

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1313 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY ROTHMAN AND STEFANO, APRIL 28, 2026

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 24, 2026

AN ACT

1 ~~Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated~~ <--
2 ~~Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further~~
3 ~~providing for residents.~~

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

6 ~~Section 1. Section 2702 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania~~
7 ~~Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:~~
8 ~~§ 2702. Residents.~~

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10 ~~(a.1) Native Pennsylvanian Annual License. The commission~~
11 ~~shall issue annual Pennsylvania hunting licenses known as the~~
12 ~~Native Pennsylvanian Annual License. The issuance of a license~~
13 ~~shall be subject to the following:~~

14 ~~(1) The license may be issued to a nonresident who meets~~
15 ~~either of the following:~~

16 ~~(i) The nonresident was born in this Commonwealth.~~

17 ~~(ii) The nonresident has a living parent or former~~
18 ~~guardian who resides in this Commonwealth.~~

~~(2) The license shall cost the same as a resident license under section 2709 (relating to license costs and fees).~~

~~(3) An applicant must provide a current photo identification card and the applicable documentation under one of the following:~~

~~(i) For an applicant who qualifies under paragraph (1)(i), either of the following:~~

~~(A) A certified copy of the applicant's original birth certificate showing that the applicant was born in this Commonwealth or that the applicant's parent's address was in this Commonwealth at the time of the applicant's birth.~~

~~(B) A written affirmation that the applicant was born in this Commonwealth.~~

~~(ii) For an applicant who qualifies under paragraph (1)(ii), proof of the living parent or former guardian's address within this Commonwealth.~~

~~(4) A first time applicant for a Native Pennsylvanian annual license must submit the application to the commission.~~

~~(5) A Native Pennsylvanian annual license shall be identical to an annual resident license sold by the commission and shall be properly designated "Native Pennsylvanian."~~

~~(6) All regular annual licenses offered to residents shall be made available to an applicant who qualifies as a Native Pennsylvanian. This paragraph shall not apply to a lifetime license.~~

~~(7) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to limit eligibility for a resident hunter's license under~~

~~subsection (b).~~

~~(8) An applicant who provides a false written
affirmation under paragraph (3)(i)(B) shall be subject to
section 2711(a)(2) and (b)(3) (relating to unlawful acts
concerning licenses) and 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 (relating to
unsworn falsification to authorities).~~

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~~Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

AMENDING TITLE 34 (GAME) OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED
STATUTES, IN HUNTING AND FURTAKING LICENSES, PROVIDING FOR
NATIVE PENNSYLVANIAN ANNUAL LICENSE; AND IMPOSING PENALTIES.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. TITLE 34 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED
STATUTES IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:

§ 2703.1. NATIVE PENNSYLVANIAN ANNUAL LICENSE.

(A) ISSUANCE.--THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN ANNUAL
PENNSYLVANIA HUNTING LICENSE, KNOWN AS THE NATIVE PENNSYLVANIAN
ANNUAL LICENSE, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

(1) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A NONRESIDENT WHO:

(I) WAS BORN IN THIS COMMONWEALTH; OR

(II) PREVIOUSLY RESIDED IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

(2) THE LICENSE SHALL COST \$30 FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE DAYS
AND SHALL BE VALID ONLY DURING THE DEER REGULAR FIREARMS
SEASON.

(3) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT
PHOTO IDENTIFICATION CARD AND THE FOLLOWING APPLICABLE
DOCUMENTATION:

(I) IF THE APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)

(I), A WRITTEN AFFIRMATION THAT THE APPLICANT WAS BORN IN
THIS COMMONWEALTH.

1 (II) IF THE APPLICANT QUALIFIES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)
2 (II), PROOF OF THE APPLICANT'S FORMER RESIDENCY IN THIS
3 COMMONWEALTH.

4 (4) A FIRST-TIME APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE MUST SUBMIT
5 THE APPLICATION TO THE COMMISSION.

6 (5) THE LICENSE SHALL BE PROPERLY DESIGNATED "NATIVE
7 PENNSYLVANIAN."

8 (B) CONSTRUCTION.--NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE
9 CONSTRUED TO LIMIT ELIGIBILITY FOR A RESIDENT HUNTER'S LICENSE
10 UNDER SECTION 2702(B) (RELATING TO RESIDENTS).

11 (C) PENALTIES.--IF AN APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS
12 SECTION PROVIDES A FALSE WRITTEN AFFIRMATION UNDER SUBSECTION
13 (A) (3) (I), THE APPLICANT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO SECTION 2711(A) (2)
14 AND (B) (3) (RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTS CONCERNING LICENSES) AND
15 18 PA.C.S. § 4904 (RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO
16 AUTHORITIES).

17 SECTION 2. THE ADDITION OF 34 PA.C.S. § 2703.1 SHALL APPLY
18 TO THE 2027-2028 DEER REGULAR FIREARMS SEASON AND EACH DEER
19 REGULAR FIREARMS SEASON THEREAFTER.

20 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.