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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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GABLER AND MOUL, MARCH 15, 2016

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 15, 2016

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AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in preliminary provisions, further  
3 providing for definitions; in enforcement, further providing  
4 for interference with lawful fishing and boating prohibited;  
5 in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions;  
6 and, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for  
7 interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other  
8 activities permitted by this title prohibited.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania  
12 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:  
13 § 102. Definitions.

14 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
15 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
16 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when  
17 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly  
18 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

19 \* \* \*

20 "Drone." An aerial vehicle that does not carry a human

1 operator.

2 \* \* \*

3 Section 2. Section 909(b) of Title 30 is amended by adding a  
4 paragraph to read:

5 § 909. Interference with lawful fishing and boating prohibited.

6 \* \* \*

7 (b) Activities that violate section.--A person violates this  
8 section if that person intentionally or knowingly commits any of  
9 the following:

10 \* \* \*

11 (7) Uses a drone in a way that interferes with another  
12 person who is engaged in the process of lawful fishing or  
13 boating.

14 \* \* \*

15 Section 3. Section 102 of Title 34 is amended by adding a  
16 definition to read:

17 § 102. Definitions.

18 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent  
19 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific  
20 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when  
21 used in this title shall have the meanings given to them in this  
22 section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

23 \* \* \*

24 "Drone." An aerial vehicle that does not carry a human  
25 operator.

26 \* \* \*

27 Section 4. Section 2302(a.1) of Title 34 is amended to read:

28 § 2302. Interference with lawful taking of wildlife or other  
29 activities permitted by this title prohibited.

30 \* \* \*

1 (a.1) Activities which violate section.--A person violates  
2 this section when he intentionally or knowingly:

3 (1) drives or disturbs wildlife for the purpose of  
4 disrupting the lawful taking of wildlife where another person  
5 is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or  
6 other permitted activities;

7 (2) blocks, impedes or otherwise harasses another person  
8 who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking wildlife or  
9 other permitted activities;

10 (3) uses natural or artificial visual, aural, olfactory  
11 or physical stimuli to affect wildlife behavior in order to  
12 hinder or prevent the lawful taking of wildlife or other  
13 permitted activities;

14 (4) creates or erects barriers with the intent to deny  
15 ingress or egress to areas where the lawful taking of  
16 wildlife or other permitted activities may occur;

17 (5) interjects himself into the line of fire;

18 (6) affects the condition or placement of personal or  
19 public property intended for use in the lawful taking of  
20 wildlife or other permitted activities in order to impair its  
21 usefulness or prevent its use;

22 (7) enters or remains upon public lands or upon private  
23 lands without permission of the owner or their agent, with  
24 intent to violate this section; [or]

25 (8) fails to obey the order of any officer whose duty it  
26 is to enforce any of the laws of this Commonwealth where such  
27 officer observes any conduct which violates this section or  
28 has reasonable grounds to believe that any person intends to  
29 engage in such conduct[.]; or

30 (9) uses a drone in a way that interferes with another

1 person who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking  
2 wildlife or other permitted activities.

3 \* \* \*

4 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.