THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1584 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY CAUSER, MILLARD, BAKER, RAPP, EMRICK, LUCAS, JAMES, KULA, TALLMAN, COHEN, MAJOR, FLECK, READSHAW, DENLINGER, LAWRENCE, QUINN, GILLEN, M. K. KELLER, ROCK, GINGRICH AND GROVE, JUNE 26, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JUNE 26, 2013

AN ACT

Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania 1 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for powers and 2 duties of waterways conservation officers and deputies and for powers and duties of enforcement officers. 4 5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 6 hereby enacts as follows: 7 Section 1. Section 901(a) of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read: 8 § 901. Powers and duties of waterways conservation officers and 9 10 deputies. 11 Waterways conservation officers. -- Every waterways 12 conservation officer shall have the power and duty to: * * * 13 14 (17) When acting within the scope of the officer's 15 employment, have the discretion to issue written or verbal 16 warnings in lieu of making arrests or issuing citations. 17 * * * Section 2. Section 901(a) of Title 34 is amended by adding a 18

- 1 paragraph to read:
- 2 § 901. Powers and duties of enforcement officers.
- 3 (a) Powers.--Any officer whose duty it is to enforce this
- 4 title or any officer investigating any alleged violation of this
- 5 title shall have the power and duty to:
- 6 * * *
- 7 (19) When acting within the scope of the officer's
- 8 <u>employment, have the discretion to issue written or verbal</u>
- 9 <u>warnings in lieu of making arrests or issuing citations.</u>
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- 11 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.