

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 135 Session of 2017

INTRODUCED BY SCAVELLO, RESCHENTHALER, BARTOLOTTA, VULAKOVICH,  
FOLMER, WHITE, LAUGHLIN, RAFFERTY AND BREWSTER,  
JANUARY 20, 2017

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, JANUARY 20, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for  
3 dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2383 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2383. Dogs pursuing, injuring or killing big game.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as provided in subsection (b), it  
10 is unlawful for any person to make use of a dog in any manner to  
11 hunt for or to take big game or to permit a dog owned,  
12 controlled or harbored by that person to pursue, harass, chase,  
13 scatter, injure or make use of a dog to kill any big game.

14 (b) Exception.--It shall be lawful to [make] do any of the  
15 following:

16 (1) Make use of a dog to pursue, chase, scatter and  
17 track wild turkeys during the fall wild turkey season.

18 (2) Make use of a leashed tracking dog to track a white-

1 tailed deer, bear or elk in an attempt to recover an animal  
2 which has been legally killed or wounded during any open  
3 season for white-tailed deer, bear or elk.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.