THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1434 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY MERSKI, BURGOS, SANCHEZ, HARKINS, DRISCOLL, SAINATO AND CIRESI, MAY 17, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MAY 17, 2021

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further
- providing for resident license and fee exemptions.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 2706 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 8 § 2706. Resident license and fee exemptions.
- 9 * * *
- 10 (h) First responder hunting licenses. -- A first responder
- 11 shall be entitled to purchase a resident hunting license at the
- 12 cost of \$1 plus the current issuing fee upon application to the
- 13 commission. An application under this subsection shall contain
- 14 the same information as is required for other resident hunting
- 15 <u>license applications and documentation that the applicant is a</u>
- 16 first responder. A first responder may receive only one resident
- 17 hunting license under this subsection for the fiscal year 2021-
- 18 2022 and one resident hunting license under this subsection for

- 1 the fiscal year 2022-2023. The commission may not issue a
- 2 resident hunting license under this subsection after June 30,
- 3 2023. The commission may promulgate regulations to implement
- 4 this subsection. As used in this subsection, the term "first
- 5 <u>responder" means any of the following:</u>
- 6 (1) A law enforcement officer, a firefighter, an
- 7 <u>emergency medical technician, an emergency service</u>
- 8 <u>dispatcher, an ambulance driver or any other similar</u>
- 9 <u>individual who is deemed by the commission to respond to</u>
- 10 requests for emergency assistance.
- 11 (2) A corrections officer at a correctional institution
- 12 <u>as defined in 61 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions).</u>
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.