
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 400 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY STAMBAUGH AND ZIMMERMAN, JANUARY 28, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JANUARY 28, 2025

AN ACT

1 Designating the passenger pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) as the
2 official extinct species of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

5 Section 1. Findings and declarations.

6 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

7 (1) The passenger pigeon was once an abundant native
8 species of this Commonwealth.

9 (2) The passenger pigeon contributed greatly to the
10 early history of this Commonwealth, including through hunting
11 for food and sport.

12 (3) The legacy of passenger pigeons in this Commonwealth
13 endures through numerous places named in their honor.

14 (4) At one time, there may have been more passenger
15 pigeons in North America than all other birds in the world
16 combined.

17 (5) The extinction of the passenger pigeon helped
18 contribute to awareness and support for preservation of other

1 endangered species.

2 Section 2. Official State extinct animal.

3 The passenger pigeon (*Ectopistes migratorius*) is designated
4 as the official extinct species of the Commonwealth of
5 Pennsylvania.

6 Section 3. Effective date.

7 This act shall take effect immediately.