

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1353 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY SCIALABBA, JAMES, LEADBETER, HAMM, ROAE, KAUFFMAN, SMITH, COOK, ROWE AND GILLEN, APRIL 30, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 30, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
 2 Statutes, in Pennsylvania Game Commission, further providing
 3 for Game Commission officers and employees; and, in
 4 enforcement, further providing for powers and duties of
 5 enforcement officers.

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

8 Section 1. Section 303(c) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
 9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 303. Game Commission officers and employees.

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12 (c) Power and authority.--[Every officer, employee or
 13 representative] Except as provided in section 901(a.1) (relating
 14 to powers and duties of enforcement officers), every officer of
 15 the commission in the exercise of their powers and duties shall
 16 have the right and authority to go upon or enter any property[,
 17 posted or otherwise,] outside of buildings.

18 Section 2. Section 901(a) (2) and (8) of Title 34 are amended
 19 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

1 § 901. Powers and duties of enforcement officers.

2 (a) Powers.--Any officer whose duty it is to enforce this
3 title or any officer investigating any alleged violation of this
4 title shall have the power and duty to:

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6 (2) [Go] Except as provided in subsection (a.1), go upon
7 any land or water outside of buildings, except curtilage,
8 [posted or otherwise,] in the performance of the officer's
9 duty.

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11 [(8) Conduct administrative inspections of persons,
12 licenses and permits, firearms, ammunition and other
13 implements of taking, game bags, game, meat poles, tags,
14 clothing, waterfowl blinds, decoys, tree stands, immediate
15 hunting locations, or any means of transportation or its
16 attachments used as blinds or as hunting locations, and any
17 coolers or containers possessed at a hunting location when
18 prima facie evidence of hunting exists. Any officer
19 conducting an administrative inspection shall, if any person
20 is present, present a badge or other means of official
21 identification and state the purpose of the inspection.]

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23 (a.1) Prohibition.--An officer may not go upon any land as
24 to which notice against trespass is given by any of the
25 following:

26 (1) Actual communication to the officer by the
27 landowner.

28 (2) Posting in a manner prescribed by law or reasonably
29 likely to come to the attention of intruders.

30 (3) Fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to

1 exclude intruders.

2 (4) The placement of identifying purple paint marks on
3 trees or posts on the property line that are:

4 (i) vertical lines of not less than eight inches in
5 length and not less than one inch in width;

6 (ii) placed so that the bottom of the mark is not
7 less than three feet from the ground and not more than
8 five feet from the ground; and

9 (iii) placed at locations that are readily visible
10 to a person approaching the property and not more than
11 100 feet apart.

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