [and Boat]
27 Commission is [continued as] an independent administrative
28 commission and shall consist of [ten competent citizens of this
29 Commonwealth who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with
30 the advice and consent of a majority of the members elected to

1 the Senate.] members with such qualifications as provided in 34
2 Pa.C.S. § 301 (relating to organization of commission). The
3 Division of Fish and Boats is established within the commission.

4 [(b) Qualifications.--Two members of the commission shall
5 serve at-large and be experienced in boating and water safety
6 education and be a registered boat owner in Pennsylvania. The
7 two boatmen members shall represent the various geographical
8 sections and boating interests of this Commonwealth. The
9 remaining eight members shall be persons well informed on the
10 subject of conservation, restoration, fish and fishing and boats
11 and boating and shall be appointed, insofar as practicable, on a
12 bipartisan basis and from the various geographic districts of
13 this Commonwealth so that at all times one and only one member
14 shall be a resident of each of the following districts:

15 (1) First district, consisting of the counties of Erie,
16 Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence, Venango, Butler, Warren, Forest
17 and Clarion.

18 (2) Second district, consisting of the counties of
19 Beaver, Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Armstrong, Indiana,
20 Westmoreland and Fayette.

21 (3) Third district, consisting of the counties of
22 McKean, Elk, Jefferson, Potter, Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton
23 and Centre.

24 (4) Fourth district, consisting of the counties of
25 Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, Fulton,
26 Mifflin and Juniata.

27 (5) Fifth district, consisting of the counties of Tioga,
28 Lycoming, Union, Snyder, Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia,
29 Montour and Northumberland.

30 (6) Sixth district, consisting of the counties of

1 Franklin, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Dauphin, York, Lebanon
2 and Lancaster.

3 (7) Seventh district, consisting of the counties of
4 Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Carbon, Wayne,
5 Pike and Monroe.

6 (8) Eighth district, consisting of the counties of
7 Schuylkill, Berks, Chester, Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks,
8 Montgomery, Philadelphia and Delaware.

9 (c) Terms of office and compensation.--The members shall
10 hold office for terms of four years each and may continue to
11 hold office for a period of time not to exceed six months or
12 until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever occurs
13 first. A member who serves three consecutive terms shall not be
14 eligible for reappointment to the commission. The members shall
15 receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed
16 for travel expenses. When performing any function on behalf of
17 the commission or acting within the scope of their official
18 duties, members of the commission shall be authorized to operate
19 Commonwealth vehicles and watercraft and shall be treated as
20 employees of the Commonwealth for the purposes of automotive and
21 general liability and the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338),
22 known as the Workers' Compensation Act.

23 (d) Vacancies.--Upon the death, resignation or removal from
24 office of any member, the Governor shall appoint a competent
25 person to serve for the unexpired term.

26 (e) Meetings, officers and quorum.--The commission shall
27 have an office in the Harrisburg area and shall hold meetings in
28 the Harrisburg area in January and July and at such other times
29 and places within this Commonwealth as the commission shall
30 designate for the transaction of business. At the meeting held

1 in July of each year, the commission shall elect one of its
2 members as president and one of its members as vice president
3 who shall hold office for one year. Six members shall constitute
4 a quorum.]

5 (f) Powers of waterways patrolmen.--Except for the power
6 conferred by section 925 (relating to acknowledgment of guilt
7 and receipts for payment), members of the commission may
8 exercise any of the powers conferred by this title on waterways
9 patrolmen.

10 § 302. Executive director.

11 (a) Appointment and compensation.--The commission shall
12 appoint to serve at its pleasure and, with the approval of the
13 Governor, fix the compensation of an executive director who
14 shall be the chief executive officer of the [commission]
15 division and attend to [its] the administrative work of the
16 division and have charge of all activities under the
17 jurisdiction of the commission as they relate to this title. The
18 executive director shall be the chief waterways patrolman of the
19 [commission] division and shall have charge of, direct,
20 supervise, and control all waterways patrolmen, deputy waterways
21 patrolmen and employees of the [commission] division. No member
22 of the commission nor any person who has served as a member
23 thereof within one year shall be eligible for appointment as
24 executive director.

25 (b) Power to catch, kill or possess fish.--The executive
26 director or his agent may catch, take, kill or possess any fish
27 at any time, in any season of the year and with any kind of net
28 or device.

29 § 303. Assistant executive directors.

30 (a) Appointment and compensation.--The executive director,

1 with the approval of the commission, may, in accordance with law
2 and the classification and compensation plans of the
3 Commonwealth as established by the Executive Board, appoint and
4 fix the compensation of two assistant executive directors of the
5 division, one of whom shall be in charge of and responsible for
6 watercraft safety and the other of whom shall be in charge of
7 and responsible for fisheries and engineering.

8 (b) Assistant for watercraft safety.--The assistant
9 executive director of the [commission] division in charge of
10 watercraft safety shall reside in this Commonwealth at the time
11 of appointment and have five or more years of experience with
12 ships or boats and have either a college degree or at least ten
13 years experience in administration. The assistant executive
14 director shall:

15 (1) Direct, administer and coordinate the activities of
16 the commission relating to watercraft, boats and boating,
17 including the enforcement of Part III (relating to boats and
18 boating) and the rules and regulations promulgated
19 thereunder, and the improvement and maintenance of waterway
20 facilities including aids to navigation.

21 (2) Coordinate and supervise all expenditures from the
22 Boat Fund.

23 (3) Administer the boating education programs of the
24 commission.

25 § 304. Waterways patrolmen and employees.

26 (a) Appointment and compensation.--The executive director,
27 with the approval of the commission, shall, in accordance with
28 law and the classification and compensation plans of the
29 Commonwealth as established by the Executive Board, appoint and
30 fix the compensation of such number of waterways patrolmen and

1 other employees of the division as the commission deems
2 necessary to enforce and carry out the provisions of this title
3 and perform the functions and work of the commission as they
4 relate to this title.

5 (b) Status.--This title does not change the status of
6 waterways patrolmen for the purposes of the act of July 23, 1970
7 (P.L.563, No.195), known as the "Public Employe Relations Act,"
8 or cause waterways patrolmen to be considered policemen for the
9 purposes of the act of June 24, 1968 (P.L.237, No.111), referred
10 to as the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act.

11 § 306. Boating Advisory Board.

12 (a) Composition.--There is hereby continued within the
13 commission a Boating Advisory Board. The board shall consist of
14 the Secretary of Environmental [Resources] Protection, or his
15 designee, the executive director of the [commission] division
16 and the assistant executive director of the [commission]
17 division in charge of watercraft safety, all of whom shall be ex
18 officio members, and five volunteer members to be appointed by
19 the Governor for terms of five years or, in the case of a
20 vacancy, for the remainder of the unexpired term.

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22 § 308. Designation of commission.

23 The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is designated the
24 Pennsylvania Game and Fish [and Boat] Commission. Prosecutions,
25 licenses, contracts, deeds, enforcement actions and other
26 official actions by the commission shall not be affected by the
27 use of the designation of the commission as the Pennsylvania
28 Fish Commission. The commission may continue to use the name
29 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on badges, citations,
30 field acknowledgments, contracts, licenses, registrations,

1 stationery or any other official documents or emblems until
2 existing supplies are exhausted. The commission may substitute
3 the title "Pennsylvania Game and Fish [and Boat] Commission" for
4 the title "Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission" on its
5 documents and materials on such schedule as it deems
6 appropriate.

7 § 323. Publications.

8 The executive director may have printed the annual report of
9 the commission as it relates to this title and such bulletins,
10 literature, posters and other printing as may be appropriate to
11 the work of the commission relating to this title including the
12 magazine known as the Pennsylvania Angler. The commission [~~shall~~
13 ~~from time to time establish the subscription rates~~] may not
14 establish, impose or collect a fee for the Pennsylvania Angler
15 [~~and charges for~~] or its other publications relating to this
16 title. All publications published by the commission shall be
17 nonpartisan.

18 § 7102. Members of commission from Pennsylvania.

19 (a) Designation and term.--In pursuance of Article III of
20 the compact, there shall be three members (hereinafter called
21 commissioners) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
22 Commission (hereinafter called commission) from this
23 Commonwealth. The first commissioner shall be the executive
24 director of the Division of Fish and Boats within the
25 Pennsylvania Game and Fish [and Boat] Commission, ex officio,
26 and the term of this commissioner shall terminate at the time he
27 ceases to hold the office of executive director and his
28 successor as commissioner shall be his successor as executive
29 director. The second commissioner shall be a legislator and
30 member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Interstate Cooperation,

1 ex officio, designated by the Pennsylvania Commission on
2 Interstate Cooperation, and the term of this commissioner shall
3 terminate at the time he ceases to hold legislative office or
4 office as a member of the Pennsylvania Commission on Interstate
5 Cooperation and his successor as commissioner shall be named in
6 like manner. The Governor (by and with the advice and consent of
7 the Senate) shall appoint a citizen as a third commissioner who
8 shall have a knowledge of and interest in the marine fisheries
9 problem. The term of this commissioner shall be three years and
10 he shall hold office until his successor is appointed and
11 qualified. Vacancies occurring in the office of this
12 commissioner from any reason or cause shall be filled by
13 appointment by the Governor (by and with the advice and consent
14 of the Senate) for the unexpired term.

15 (b) Delegate of executive director.--The executive director
16 of the Division of Fish and Boats within the Pennsylvania Game
17 and Fish [and Boat] Commission, as ex officio commissioner, may
18 delegate from time to time to any assistant or other subordinate
19 in his agency or office, the power to be present and
20 participate, including voting, as his representative or
21 substitute at any meeting of or hearing by or other proceeding
22 of the commission.

23 * * *

24 Section 3. The definitions of "commission", "director",
25 "migratory game bird" and "officer" in section 102 of Title 34
26 are amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to
27 read:

28 § 102. Definitions.

29 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
30 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific

1 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
2 used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this
3 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

4 * * *

5 "Commission." The Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission of
6 the Commonwealth.

7 * * *

8 "Director." The Executive Director of the Division of Game
9 within the Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission or any person
10 to whom authority has been delegated by the director.

11 "Division." The Division of Game within the Pennsylvania
12 Game and Fish Commission of the Commonwealth.

13 * * *

14 "Migratory game bird." Any game bird defined in 50 CFR 20.11
15 (relating to meaning of terms), except as otherwise provided in
16 Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission regulations.

17 * * *

18 "Officer." Any Game [Commission] Division officer or deputy
19 Game [Commission] Division officer appointed by the commission
20 or any other person with law enforcement powers who is
21 designated by the director to enforce this title.

22 * * *

23 Section 4. Chapter 3 heading and sections 301, 302, 303, 304
24 and 327(a) and (b)(2) of Title 34 are amended to read:

25 CHAPTER 3

26 PENNSYLVANIA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION AND DIVISION OF GAME

27 § 301. Organization of commission and division.

28 (a) Composition.--

29 (1) The independent administrative commission known as
30 the Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission shall consist of

1 [eight] 18 competent citizens of this Commonwealth [who]. The
2 Division of Game is established within the commission.

3 (2) Eight of the members of the commission shall be well
4 informed on the subject of wildlife conservation and
5 restoration [and who].

6 (3) Two members of the commission shall serve at-large
7 and be experienced in boating and water safety education and
8 be a registered boat owner in this Commonwealth. The two
9 boatmen members shall represent the various geographical
10 sections and boating interests of this Commonwealth.

11 (4) Eight members of the commission shall be persons
12 well informed on the subject of conservation, restoration,
13 fish and fishing and boats and boating and shall be
14 appointed, insofar as practicable, on a bipartisan basis from
15 the various geographic fish and boat districts of this
16 Commonwealth as provided in subsection (b.1) so that at all
17 times one and only one member shall be a resident of each of
18 the fish and boat districts.

19 (5) All members shall be appointed by the Governor, by
20 and with the advice and consent of a majority of the elected
21 members of the Senate.

22 (b) Qualifications for game district members.--The eight
23 members of the commission specified in subsection (a)(2) shall
24 be appointed from the various geographical sections of this
25 Commonwealth so that one and only one shall be a resident of
26 each of the following game districts:

27 (1) The counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence,
28 Venango, Butler, Warren, Forest and Clarion, constituting the
29 first district.

30 (2) The counties of Beaver, Allegheny, Washington,

1 Greene, Armstrong, Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette,
2 constituting the second district.

3 (3) The counties of McKean, Elk, Jefferson, Potter,
4 Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton and Centre, constituting the
5 third district.

6 (4) The counties of Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford,
7 Huntingdon and Fulton, constituting the fourth district.

8 (5) The counties of Tioga, Lycoming, Union, Bradford,
9 Sullivan, Columbia, Montour and Northumberland, constituting
10 the fifth district.

11 (6) The counties of Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata, Franklin,
12 Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Dauphin, York, Lebanon and
13 Lancaster, constituting the sixth district.

14 (7) The counties of Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne,
15 Lackawanna, Carbon, Wayne, Pike and Monroe, constituting the
16 seventh district.

17 (8) The counties of Schuylkill, Berks, Chester,
18 Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia and
19 Delaware, constituting the eighth district.

20 (b.1) Qualifications for fish and boat district members.--

21 The eight members of the commission specified in subsection (a)
22 (4) shall be appointed from the various geographical sections of
23 this Commonwealth so that one and only one shall be a resident
24 of each of the following fish and boat districts:

25 (1) First district, consisting of the counties of Erie,
26 Crawford, Mercer, Lawrence, Venango, Butler, Warren, Forest
27 and Clarion.

28 (2) Second district, consisting of the counties of
29 Beaver, Allegheny, Washington, Greene, Armstrong, Indiana,
30 Westmoreland and Fayette.

1 (3) Third district, consisting of the counties of
2 McKean, Elk, Jefferson, Potter, Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton
3 and Centre.

4 (4) Fourth district, consisting of the counties of
5 Cambria, Somerset, Blair, Bedford, Huntingdon, Fulton,
6 Mifflin and Juniata.

7 (5) Fifth district, consisting of the counties of Tioga,
8 Lycoming, Union, Snyder, Bradford, Sullivan, Columbia,
9 Montour and Northumberland.

10 (6) Sixth district, consisting of the counties of
11 Franklin, Perry, Cumberland, Adams, Dauphin, York, Lebanon
12 and Lancaster.

13 (7) Seventh district, consisting of the counties of
14 Susquehanna, Wyoming, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Carbon, Wayne,
15 Pike and Monroe.

16 (8) Eighth district, consisting of the counties of
17 Schuylkill, Berks, Chester, Northampton, Lehigh, Bucks,
18 Montgomery, Philadelphia and Delaware.

19 (c) Term of office and compensation.--The members of the
20 commission shall hold office for terms of four years each and
21 may continue to hold office for a period of time not to exceed
22 six months or until a successor is appointed and qualified,
23 whichever occurs first. A member of the commission who serves
24 three consecutive terms shall not be eligible for reappointment
25 to the commission. Commissioners shall receive no compensation
26 for their services, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses.

27 (d) Vacancies.--Upon the death, resignation or removal from
28 office of any person so appointed, the Governor shall appoint a
29 competent person to serve for the unexpired term as provided in
30 subsection (a).

1 § 302. Director.

2 (a) Appointment.--The commission shall select a director of
3 the division. No member of the commission nor anyone who has
4 served as a member of the commission within one year after
5 service shall be eligible for selection as director. The
6 director shall serve as such at the pleasure of the commission.

7 (b) Compensation.--Notwithstanding any provision of law to
8 the contrary, the Executive Board of the Commonwealth shall fix
9 the compensation of the director.

10 (c) Function.--The director shall be the chief
11 administrative officer of the [commission] division and attend
12 to its administrative work relating to this title and have
13 charge of all activities under the jurisdiction of the
14 [commission] division and this title. The director shall be the
15 chief Game [Commission] Division officer and shall direct,
16 supervise and control all employees of the [commission] division
17 and report to the commission any negligence, dereliction of duty
18 or incompetence on the part of any employee of the division,
19 with the facts relevant thereto, and shall make any further
20 reports as may be required by the commission.

21 (d) Certification of commission action.--The director may
22 certify any action of the commission relating to this title as
23 being their official act.

24 (e) Publications.--Subject to section 325 (relating to
25 limitation on disclosure of certain records), the director may
26 have printed such bulletins, posters, literature and other
27 printing as may be necessary to the work of the commission
28 relating to this title, including publications of general
29 interest to persons concerned with conservation of our natural
30 resources. Publications and forms used to convey information,

1 whether in electronic, print or other media format, may contain
2 advertisements. The publications shall at all times be
3 [maintained as a] nonpartisan [publication] and shall be made
4 available without charge.

5 (f) Execution of contracts, leases and agreements.--The
6 director shall represent the commission in the execution of land
7 purchase contracts and in the execution of leases and other
8 similar agreements.

9 § 303. Game [Commission] Division officers and employees.

10 (a) Appointment.--The director shall select competent
11 persons as Game [Commission] Division officers, assigned to
12 field, administrative or office duties, and other competent
13 persons for other duties as may be necessary to fulfill the
14 requirements of this title.

15 (b) Status.--Except for the director, all personnel shall be
16 employed in accordance with the classification and compensation
17 plans of the Commonwealth and regulations of the commission.

18 (c) Power and authority.--Every officer, employee or
19 representative of the commission in the exercise of their powers
20 and duties under this title shall have the right and authority
21 to go upon or enter any property, posted or otherwise, outside
22 of buildings.

23 § 304. Deputy Game [Commission] Division officers.

24 (a) Appointment.--The commission may appoint deputy Game
25 [Commission] Division officers as necessary. Except as otherwise
26 provided, they shall possess the rights and powers given by law
27 to Game [Commission] Division officers and be subject to all
28 requirements and regulations, either of the law or of the
29 commission, controlling the action of Game [Commission] Division
30 officers.

1 (b) Compensation and expenses.--Deputy Game [Commission]
2 Division officers shall not be entitled to compensation for
3 either time or expenses incurred in the performance of their
4 duties unless specifically employed for special duties by
5 written order of the director. The commission shall, from time
6 to time, fix the rate of compensation and allowable expenses for
7 special duty services.

8 (c) Collection of fees.--Any deputy Game [Commission]
9 Division officer not specifically employed, in writing, for
10 special duties under subsection (b) shall, with written
11 authorization of the director, be entitled to collect the fees
12 as are now or may hereafter be paid to constables, to be
13 assessed and collected as costs of prosecution for services
14 legally rendered in the performance of any duties in the
15 enforcement of this title.

16 § 327. Junior hunter projects.

17 (a) General rule.--It shall be the duty of the commission to
18 initiate, implement and administer two or more junior license
19 hunter projects for the purpose of increasing and sustaining
20 interest in hunting among young persons of this Commonwealth.
21 Except for the requirement to actually hold a junior hunting
22 license under section 2705(2) or (9) (relating to classes of
23 licenses) and as may otherwise be modified by commission
24 regulations, all participants in any junior hunter project shall
25 comply with all of the provisions of this title and the
26 regulations promulgated [hereunder] under this title.

27 (b) Specific projects.--

28 * * *

29 (2) One of the projects shall consist of a Pennsylvania
30 Game and Fish Commission program subject to the review of

1 both the Game and Fisheries Committee of the House of
2 Representatives and the Game and Fisheries Committee of the
3 Senate. The respective committees shall have 60 days to
4 review the program and submit comments to the commission.
5 Prior to completion of the review by the respective
6 committees, the commission shall not take any action to
7 initiate the program.

8 Section 5. Section 901(b.1) of Title 34, amended February
9 15, 2018 (P.L.6, No.3), is amended to read:

10 § 901. Powers and duties of enforcement officers.

11 * * *

12 (b.1) Exception to the prohibition of interception and
13 disclosure of communications.--An officer whose duty it is to
14 enforce this title and who has received training on the use of
15 an electronic, mechanical or other device which has been
16 approved under 18 Pa.C.S. § 5706(b)(4) (relating to exceptions
17 to prohibitions in possession, sale, distribution, manufacture
18 or advertisement of electronic, mechanical or other devices) in
19 a course approved by the Pennsylvania State Police shall be an
20 investigative or law enforcement officer as defined under 18
21 Pa.C.S. § 5702 (relating to definitions). Such officers may wear
22 an electronic, mechanical or other device in the performance of
23 their official duties. This subsection shall not apply to a
24 deputy Game [Commission] Division officer or deputy wildlife
25 conservation officer.

26 * * *

27 Section 6. Section 902 of Title 34 is amended to read:

28 § 902. Deputy Game [Commission] Division officers.

29 Except for the powers conferred under section 901(a)(12.1),
30 (17) and (18) (relating to powers and duties of enforcement

1 officers), deputy Game [Commission] Division officers shall,
2 unless further restricted by the director, exercise all the
3 powers and perform all the duties conferred by this title on
4 Game [Commission] Division officers, except deputy wildlife
5 conservation officers shall not be authorized to issue citations
6 or field acknowledgments of guilt for violations and shall
7 provide the information to the wildlife conservation officer.
8 Retired wildlife conservation officers, retired waterways
9 conservation officers, State park rangers, State forest rangers
10 or current or retired State or municipal police officers shall
11 exercise all powers and duties conferred on deputy Game
12 [Commission] Division officers, including the right to issue
13 citations and field acknowledgments of guilt for violations.

14 Section 7. The following provisions shall apply:

15 (1) The members of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat
16 Commission and the Pennsylvania Game Commission in office on
17 the effective date of this section shall constitute the
18 Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission and shall hold their
19 offices as members of the Pennsylvania Game and Fish
20 Commission until their successors are appointed as provided
21 by 34 Pa.C.S. § 301 (relating to organization of commission
22 and division).

23 (2) The provisions of 34 Pa.C.S. § 301(c) insofar as
24 they impose limits on the numbers of terms or years of
25 service shall not apply to the members of the Pennsylvania
26 Game and Fish Commission in office on the effective date of
27 this section, who shall be eligible for reappointment without
28 regard to the limitations.

29 (3) All rules, regulations, orders, permits, decisions
30 and other actions of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat

1 Commission or the Pennsylvania Game Commission shall remain
2 in full force and effect until modified, repealed, suspended,
3 superseded or otherwise changed by appropriate action of the
4 Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission.

5 (4) After the effective date of this section, the
6 Pennsylvania Game and Fish Commission shall recycle or
7 continue to use any forms, stationery, business cards or
8 other office supplies or materials which contain references
9 to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission or the
10 Pennsylvania Game Commission until the time these existing
11 supplies and materials are depleted. Existing signs on which
12 the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission or the Pennsylvania
13 Game Commission designation appears shall not be changed
14 until the existing signs become worn and require replacement.

15 Section 8. Any reference in any other law or regulation in
16 effect on the effective date of this section to the Pennsylvania
17 Fish and Boat Commission or the Pennsylvania Game Commission
18 shall be deemed to be a reference to the Pennsylvania Game and
19 Fish Commission.

20 Section 9. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.