

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1588 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY B. MILLER, KAUFFMAN, STAATS, ZIMMERMAN AND BANTA,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 11, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in enforcement, further providing for revocation,
3 suspension or denial of license, permit or registration; and,
4 in hunting and furtaking licenses, further providing for
5 denial or revocation of licenses and for period of
6 revocation.

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

9 Section 1. Section 929(a) and (b) of Title 34 of the
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

11 § 929. Revocation, suspension or denial of license, permit or
12 registration.

13 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in this
14 title, any hunting or furtaking license, special license or
15 permit or registration granted under the authority of this title
16 may be denied, revoked or suspended by the [commission]
17 magisterial district judge or court having jurisdiction in a
18 case coming before it involving an offense under this title when
19 the holder of the license, permit or registration is convicted
20 of an offense under this title or has acted contrary to the

1 intent of the registration or permit, with each offense
2 constituting a separate violation subject to separate
3 revocation. [The commission may refuse to grant to that person
4 any permit or registration and may deny any privilege granted by
5 these documents for a period not exceeding five years unless
6 otherwise provided in this title.]

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8 [(b) Regulations.--The commission may promulgate regulations
9 specifying the procedures to be followed in denying, revoking or
10 suspending any hunting and furtaking privileges, licenses,
11 permits and registrations granted under the provisions of this
12 title.]

13 Section 2. Section 2741(b) and (c) of Title 34 are amended
14 and the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
15 § 2741. Denial or revocation of licenses.

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17 (b) Violations.--In addition to any penalty and costs
18 imposed by this title, [the commission] a magisterial district
19 judge or court having jurisdiction may revoke any hunting or
20 furtaking license and deny any person the privilege to secure a
21 license or to hunt or take furbearers anywhere in this
22 Commonwealth, with or without a license, if the licensee or
23 person:

24 (1) Has either been convicted or signed an
25 acknowledgment of guilt of violating any of the provisions of
26 this title for such periods as are specified in this
27 subchapter.

28 (2) Has been [accused] charged by an officer of having
29 violated any of the following provisions even though such
30 person has not been convicted of a violation of these

sections:

Section 2501 (relating to hunting or furtaking prohibited while under influence of alcohol or controlled substance).

Section 2505 (relating to safety zones).

Section 2509 (relating to damage to property).

Section 2522 (relating to shooting at or causing injury to human beings).

Section 2523 (relating to rendering assistance after incidents).

(b.1) Restoration.--Upon charges brought under subsection (b)(2) being dropped or dismissed or upon being found not guilty of violating the sections listed under subsection (b)(2), the person's license or privilege shall be restored immediately.

[(c) Authority of court.--Any magisterial district judge or court having jurisdiction in any case coming before it involving any of the offenses contained in this title may revoke a hunting or furtaking license and deny the privilege to secure a license or to hunt or take furbearers anywhere in this Commonwealth, with or without a license, as set forth in this title.]

Section 3. Section 2742(a) and (b) of Title 34 are amended to read:

§ 2742. Period of revocation.

(a) First offense.--Except as otherwise provided, for the first offense any person convicted or having signed an acknowledgment of guilt of violating any of the provisions of this title may be denied the privilege to hunt or take wildlife anywhere in this Commonwealth, with or without a license, for a period not to exceed three years as the [commission] magisterial district judge or court having jurisdiction determines.

1 (b) Second or subsequent offense.--Except as otherwise
2 provided, any person convicted or having signed an
3 acknowledgment of guilt of a second or subsequent offense of
4 violating any of the provisions of this title may be denied the
5 privilege to hunt or take game or wildlife anywhere in this
6 Commonwealth, with or without a license, for [such period as the
7 commission determines.] a period not to exceed five years, as
8 the magisterial district judge or court having jurisdiction
9 determines.

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11 Section 4. The amendment or addition of 34 Pa.C.S. § 929(a)
12 and (b), 2741(b), (b.1) and (c) and 2742(a) and (b) shall apply
13 to the revocation of hunting or furtaking privileges, or both,
14 which have been revoked on or after the effective date of this
15 section.

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