

# PROPOSED RULEMAKING

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[28 PA. CODE CH. 29]

### Review of Confidential Information in the Administration of Maternal and Child Health

Under the Governor's Executive Order 1996-1, the Department of Health (Department) will be reviewing its regulations in 28 Pa. Code Chapter 29, Subchapter A (relating to confidential information in the administration of maternal and child health).

The Department is committed to considering the ideas and comments of interested parties in the revision of these regulations. The Department will begin its review on March 24, 1997. Therefore, it will be considering any submissions received prior to that date. It cannot guarantee consideration of submissions received after that date.

The Department anticipates completion of the review and revision process by June 1, 1997. Upon completion of the revisions, the revised regulations will be available prior to a public meeting to be held by the Department, at which time all interested parties will be invited to comment on the proposed revisions. Comments on the revisions will also be accepted by mail prior to the date of the public meeting, which will be announced in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

For additional information or a copy of the current regulations, or if you are a person with a disability and desire a copy of the regulations in an alternative format, or wish to provide comments on the regulations in an alternative format (such as, large print, audio tape, braille), please contact Daniel Brant, Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health, (717) 787-7440, or C. Gail Stock, Director of the Division of Special Health Care Needs (717) 783-5436; TDD (717) 783-6514.

DANIEL F. HOFFMANN, FACHE,  
*Acting Secretary*

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## GAME COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CHS. 139 AND 143]

### Seasons and Bag Limits Table; Antlerless Deer Licenses; and Bear Licenses

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission), at its January 14, 1997, meeting, proposed the following amendments:

Amend § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide dates for the 1997-1998 hunting license year.

Amend § 143.48 (relating to first-come-first-served license issuance) to clarify conditions for the initial acceptance of antlerless deer license applications.

Amend § 143.51 (relating to application and issuance of bonus tags) concerning issuance of bonus antlerless deer licenses to muzzleloader hunters.

Amend Chapter 143, Subchapter D (relating to bear licenses), by adding §§ 143.66—143.70 concerning the application, issuance and display of bear licenses.

These amendments will have no adverse impact on the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

The authority for the proposal of these amendments is 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to the Game and Wildlife Code) (code).

These proposals were made public at the January 14, 1997, meeting of the Commission and comments on these proposals can be sent to the Executive Director of the Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797 until April 4, 1997.

#### *Proposed amendment to § 139.4*

##### 1. *Introduction*

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Commission, at its January 14, 1997, meeting proposed changing § 139.4 to provide for seasons and bag limits for the 1997-1998 license year. These seasons and bag limits were proposed under sections 322(c)(1) and 2102(b)(1) of the code (relating to power and duties of Commission; and regulations). Notable changes for the 1997-1998 year are the allowing of the taking of a coyote during the spring gobbler season and the establishment of no closed season on chipmunks, red squirrels and porcupines.

##### 2. *Purpose and Authority*

The Commission is required to set hunting and fur-taking seasons and bag limits on an annual basis. Section 322 of the code specifically empowers the Commission to "... fix seasons ... and daily, season and possession limits for any species of game or wildlife." Section 2102(b) of the code mandates that the Commission promulgate regulations relating to seasons and bag limits. Populations of red squirrels, chipmunks, porcupines and coyotes are sufficiently abundant and those species have generated nuisance complaints so that the Commission is eliminating or relaxing restrictions on their taking.

##### 3. *Regulatory Requirements*

These proposed seasons and bag limits establish when and where it is lawful to hunt and trap various game species and place limits on the numbers that can be legally taken.

##### 4. *Persons Affected*

Persons wishing to hunt and trap in this Commonwealth would be affected by these seasons and bag limits.

##### 5. *Cost and Paperwork Requirements*

The proposed new seasons and bag limits would not result in additional cost either to the Commission or to hunters and furtakers.

##### 6. *Effective Dates*

The effective dates are July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998.

#### *Proposed amendments to Chapter 143, Subchapter C (relating to antlerless deer licenses)*

##### 1. *Introduction*

To clarify procedures and more fairly provide antlerless deer hunting opportunities, the Commission at its January 14, 1997, meeting proposed changes to Subchapter C to clarify procedures for issuing antlerless deer licenses

and to give muzzleloader license holders additional opportunity to obtain bonus antlerless licenses. These changes are being adopted under the authority contained in section 2722(g) of the code (relating to authorized license-issuing agents).

2. *Purpose and Authority*

Section 143.48 generally refers to § 143.45 (relating to completing and submitting applications) in establishing procedures for the issuance of antlerless licenses. County treasurers have complained that this general reference has created some confusion. The proposed change to § 143.48 would refer to specific subsections of § 143.45.

The proposed change to § 143.51 would provide holders of muzzleloader licenses three additional days to apply for bonus antlerless licenses before those licenses are made available to the general public. Muzzleloader license holders are required to give up their regular antlerless license application to get the muzzleloader license. The proposed change helps to compensate for this sacrifice by providing more opportunity for bonus tags.

Section 2722(g) of the code authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations controlling license issuance. Both of the changes are being proposed under this authority.

3. *Regulatory Requirements*

The proposed change to § 143.48 would merely clarify current requirements. The proposed change to § 143.51 would relax restrictions on muzzleloader hunters seeking bonus antlerless deer licenses.

4. *Persons Affected*

County treasurers and their employes and those seeking bonus antlerless deer licenses would be affected by these changes.

5. *Cost and Paperwork Requirements*

The proposed changes would not result in any additional cost and paperwork.

6. *Effective Date*

These changes would be effective on publication of final adoption in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and would remain in effect until changed by the Commission.

*Proposed amendment to Chapter 143, Subchapter D*

1. *Introduction*

To more efficiently issue bear licenses, the Commission at its January 14, 1997, meeting proposed the addition of §§ 143.66—143.70 to Subchapter D, which would allow the issuance of bear licenses by authorized license issuing agents and dispense with the requirement to display the bear license while hunting. These changes are proposed under the authority contained in sections 2102 and 2722(g) of the code.

2. *Purpose and Authority*

Bear license applications are currently processed, and bear licenses are currently issued, directly by the Commission. When there was a limit on the number of these licenses available, that procedure was necessary. Now that there are no limitations on the number of bear licenses, it would be more efficient and convenient to the license purchaser to have authorized license issuing agents perform that function. In addition, given the limited nature of the bear hunting season, it was decided that it would be more convenient to dispense with requiring display of the license.

Section 2102 of the code authorizes the Commission to "... promulgate such regulations as it deems necessary and appropriate concerning ... hunting or furtaking in this Commonwealth,..." Section 2722(g) of the code authorizes the Commission to adopt regulations relating to administration and control of license issuance activities.

3. *Regulatory Requirements*

The proposed changes would allow authorized license issuing agents to issue bear licenses and require that the bear license be signed and carried but not displayed.

4. *Persons Affected*

Authorized license issuing agents would have additional workload but would also receive additional fees. It is anticipated that the proposed system would be more convenient for most bear license purchasers.

5. *Cost and Paperwork Requirements*

Authorized license issuing agents might have some additional cost and paperwork which would be offset by additional fees. The burden on the Commission would be lightened.

6. *Effective Date*

This change would be effective on publication of final adoption in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and would remain in effect until changed by the Commission

*Contact Person*

For further information on the proposed changes or to comment, the contact person is James R. Fagan, Director, Bureau of Law Enforcement, (717) 783-6526, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.

DONALD C. MADL,  
*Executive Director*

**Fiscal Note:** 48-96. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

**Annex A**

**TITLE 58. RECREATION**

**PART III. GAME COMMISSION**

**CHAPTER 139. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS**

**§ 139.4. Seasons and bag limits for the license year.**

*(Editor's Note: The Commission is proposing to delete the current version of the seasons and bag limits as it appears in the Pennsylvania Code, pp. 139-3—139-9 (serial pages (219543)—(219549)) and replace it with the following version).*

**1997-1998 OPEN HUNTING AND FURTAKING SEASONS, DAILY LIMIT,  
FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT AND SEASON LIMIT  
OPEN SEASON INCLUDES FIRST AND LAST DATES LISTED**

<i>Species</i>	<i>First Day</i>	<i>Last Day</i>	<i>Daily Limit</i>	<i>Field Possession Limit After First Day</i>
Squirrels—Gray, Black and Fox (Combined)—Junior hunting license holders only when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 11	Oct. 13	6	12
Squirrels—Gray, Black and Fox (Combined)	Oct. 18	Nov. 29	6	12
	Dec. 26	and Jan. 24, 1998		
Ruffed Grouse—Statewide	Oct. 18	Nov. 29	2	4
	Dec. 26	and Jan. 24, 1998		
Ruffed Grouse—There is no open season for taking ruffed grouse in that portion of State Game Lands No. 176 in Centre County which is posted "RESEARCH AREA—NO GROUSE HUNTING"				
Rabbits, Cottontail	Nov. 1	Nov. 29	4	8
	Dec. 26	and Feb. 7, 1998		
Ringneck Pheasant—Male only	Nov. 1	Nov. 29	2	4
Ringneck Pheasant—Male or female combined when hunting in designated hen shooting area only	Nov. 1	Nov. 29	2	4
	Dec. 26	and Jan. 24, 1998		
Pheasant—Male only in that portion of Mercer County west of Interstate 79 and north of Interstate 80	Nov. 1	Nov. 29	2	4
Pheasant—There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in those areas designated and defined as PHEASANT RESTORATION AREAS A, B, C, D, E and F				
Bobwhite Quail—The hunting and taking of bobwhite quail is permitted in all counties except Adams, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Delaware, Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry, Snyder and York where the season is closed.	Nov. 1	Nov. 29	4	8
Hares (Snowshoe Rabbits) or Varying Hares	Dec. 26	Jan. 1, 1998	2	4
Woodchucks (Groundhog), Chipmunks, Red squirrels, and Porcupine	No closed season except during the antlered and antlerless deer season and until 12 noon daily during the spring gobbler turkey season		Unlimited	
<i>Species</i>	<i>First Day</i>	<i>Last Day</i>	<i>Daily Limit</i>	<i>Season Limit</i>
Turkey—Male or Female				
Management Areas #1-A, 1-B & 7-B	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	1	1
Management Areas #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7-A & 8	Nov. 1	Nov. 15	1	1
Management Area #9-A	Closed to fall turkey hunting			
Management Area #9-B	Nov. 3	Nov. 8	1	1
Turkey (Spring Gobbler) Statewide Bearded Bird only	May 2, 1998	May 30, 1998	1	1

**MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

Except as further restricted by this chapter, the seasons, bag limits, hunting hours and hunting regulations for migratory game birds shall conform to regulations adopted by the United States Secretary of the Interior under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C.A. § 703 et seq.) as published in the *Federal Register* on or about August 27 and September 28 of each year. Exceptions:

(a) Hunting hours in § 141.4 (relating to hunting hours).

(b) Nontoxic shot as approved by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is required for use Statewide in hunting and taking of migratory waterfowl.

(c) Subject to approval by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, an early and late season for Canada geese will be held as defined in § 141.25.

<i>Species</i>	<i>First Day</i>	<i>Last Day</i>	<i>Daily Limit</i>	<i>Field Possession Limit After First Day</i>
Crows (Hunting permitted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	July 4 and Dec. 26	Nov. 30 and Mar. 29, 1998		Unlimited
Starlings and English Sparrows	No closed season except during the antlered and antlerless deer seasons and until 12 noon daily during the spring gobbler turkey season			Unlimited

**FALCONRY**

Squirrels—Gray, Black and Fox (Combined)	Sep. 1	Mar. 28, 1998	6	12
Quail	Sep. 1	Mar. 28, 1998	4	8
Ruffed Grouse	Sep. 1	Mar. 28, 1998	2	4
Cottontail Rabbits	Sep. 1	Mar. 28, 1998	4	8
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	Sep. 1	Mar. 28, 1998	2	4
Ringneck Pheasant—Male and Female (Combined)	Sep. 1	Mar. 28, 1998	2	4

Migratory Game Birds—Seasons and bag limits shall be in accordance with Federal regulations.

<i>Species</i>	<i>First Day</i>	<i>Last Day</i>	<i>Daily Limit</i>	<i>Season Limit</i>
<b>DEER</b>				
Deer (Archery), Antlered or Antlerless with the appropriate license	Oct. 4 and Dec. 26	Nov. 15 and Jan. 10, 1998	1 Per Day	One antlered.** Three antlerless deer with required antlerless deer licenses
Deer (Buck), Statewide, Antlered with 2 or more points to an antler or a spike 3 or more inches long	Dec. 1	Dec. 13	1 Per Day	One antlered.**
Deer (Doe) Antlerless (Statewide)	Dec. 15	Dec. 17	1 Per Day	
Deer (Doe) Antlerless (Presque Isle State Park, Erie County)	Dec. 11	Dec. 13	One antlered deer.**	One antlerless deer with each required deer license.
Deer (Muzzleloading Firearms), (Flintlock only) Antlered or Antlerless	Dec. 26	Jan. 10, 1998	1 Per Day	
Deer (Doe) Antlerless Only on those lands designed by the Executive Director as "Deer Damage Areas" and posted with approved signs	Dec. 1	Dec. 13	One antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.	
Deer (Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County and New Cumberland Army Depot, York County and Fort Ritchie, Raven Rock Site, Adams County) Antlerless	Hunting is permitted on days established by the United States Department of the Army		One antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.	

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS AREAS  
SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AND ALLEGHENY COUNTY**

Deer (Buck), Antlered	Dec. 1	Dec. 13	One antlered deer.**
Deer (Doe), Antlerless	Dec. 1 and Dec. 26	Dec. 17 and Jan. 10, 1998	One antlerless deer with each required antlerless deer license.

<i>Species</i>	<i>First Day</i>	<i>Last Day</i>	<i>Daily Limit</i>	<i>Season Limit</i>
<b>BEAR</b>				
Bear, any age	Nov. 24	Nov. 26	1	1
<b>FURTAKING—TRAPPING</b>				
Minks and Muskrats—Statewide	Nov. 22	Jan. 11, 1998	Unlimited	
Beaver—Statewide	Dec. 18	Jan. 25, 1998		
Zones 1, 2 & 3 (except Bradford, Susquehanna and Wayne Counties)			10	20
Bradford, Susquehanna and Wayne Counties			10	40
Zone 4 & 5			10	10
Zone 6			6	6
Coyotes, Foxes, Opossums, Raccoons, Skunks, Weasels—Statewide	Oct. 8	Feb. 14, 1998	Unlimited	
<b>FURTAKING—HUNTING</b>				
Coyotes—Statewide	No closed season. Coyotes may be taken during the regular antlered and antlerless deer seasons or extensions only by hunters who have a valid deer tag or during the spring gobbler turkey season by hunters who have a valid spring turkey tag and meet fluorescent orange and shot size requirements.			Unlimited
Opossums, Skunks, Weasels—Statewide	No closed season. These species may not be hunted prior to 12 noon during the spring gobbler turkey season.			
Raccoons and Foxes—Statewide	Oct. 8	Feb. 14, 1998	Unlimited	
No open seasons on other wild birds or wild mammals.				

\*\*Only one antlered deer (buck) may be taken during all seasons of the hunting license year.

**CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES**

**Subchapter C. ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSES**

**§ 143.48. First-come-first-served license issuance.**

(a) Except when conducting a public drawing as set forth in § 143.46 (relating to public drawing), a county treasurer shall accept envelopes containing applications on a first-come-first-served basis. Envelopes shall be inspected, unopened, to determine if they comply with § 143.45(a), (b), (d) and (f) (relating to completing and submitting applications).

(b) If the conditions in § 143.45(a), (b), (d) and (f) are met, it constitutes initial acceptance, and the appropriate number of licenses shall be assigned. If the conditions are not met, the enclosed applications shall be rejected and returned to the sender as soon as possible, and no license will be assigned.

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**§ 143.51. Application and issuance of bonus tags.**

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(b) County treasurers shall accept and process bonus applications from applicants in possession of a current muzzleloader license (stamp) beginning the [ **Thursday immediately preceding the fourth Monday in August** ] **third Monday in August**. Bonus applications accepted by county treasurers on the [ **Thursday and**

**Friday preceding the fourth Monday in August ] third Monday in August** shall have the applicant's muzzleloader license number written in the upper corners of the bonus application. The applicant shall write or indicate "Muzzleloader" in the lower left corner of the official envelope.

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**Subchapter D. [ (Reserved) ] BEAR LICENSES**

- Sec.
- 143.61. (Reserved).
- 143.62. (Reserved).
- 143.63. (Reserved).
- 143.64. (Reserved).
- 143.65. (Reserved).
- 143.66. Purpose and scope.**
- 143.67. Application.**
- 143.68. Carrying the license.**
- 143.69. Unlawful acts.**
- 143.70. Penalties.**

**§ 143.66. Purpose and scope.**

**This subchapter establishes methods for the application and issuance of bear licenses and provides for the carrying of a bear license.**

**§ 143.67. Application.**

**(a) Applications for bear licenses shall be submitted to authorized issuing agents and licenses issued by them under the act and this subchapter.**

**(b) Applications for bear licenses may be made when purchasing a regular hunting license, or any time thereafter, upon presentation of the regular hunting license.**

**§ 143.68. Carrying the license.**

**The bear license shall be signed by the owner in the space provided and shall be carried on the person at all times when the owner is hunting for bear. The bear license does not need to be displayed but shall be produced for inspection upon demand of any officer authorized to enforce this title.**

**§ 143.69. Unlawful acts.**

**The following acts are unlawful:**

**(1) Issuance of a bear license without proof of applicant purchasing a regular hunting license.**

**(2) Hunting bear without carrying a valid bear license on the person.**

**(3) Lending a bear license to another.**

**(4) Failing to produce bear license upon demand of an officer.**

**§ 143.70. Penalties.**

**A person who violates this subchapter shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the penalties provided for in the act.**

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**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**[61 PA. CODE CH. 31]**

**Sales and Use Tax; Duplicating**

The Department of Revenue (Department), under authority contained in section 270 of the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (code) (72 P.S. § 7270), proposes to amend § 31.22 (relating to duplicating) to read as set forth in Annex A. Section 270(a) of the code specifically provides that the Department is authorized and empowered to prescribe, adopt, promulgate and enforce, rules and regulations consistent with the provisions of Article II of the code (72 P.S. §§ 7201—7282).

The proposal sets forth more clearly the Department's current policy relating to duplicating. The changes to § 31.22, in part, respond to questions the Department has received, which made it apparent that clarification was needed in the regulation.

Specifically, subsection (a) has been divided into two paragraphs. Paragraph (1) addresses duplication of documents provided by the customer and reiterates existing language with some minor revisions. Paragraph (2) details the treatment of duplication of documents not provided by the customer. This paragraph explains that when the document being duplicated is provided by the vendor in the ordinary course of business, the charge for copies is taxable unless the document is an official document.

Subsection (b) is amended to provide that vendors may claim the resale exemption on purchases of tangible

personal property, such as toner or paper, that is transferred to the customer in connection with the sale of a duplicated document.

*Fiscal Impact*

The Department has determined that the proposed amendment will have no significant fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

*Paperwork*

The proposed amendment will not generate significant additional paperwork for the public or the Commonwealth.

*Effectiveness/Sunset Date*

The amendments will become effective upon final publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The regulation will be monitored annually. No sunset date has been assigned.

*Contact Person*

Interested persons are invited to submit in writing any comments, suggestions or objections regarding the proposed amendment to Anita M. Doucette, Office of Chief Counsel, Department of Revenue, Dept. 281061, Harrisburg, PA 17128-1061, within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

*Regulatory Review*

Under section 5(a) of the Regulatory Review Act (71 P.S. § 745.5(a)), on February 11, 1997, the Department submitted a copy of this proposed amendment to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and to the Chairpersons of the House Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Finance. In addition to submitting the proposal, the Department has provided IRRC and the Committees with a copy of a detailed Regulatory Analysis Form prepared by the Department in compliance with Executive Order 1996-1, "Regulatory Review and Promulgation." A copy of this material is available to the public upon request.

If IRRC has objections to any portion of the proposed amendment, it will notify the Department within 30 days from the close of the public comment period. The notification shall specify the regulatory review criteria that have not been met by the portion of the proposed amendment to which an objection is made. The act specifies detailed procedures for review of objections raised, prior to final publication of the regulation, by the Department, the General Assembly and the Governor.

ROBERT A. JUDGE,  
*Secretary*

**Fiscal Note:** 15-379. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

**Annex A**

**TITLE 61. REVENUE**

**PART I. DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**Subpart B. GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

**ARTICLE II. SALES AND USE TAX**

**CHAPTER 31. IMPOSITION**

**SPECIALIZED TYPES OF BUSINESS OR PROPERTY**

**§ 31.22. Duplicating.**

(a) *Sale at retail of taxable property.*

**(1) Duplication of documents provided by customer:** Persons engaged in the process of accurately

duplicating, reproducing or forming a durable medium for the reproduction of an original document are vendors of **[copies] tangible personal property** purchased by their customers, **regardless of whether [or not] the copies are produced to the special order of the customer.** Duplicating includes **[, but is not limited to,]** the production of photostatic copies or blueprints. Sales tax applies to all **[charges for the products sold at retail, including]** charges for the **[making of copies out of materials] duplicating of documents** furnished by the customer. The purchase price may not be reduced on account of expenses incurred **[,]** such as **amounts paid for rentals of equipment, [or] salaries or wages paid to assistants, regardless of whether [or not such] the expenses are itemized in billings to customers.**

**(2) Duplication of documents not provided by customer: When the document being duplicated is provided by the vendor in the ordinary course of the vendor's business, the charge for copies sold is taxable unless the document is an official document. An official document includes notes of court testimony, deposition transcripts, medical records, blueprints, driving records, accident reports, birth and death certificates, deeds, divorce decrees and other similar documents.**

**(b) Purchase of supplies and equipment. Vendors may claim the resale exemption on purchases of tangible personal property, such as toner or paper, that is transferred to the customer in connection with the sale of a duplicated document. The purchase of [items] supplies and equipment, such as chemicals, film, proof paper, developer units or [other supplies] similar items used or consumed in the process of duplicating, reproducing or forming a durable medium for the reproduction of an original is subject to tax, unless the vendor is entitled to claim an exemption under § 32.36 (relating to printing and related businesses). Repair services do not qualify for the resale exemption. [Vendors may claim the resale exemption on purchases of tangible personal property which they directly resell or incorporate into products which they resell.]**

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## PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

### Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Establish Regulations to Ensure Customer Consent to a Change of Electric Suppliers

[Doc. No. L-00970121]

The Public Utility Commission (Commission), through the Law Bureau, is publishing this advance notice to solicit public input regarding the standards necessary to protect consumers from having their electric supplier switched without their consent. The Commission also welcomes suggested language to be used in the proposed rulemaking and recommendations as to the location of the regulation in the *Pennsylvania Code*.

A copy of the entered order initiating this action at Docket No. L-00970121 has been served to all jurisdictional electric utilities, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the Office of Small Business Advocate.

The entered order is available to the public for review and comment. The contact persons are Terry Buda, Assistant Counsel, Law Bureau, (717) 787-5755 and Joe Farley, Bureau of Consumer Services, (717) 787-4963, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, North Office Building, Room 203, P. O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265. Written comments must be received within 30 days from the date the notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

This is an advance notice of proposed rulemaking and is in addition to the normal rulemaking procedures for publication and comment established under the act of July 31, 1968 (P. L. 769, No. 240) (45 P. S. § 1102, 1201 *et seq.*).

JOHN G. ALFORD,  
*Secretary*

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