
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1894 Session of
2023

INTRODUCED BY MAJOR, STENDER, HANBIDGE, HOHENSTEIN, OBERLANDER,
PROBST, MIHALEK, ROZZI, SMITH, KAUFFMAN, DALEY, SHUSTERMAN
AND GILLEN, DECEMBER 8, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, DECEMBER 8, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in protection of property and waters,
3 further providing for restrictions on transport, sale,
4 importation or release of nonnative injurious fish; and, in
5 game or wildlife protection, further providing for unlawful
6 importation of game or wildlife.

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

9 Section 1. Section 2508(c) of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

11 § 2508. Restrictions on transport, sale, importation or release
12 of nonnative injurious fish.

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14 (c) Penalty.--[Any]

15 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2), any
16 person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the
17 third degree.

18 (2) Any person who negligently or intentionally violates
19 this section commits a misdemeanor of the first degree.

1 Section 2. Section 2163(c) of Title 34 is amended to read:

2 § 2163. Unlawful importation of game or wildlife.

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4 (c) Penalties.--

5 (1) Except for endangered or threatened species, a
6 person importing, selling, releasing or possessing game or
7 wildlife or the eggs of any bird contrary to any of the
8 provisions of this section, or causing them to be released or
9 imported, commits a summary offense of the fifth degree. Each
10 bird, egg or animal involved in a violation constitutes a
11 separate offense.

12 (2) ~~[A] Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (3), a~~
13 violation of this section relating to any endangered or
14 threatened species is a misdemeanor. Each bird, egg or game
15 or wildlife involved in the violation constitutes a separate
16 offense.

17 (3) A negligent or intentional violation of this section
18 relating to any endangered or threatened species is a
19 misdemeanor of the first degree.

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21 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.