THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1190 Session of 2013

INTRODUCED BY ALLOWAY AND WAUGH, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, NOVEMBER 22, 2013

AN ACT

- Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, reenacting and further providing for elk hunting licenses.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Section 2706.2(b) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
- 7 Consolidated Statutes is reenacted and the section is amended by
- 8 adding subsections to read:
- 9 § 2706.2. Elk hunting licenses.
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- 11 (b) License auction. -- The commission is authorized to
- 12 auction off a special license to hunters interested in the
- 13 opportunity to hunt one elk subject to the following:
- 14 (1) One license shall be auctioned annually.
- 15 (2) The auction shall be open to residents and
- 16 nonresidents of this Commonwealth.
- 17 (3) The commission may, under 62 Pa.C.S. Pt. I (relating
- 18 to Commonwealth Procurement Code), contract with a wildlife
- 19 conservation organization to implement and conduct the

- auction. The commission shall promulgate regulations for the use of the license, remitting funds to the commission and conduct of the auction.
 - (4) The contracted organization shall retain no more than 20% of the proceeds from the auction. The contracted organization shall report annually to the commission on the use of the proceeds from the auction. The remaining proceeds from the auction shall be used by the commission for the elk program in this Commonwealth in addition to any other funds available to the commission for that purpose. The commission shall include in its annual report to the General Assembly the use of all proceeds from the auction.
- 13 (5) All license fees shall be paid to the commission.
- [(6) This subsection shall expire July 1, 2013.]
- 15 (c) Special-license fundraiser. -- The commission is
- 16 <u>authorized to hold a special-license fundraiser for hunters</u>
- 17 interested in the opportunity to hunt one elk, subject to the
- 18 <u>following:</u>

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- 19 (1) One license shall be offered annually.
- 20 (2) The fundraiser shall be open to residents and
- 21 nonresidents of this Commonwealth.
- 22 (3) The commission shall contract with the Keystone Elk
- 23 <u>Country Alliance to implement and conduct the special-license</u>
- fundraiser.
- 25 (4) The Keystone Elk Country Alliance shall retain the
- 26 proceeds from the special-license fundraiser. The funds must
- 27 <u>be used for elk management, conservation and habitat, as well</u>
- as the overall elk program in this Commonwealth. The Keystone
- 29 Elk Country Alliance shall report annually to the commission
- 30 <u>on the use of the proceeds from the special-license</u>

- 1 <u>fundraiser</u>. In its annual report to the General Assembly, the
- 2 commission shall include the use of the proceeds from the
- 3 <u>special-license fundraiser.</u>
- 4 (5) The license fees shall be paid to the commission.
- 5 (d) Background check. -- The recipient selected to receive the
- 6 special license must be subjected to a background check prior to
- 7 being awarded the special license. Should one or more serious
- 8 game law violations be found from conducting the background
- 9 check, the special license shall not be awarded to the recipient
- 10 and another recipient shall be chosen.
- 11 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.