THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION
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INTRODUCED BY MALONEY, BERNSTINE, CALTAGIRONE, CAUSER, COOK, DeLUCA, OWLETT, READSHAW, STRUZZI, ZIMMERMAN AND GLEIM, OCTOBER 25, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, OCTOBER 25, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2   the reasons for the decline in hunting licenses.

3   WHEREAS, Numbers of hunting licenses being issued by the

4 Pennsylvania Game Commission are declining as shown by the drop

5 in hunting licenses being issued from 943,945 in 2014 to 855,486

6 in 2018, with an anticipated reduction of 7,357 licenses issued

7 in the current fiscal year; and

8   WHEREAS, This decline appears to be the result of numerous

9 factors which could include lack of educational opportunities

10 for young people to learn about hunting and gun safety and lack

11 of understanding regarding the importance of game management in

12 this Commonwealth; and

13   WHEREAS, In addressing issues of hunting and game management,

14 the General Assembly does not have ready resources to help it

15 develop comprehensive legislation to reverse the decline in

16 hunting licenses; therefore be it

17   RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

1 be directed to undertake a study that:

2   (1) surveys the literature to determine what national

3   and Pennsylvania studies have been undertaken relative to

4   public attitudes toward hunting;

5   (2) identifies any commonalities in attitudes toward

6   hunting that prompt decisions to not obtain a hunting

7   license; and

8   (3) analyzes current Pennsylvania Game Commission game

9   management practices that might impact game populations

10   relative to hunting;

11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

13 prepare a report within one year of the adoption of this

14 resolution and submit it to the Game and Fisheries Committee of

15 the Senate and the Game and Fisheries Committee of the House of

16 Representatives.