

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2178 Session of 2014

INTRODUCED BY MOUL, LUCAS, KAUFFMAN, GODSHALL, KORTZ, MULLERY, EVERETT, MURT, DENLINGER, COHEN AND WATSON, APRIL 14, 2014

SENATOR ALLOWAY, GAME AND FISHERIES, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 26, 2014

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for
3 powers and duties of waterways conservation officers and
4 deputies and for powers and duties of enforcement officers.

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

7 Section 1. Section 901 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 901. Powers and duties of waterways conservation officers and
10 deputies.

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12 (c) Exception to the prohibition of interception and
13 disclosure of communications.--A waterways conservation officer
14 whose duty it is to enforce this title and who has received
15 training under 18 Pa.C.S. § 5724 (relating to training) ON THE <--
16 USE OF BODY CAMERAS IN A COURSE APPROVED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA
17 STATE POLICE shall be defined as a law enforcement officer for
18 the purpose of 18 Pa.C.S. § 5704(16)(iii) (relating to

1 exceptions to prohibition of interception and disclosure of
2 communications). Such waterways conservation officers may wear
3 body cameras in the performance of their official duties. This
4 subsection shall not apply to a deputy waterways conservation
5 officer.

6 Section 2. Section 901 of Title 34 is amended by adding a
7 subsection to read:

8 § 901. Powers and duties of enforcement officers.

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10 (b.1) Exception to the prohibition of interception and
11 disclosure of communications.--An officer whose duty it is to
12 enforce this title and who has received training under 18 <--
13 Pa.C.S. § 5724 (relating to training) ON THE USE OF BODY CAMERAS <--
14 IN A COURSE APPROVED BY THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE shall be
15 defined as a law enforcement officer for the purpose of 18
16 Pa.C.S. § 5704(16)(iii) (relating to exceptions to prohibition
17 of interception and disclosure of communications). Such officers
18 may wear body cameras in the performance of their official
19 duties. This subsection shall not apply to a deputy Game
20 Commission officer or deputy wildlife conservation officer.

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