



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### House Bill 455 Printer's No. 503

Prime Sponsor: M.K. Keller  
Committee: Game and Fisheries

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Amends Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in game or wildlife protection, further providing for unlawful activities.

#### **SUMMARY:**

This legislation amends Title 34 (Game), Subchapter B (relating to Destruction for Agricultural Protection), Section 2126 (relating to unlawful activities) by repealing subsection (a) (6), which currently provides that it is unlawful to refuse to answer, without evasion, any pertinent question pertaining to the killing or wounding of any game or wildlife, or the disposition of the game or wildlife when questioned by a representative of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

This requirement is in conflict with an individual's constitutional right against self-incrimination and the right to remain silent under questioning.

Effective Date: Effective in 60 days.

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

Previously House Bill 2199 of 2014 was voted out of the House Game and Fisheries Committee unanimously. Passed the full House unanimously (199-0). Voted out of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee unanimously June 26, 2014. House Bill 2199 was laid on the Table July 8, 2014 where it did not received any further legislative action prior to the end of the 2013-14 legislative session.

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