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§ 143.1. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Agent—A person appointed under Chapter 27, Subchapter B of the act (relating to agents) who is authorized to issue the licenses provided for in the act and this part.

Customer ID number—The unique customer identifier permanently assigned to each customer of the Commission’s PALS.

PALS—Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System—The Commission’s computer-based automated licensing system that facilitates the purchase and creation of license products at the agent location.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.1 amended under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.1 amended May 2, 1980, effective September 1, 1980, 10 Pa.B. 1806; amended July 10, 1981, effective July 11, 1981, 11 Pa.B. 2496; amended April 30, 1982, effective May 1, 1982, 12 Pa.B. 1399; amended May 27, 1983, effective May 28, 1983, 13 Pa.B. 1778; amended September 16, 1983, effective September 17, 1983, 13 Pa.B. 2841; amended July 13, 1984, effective July 14, 1984, 14 Pa.B. 2419; amended July 11, 1986, effective July 12, 1986, 16 Pa.B. 2527; amended June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (332031) to (322032).

§ 143.2. Display of licenses.

It is unlawful to fail or neglect to follow instructions given for display of licenses, tags or stamps required by the act, this part or on the tag.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.2 amended under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.2 adopted September 18, 1981, effective September 19, 1981, 11 Pa.B. 3219; amended April 30, 1982, effective May 1, 1982, 12 Pa.B. 1399; amended May 27, 1983, effective May 28, 1983, 13 Pa.B. 1780; amended July 13, 1984, effective July 14, 1984, 14 Pa.B. 2419; amended February 22, 1985, effective February 23, 1985, 15 Pa.B. 680; amended July 5, 1985, effective July 6, 1985, 15 Pa.B. 2468; amended July 11, 1986, effective July 12, 1986, 16 Pa.B. 2527; amended June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (110928) to (110930) and (113257).

§ 143.3. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.3 adopted March 5, 1982, effective March 6, 1982, 12 Pa.B. 874; amended February 21, 1986, effective February 22, 1986, 16 Pa.B. 527; amended November 7, 1986, effective November 8, 1986, 16 Pa.B. 4405; reserved June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (113257) to (113259).

§ 143.4. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.4 adopted July 1, 1983, effective July 2, 1983, 13 Pa.B. 2066; reserved June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (113259).

§ 143.5. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.5 adopted July 13, 1984, effective July 14, 1984, 14 Pa.B. 2419; amended July 5, 1985, effective July 6, 1985, 15 Pa.B. 2468; reserved June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (113259) to (113260).

§ 143.6. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.6 adopted February 11, 1984, effective February 12, 1984, 14 Pa.B. 450; reserved June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (104973).

§ 143.7. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.7 adopted July 13, 1984, effective July 14, 1984, 14 Pa.B. 2420; reserved June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (104973) to (104974).

§ 143.8. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.8 adopted July 5, 1985, effective July 6, 1985, 15 Pa.B. 2468; reserved June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (104974).

§ 143.9. Application period for senior licenses.

For the purpose of issuing a senior license, the year of application shall be the period beginning July 1 and ending June 30 of the year next following to coincide with the license year.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.9 issued under The Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2707 and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.9 adopted August 18, 2000, effective August 19, 2000, 30 Pa.B. 4354.

§ 143.10. Fee for return postage.

An additional fee, based on prevailing first-class postage rates and set through written authorization of the Executive Director, shall be remitted by an applicant who applies for a general hunting or furtaker license by mail order, fax or over the Internet. For this fee, licenses will be returned to applicants by standard first-class mail.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.10 issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.10 adopted March 16, 2001, effective March 17, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 1460; amended March 8, 2002, effective March 9, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 1305. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (282125).

§ 143.11. Internet license sales.

For individuals who already possess a valid hunting license and opt to purchase an archery, muzzleloader, migratory game bird license online, the license holder shall print the receipt, sign in the space provided and carry while afield.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.11 issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2708 and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.11 adopted June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (308893) to (308894).

§ 143.12. Hunter education training.

(a) *Course registration fees.* Upon application for enrollment in each fee-based hunter education course, a student shall remit the associated, nonrefundable course registration fee in the form of cash, credit card, check or money order. Checks or money orders must be made payable to the "Pennsylvania Game Commission."

(b) *Online hunter-trapper education independent study.* The Commission may develop and implement an online hunter-trapper education course of study as a convenience to license buyers seeking first-time or supplemental training and

certification. The Director will establish the course of instruction and assess vendor fees that may be incurred through this course of instruction and certification.

(c) *Training certificate.* The Commission will issue an appropriate certificate of training to each student who successfully completes an approved hunter education course. The Commission will issue a replacement hunter education training certificate to a person who provides sufficient affirmation or evidence of successful completion of that course of instruction. A certificate replacement fee shall be remitted by any person requesting a replacement hunter education training certificate.

(d) *Waiver.* The Director may waive any course registration fee required by this section when the waiver is determined to be consistent with the Commission's hunter education training program or the intent of the act.

(e) *Establishment of fees.* The Director will establish the value of a course registration fee or certificate replacement fee required under this section.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.12 issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.12 adopted January 14, 2005, effective January 15, 2005, 35 Pa.B. 354; corrected March 28, 2008, effective March 29, 2008, 39 Pa.B. 1990; amended May 31, 2013, effective June 1, 2013, 43 Pa.B. 3007; amended March 20, 2015, effective March 21, 2015, 45 Pa.B. 1365. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (371421) to (371422).

§ 143.13. Change of residency registration.

(a) *General rule.* A change in residency status from resident to nonresident or from nonresident to resident, as defined in sections 102, 2702 and 2703 of the act (relating to definitions; residents; and nonresidents), automatically invalidates a person's hunting or furtaking license 30 days after the change in status unless the licensee completes and submits a change in residency registration to the Commission on the form provided.

(b) *Possession and production.* A change in residency registration shall be maintained with and as a part of the person's license materials until the close of the current license year and shall be produced as a part of the person's license materials upon request or demand of a landowner or officer whose duty it is to enforce the act.

(c) *Fee.* A fee of \$6 will be assessed for a change of residency registration.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.13 adopted August 10, 2012, effective August 11, 2012, 42 Pa.B. 5215.

Subchapter B. APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS

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§ 143.21. Appointment of agents.

A person desiring appointment as an agent shall apply to the Commission on the form provided. An application fee of \$500 is required for each location, in the form of a negotiable check or money order payable to “Pennsylvania Game Commission.” The completed application, along with the application fee, shall be forwarded to: Pennsylvania Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.21 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.21 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended February 17, 1995, effective February 18, 1995, 25 Pa.B. 613. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (175641) to (175642).

§ 143.22. Rebate for first year agents.

(a) An agent shall be entitled to a rebate based upon his first license year only sales as follows:

- (1) Rebate \$100 if 250 licenses are sold.
- (2) Rebate \$200 if 500 licenses are sold.
- (3) Rebate \$300 if 750 licenses are sold.
- (4) Rebate \$400 if 1,000 licenses are sold.

(b) A rebate will not be given after the first license year of sales.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.22 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.22 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 14, 2014, effective March 15, 2014, 44 Pa.B. 1430. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342321).

§ 143.23. Minimum sales requirement.

To continue as an agent, a minimum of 50 hunting licenses shall be sold each license year. Qualifying licenses, for the purpose of calculating 50 hunting licenses, will be the regular resident, nonresident hunting and furtakers licenses. Archery, muzzleloader, bear, special wild turkey, migratory game bird and replacement licenses are not included as qualifying licenses. In addition, an agent shall continue to meet the requirements in § 143.27 (relating to conditions for appointment).

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.23 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.23 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 14, 2014, effective March 15, 2014, 44 Pa.B. 1430. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (342321) to (342322).

§ 143.24. Fee for reapplication.

If an agent sells less than the required 50 qualifying licenses in a given license year, and is removed by the Commission, or if an agent voluntarily withdraws, a subsequent reapplication requires payment of the application fee.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.24 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.24 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 14, 2014, effective March 15, 2014, 44 Pa.B. 1430. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342322).

§ 143.25. Rebate restrictions.

A rebate will not be granted if the agent is delinquent in remitting moneys as required.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.25 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.25 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 14, 2014, effective March 15, 2014, 44 Pa.B. 1430. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342322).

§ 143.26. Time for rebate.

Rebate to the agent will be credited to his account at the beginning of the license year following his first year as an agent.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.26 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.26 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (280085) to (280086).

§ 143.27. Conditions for appointment.

A person desiring consideration for appointment as an agent shall meet the following conditions:

- (1) Be a resident of this Commonwealth or an entity registered to do business in this Commonwealth.
- (2) Operate a bona fide sporting goods sales outlet where the public expects to find this service.
- (3) Be open to the public during reasonable daylight and evening hours.
- (4) Not operate on a seasonal or part-time basis.
- (5) Agree to and demonstrate ability to provide full license service and cooperation to the public throughout the entire license sales period, and keep records required by the Commission and by statute.
- (6) Provide security to the Commission in an amount of at least \$18,000.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.27 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.27 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended February 11, 2000, effective February 12, 2000, 30 Pa.B. 765. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (222153).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.23 (relating to minimum sales requirement).

§ 143.28. Application period.

- (a) A person requesting appointment as an agent shall submit the appropriate completed application form to the Commission in Harrisburg during the period November 1 through March 31 of the following year to be eligible for appointment as an issuing agent for the license year beginning the following July 1.
- (b) An application received outside of the application period is not guaranteed to be processed by the Commission before the start of the license year beginning July 1.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.28 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.28 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 14, 2014, effective March 15, 2014, 44 Pa.B. 1430; corrected March 21, 2014, effective March 15, 2014, 44 Pa.B. 1768. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342323).

§ 143.29. [Reserved].**Authority**

The provisions of this § 143.29 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; reserved under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.29 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; reserved March 14, 2014, effective March 15, 2014, 44 Pa.B. 1430. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342324).

§ 143.30. Return of disapproved applications.

Disapproved applicants will be notified in a timely manner, and the entire \$500 application fee will be returned.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.30 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.30 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

§ 143.31. Agencies at separate locations.

An agent desiring to operate an agency at additional locations shall meet the requirements in this subchapter.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.31 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.31 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

Subchapter C. ANTLERLESS DEER LICENSES

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§ 143.41. Purpose and scope.

(a) The intent of this section is to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of licenses.

(b) The Commission, after reviewing available management data, will establish the number of antlerless deer licenses allocated to each wildlife management unit.

(c) An application shall be accepted without restriction or regard to the applicant's county of residence. The following procedure shall be adhered to when determining successful applicants for licenses:

(1) Accept applications on a first-come-first-served basis.

(2) Envelopes received by first class mail delivered through and by the United States Postal Service will be processed and licenses issued as soon as practicable.

(3) This process of license issuance will continue until the available supply of licenses for that wildlife management unit is exhausted.

(d) The Commission may act in the capacity of a county treasurer for issuing antlerless licenses if authority to issue licenses has been removed from any or all county treasurers.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter limiting the number of licenses available, the Commission will authorize antlerless deer licenses to be issued regardless of an established quota to:

(1) A resident of this Commonwealth within 60 days of discharge from active duty under honorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces or United States Coast Guard.

(2) A disabled veteran as defined in 34 Pa.C.S. § 2706(b)(1) (relating to resident license and fee exemptions).

(3) An applicant whom the Executive Director has determined to have been erroneously denied a license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.41 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.41 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 31, 1987, effective August 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 3228; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (296676) to (296677).

§ 143.42. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Application—The original PALS form issued with a regular hunting license or the original or reasonable facsimile of the universal form provided by the Commission that is used in applying for an antlerless license or an unsold tag.

County treasurer—A county treasurer in this Commonwealth or a person carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a county treasurer in counties functioning under a home rule charter.

Date issued—The date printed on the license at the time of issuance indicating when the license was mailed or given to the person named on the license.

Envelope—The official envelope issued with a regular hunting license which shall be used by the applicant to mail completed applications to a county treasurer.

Home address—The location where a person is legally domiciled; a true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence; and the place to which, whenever the applicant is temporarily absent, he intends to return.

License—The numbered license which is issued by the county treasurer or the Commission authorizing the holder thereof to hunt antlerless deer in a specific wildlife management unit.

Management unit allocation—The number of licenses allocated by the Commission to an individual wildlife management unit.

Unsold tag—An antlerless deer license permitting properly licensed persons to take an antlerless deer during any firearms antlerless deer season, archery or flintlock muzzleloader and muzzleloader deer seasons in the wildlife management unit of issue.

Void—A voided license which remains nonissuable.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.42 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 721(a), 2102 and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.42 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 22, 1988, effective upon publication and applies retroactively to July 1, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3213; corrected August 5, 1988, effective upon publication and applies retroactively to July 1, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3213, 18 Pa.B. 3432; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended

November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; corrected December 11, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5950; corrected December 24, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 6120; amended March 13, 1998, effective March 14, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 1316; amended October 30, 1998, effective October 31, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 5487; amended May 19, 2000, effective May 20, 2000, 30 Pa.B. 2475; amended June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926; corrected July 27, 2001, effective August 4, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 4088; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388; amended August 25, 2017, effective August 26, 2017, 47 Pa.B. 4982. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (342326) and (349881).

§ 143.43. Preamble.

(a) An application shall be submitted to a county treasurer and a license shall be issued only in accordance with the act and this subchapter.

(b) A nonresident of this Commonwealth may only apply under § 143.50 (relating to procedure for nonresidents of this Commonwealth).

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.43 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.43 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (296678).

§ 143.44. Application.

It is unlawful to apply for more than one license before the unsold tag and unlimited anterless license application periods as set forth in this chapter.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.44 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.44 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (296678) and (304861).

§ 143.45. Completing and submitting applications.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in § 143.52 (relating to procedure for unlimited antlerless licenses) and for those applications submitted by qualified landowners, it is unlawful for a county treasurer to accept an application other than by regular first class mail delivered through and by the United States Postal Service. Applications for unsold antlerless deer licenses shall be accepted by county treasurers over the counter and may immediately be processed if licenses are available beginning on the first Monday in October.

(b) Applications will not be accepted by county treasurers prior to the start of the normal business day on the second Monday in July.

(c) The application shall be legibly completed, in its entirety, in accordance with instructions on the application. An applicant may enter up to three units, in order of preference, on the application.

(d) The application shall be mailed only in the envelope provided.

(e) Applications are limited to not more than three per envelope.

(f) The envelope must contain return first class postage and a return address. If requirements of this subsection are not met, applications will be placed in a dead letter file and may be reclaimed by the applicant upon contacting the county treasurer's office. Postage, both forward and return, is the responsibility of the applicant.

(g) Unless otherwise ordered by the Director, remittance shall be in the form of a negotiable check or money order payable to "County Treasurer" for applications enclosed, and in the total amount specified in the act for each license. Cash may be accepted by county treasurers for over the counter sales.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.45 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2705(13) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.45 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 22, 1988, effective upon publication and applies retroactively to July 1, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3213; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended May 26, 1995, effective May 27, 1995, 25 Pa.B. 2072; amended March 13, 1998, effective March 14, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 1316; amended August 7, 1998, effective August 8, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 3801; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended May 28, 2004, effective May 29, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 2826; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388; amended June 11, 2010, effective June 12, 2010, 40 Pa.B. 3108. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342328).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.48 (relating to first-come-first-served license issuance); 58 Pa. Code § 143.50 (relating to procedure for nonresidents of this Commonwealth); and 58 Pa. Code § 143.51 (relating to application and issuance of surplus tags).

§ 143.46. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.46 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; reserved March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (280091) to (280092).

§ 143.47. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.47 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; reserved March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (280092).

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

(a) Envelopes containing applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis.

(b) If there are more than three applications in one envelope, the enclosed applications will be rejected and returned to the sender as soon as practicable.

(c) The first-come-first-served procedure will continue until the management unit's allocation is exhausted.

(d) Applications received over the management unit's allocation will be returned to the applicants as soon as practicable.

(e) If an application fails to be in compliance with § 143.45 (relating to completing and submitting applications), applications enclosed in the envelope shall be rejected and returned by the county treasurer to the sender as soon as practicable.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.48 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and amended under Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.48 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended July 16, 2004, effective July 17, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 3715; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (304862) to (304863).

§ 143.49. Issuing licenses.

(a) Licenses may be issued by county treasurers immediately following receipt of applications.

(b) Licenses will be issued through the Commission's PALS. The county treasurer shall write in ink the applicants' customer ID numbers on the face of

the check or money order. If there are no licenses available in the applicant's first unit of preference, the county treasurer shall issue a license for the applicant's next unit of preference in the order given. If all three units have no licenses available, the county treasurer shall return the application to the applicant indicating that the selected units were sold out.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in § 143.52 (relating to procedure for unlimited antlerless licenses) and for qualified landowners, licenses issued shall be delivered to successful applicants in the envelope by first class mail through and by the United States Postal Service. Licenses shall be placed with the United States Postal Service no later than the second Monday in September, except for licenses issued under § 143.51(f) (relating to application and issuance of unsold tags) which shall be placed with the United States Postal Service no later than the fourth Monday in September. If more than one application is mailed to the county treasurer in the same envelope, the licenses shall be mailed to the person whose name appears on the return section of the envelope. The person receiving the additional licenses is responsible for delivering them to the appropriate people.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.49 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102 and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.49 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended May 26, 1995, effective May 27, 1995, 25 Pa.B. 2072; amended May 19, 2000, effective May 20, 2000, 30 Pa.B. 2475; amended June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (304863).

§ 143.50. Procedure for nonresidents of this Commonwealth.

Nonresidents may apply for unsold licenses on the third Monday in July and thereafter in compliance with § 143.45 (relating to completing and submitting applications).

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.50 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.50 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 22, 1988, effective upon publication and applies retroactively to July 1, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3213; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388; amended May 27, 2016, effective May 28, 2016, 46 Pa.B. 2676. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (342330) to (342331).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.43 (relating to preamble); and 58 Pa. Code § 143.51 (relating to application and issuance of surplus tags).

§ 143.51. Application and issuance of unsold tags.

(a) Except as provided in § 143.52 (relating to procedures for unlimited antlerless licenses), beginning on the first Monday in August, residents and nonresidents of this Commonwealth are eligible to receive an unsold tag.

(b) The original PALS form issued with a regular hunting license or the original or reasonable facsimile of the universal form contained in the “*Hunting and Trapping Digest*” that is used in applying for an antlerless license or an unsold tag.

(c) The applicant shall use the official antlerless deer license application envelope.

(d) Unless otherwise ordered by the Director, remittance in the form of a negotiable check or money order for the total amount due as specified in the act, payable to “County Treasurer,” shall accompany the application.

(e) Unsold tags shall be issued through the Commission’s PALS. The county treasurer shall write in ink the applicants customer ID numbers on the face of the check or money order. If there are no licenses available in the applicant’s first unit of preference, the county treasurer shall issue a license for the applicant’s next unit of preference in the order given. If all three units have no licenses available, the county treasurer shall return the application to the applicant indicating that the selected units were sold out.

(f) Beginning on the third Monday in August, residents and nonresidents of this Commonwealth are eligible to apply for one additional unsold tag by mailing to a county treasurer.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.51 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.51 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 22, 1988, effective upon publication and applies retroactively to July 1, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3213; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; corrected September 8, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 3827; amended May 3, 1991, effective July 1, 1991, 21 Pa.B. 2009; amended July 12, 1991, effective immediately and apply retroactively to July 1, 1991, 21 Pa.B. 3141; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended May 26, 1995, effective May 27, 1995, 25 Pa.B. 2072; amended May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417; amended August 1, 1997, effective August 2, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 3788; amended March 13, 1998, effective March 14, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 1316; amended October 30, 1998, effective October 31, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 5487; amended August 27, 1999, effective August 28, 1999, 29 Pa.B. 4562; amended May 19, 2000, effective May 20, 2000, 30 Pa.B. 2475; amended June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926; corrected July 27, 2001, effective August 4, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 4088; amended March 21, 2003, effective

March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (304864) and (333677).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.49 (relating to issuing licenses); and 58 Pa. Code § 143.55 (relating to unlawful acts).

§ 143.52. Procedure for unlimited antlerless licenses.

(a) The Executive Director will designate by April 30 of each year those wildlife management units where hunters will be allowed to apply for an unlimited number of antlerless deer licenses.

(b) Beginning on the first Monday in August residents and nonresidents of this Commonwealth shall be eligible to apply by mail to a county treasurer for an unlimited number of antlerless deer licenses for designated units.

(c) Beginning on the fourth Monday in August, county treasurers shall accept antlerless applications over the counter for designated units from residents and nonresidents of this Commonwealth and may immediately issue licenses to applicants.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.52 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102, 2705(13) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.52 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended August 24, 1990, effective September 24, 1990, 20 Pa.B. 4488; amended May 3, 1991, effective July 1, 1991, 21 Pa.B. 2009; amended July 12, 1991, effective immediately and apply retroactively to July 1, 1991, 21 Pa.B. 3141; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended July 29, 1994, effective July 30, 1994, 24 Pa.B. 3716; amended May 26, 1995, effective May 27, 1995, 25 Pa.B. 2072; amended March 13, 1998, effective March 14, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 1316; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended May 28, 2004, effective May 29, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 2826; amended March 28, 2008, effective March 29, 2008, 38 Pa.B. 1469; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (333677).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.45 (relating to completing and submitting applications), 58 Pa. Code § 143.49 (relating to issuing licenses); 58 Pa. Code § 143.51 (relating to application and issuance of surplus tags); and 58 Pa. Code § 143.55 (relating to unlawful acts).

§ 143.53. Reapplication.

(a) A person whose application has been rejected and returned may secure a new official envelope from a hunting license issuing agent and reapply for a license by:

- (1) If applicable, correcting the errors which caused the original application to be rejected and returning it to a county treasurer.

(2) Changing on the application the designated wildlife management units in which the applicant desires to hunt and forwarding it to a county treasurer.

(b) A person who was issued a license that was subsequently lost in the United States mail and never received by the licensee may, upon submitting an affidavit stating this fact, receive a replacement license from any county treasurer. There will be no additional cost for this license. Prior to issuing a replacement license, county treasurers shall first verify through the Commission's PALS that the applicant was issued the original license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.53 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.53 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475; amended July 16, 2004, effective July 17, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 3715; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (333678).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.55 (relating to unlawful acts).

§ 143.54. Validity of license.

An antlerless deer license is valid for taking antlerless deer only in the wildlife management unit designated on the antlerless deer license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.54 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102 and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.54 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended August 18, 2000, effective August 19, 2000, 30 Pa.B. 4354; amended June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926; amended March 21, 2003, effective March 22, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 1475. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (280098).

§ 143.55. Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful:

- (1) For a county treasurer to accept an application or to issue a license contrary to the act or this part.
- (2) For a person to apply for or to receive a license contrary to the act or this part.
- (3) For a person to aid another person in applying for or receiving a license contrary to this subchapter.

(4) For a person to transfer or reissue a license or back tag, or to issue a void.

(5) For a person to apply for or receive more than one antlerless license or more than one unsold tag, except as specified in §§ 143.51(f), 143.52 and 143.53 (relating to application and issuance of unsold tags; procedure for unlimited antlerless licenses; and reapplication).

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.55 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.55 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended August 24, 1990, effective September 24, 1990, 20 Pa.B. 4488; amended May 3, 1991, effective July 1, 1991, 21 Pa.B. 2009; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended March 13, 1998, effective March 14, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 1316; amended May 19, 2000, effective May 20, 2000, 30 Pa.B. 2475; amended June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926; amended July 16, 2004, effective July 17, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 3715. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (296685).

§ 143.56. Penalties.

(a) A person violating this chapter shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the fine prescribed in the act.

(b) Hunting antlerless deer or killing an antlerless deer with an invalid license constitutes hunting or killing deer without a license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.56 issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965; amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.56 adopted July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended July 16, 2004, effective July 17, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 3715. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (296685) to (296686).

Subchapter D. BEAR LICENSES

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Source

The provisions of this Subchapter D adopted May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417, unless otherwise noted.

§§ 143.61—143.65. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of these §§ 143.61—143.65 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended April 28, 1989, effective April 29, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 1842. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (118726) to (118728) and (128833).

§ 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.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.66 adopted May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417.

§ 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 shall be submitted in accordance with periods set by the Director by persons who hold a valid regular hunting license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.67 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code 34 Pa.C.S. § 2722(c) and (g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.67 adopted May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417; amended July 15, 2005, effective July 16, 2005, 35 Pa.B. 3934; amended May 27, 2011, effective May 28, 2011, 41 Pa.B. 2700. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342335).

§ 143.68. Carrying the license.

For a bear license issued subsequent to the owner's general hunting 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.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.68 adopted May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (312325).

§ 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.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.69 adopted May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417.

§ 143.70. Penalties.

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

Source

The provisions of this § 143.70 adopted May 16, 1997, effective May 17, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 2417.

Subchapter E. [Reserved]**§ 143.81. [Reserved].****Source**

The provisions of this § 143.81 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; deleted March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (315259).

§ 143.82. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.82 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended September 27, 2002, effective September 28, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 4713; deleted March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (315259).

§ 143.83. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.83 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; deleted March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (315260).

§ 143.84. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.84 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended July 22, 1988, effective upon publication and applies retroactively to July 1, 1988, 18 Pa.B. 3213; amended July 7, 1989, effective July 8, 1989, 19 Pa.B. 2956; amended November 20, 1992, effective July 1, 1993, 22 Pa.B. 5608; amended May 7, 1999, effective May 8, 1999, 29 Pa.B. 2458; corrected May 14, 1999, effective May 8, 1999, 29 Pa.B. 2577; amended June 13, 2003, effective June 14, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 2753; amended November 11, 2005, effective November 12, 2005, 35 Pa.B. 6239; amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (315260).

§ 143.85. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.85 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; deleted March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (315260) and (280103).

§ 143.86. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.86 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; deleted March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (280103).

§ 143.87. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.87 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; deleted March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (280103).

Subchapter F. [Reserved]**§ 143.101. [Reserved].****Source**

The provisions of this § 143.101 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; reserved May 3, 1991, effective July 1, 1991, 21 Pa.B. 2009. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (139941).

§ 143.102. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.102 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; reserved May 3, 1991, effective July 1, 1991, 21 Pa.B. 2009. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (139941).

Subchapter G. MANDATED REVOCATION OF HUNTING AND FUR TAKING LICENSE AND RIGHTS

Sec.

- 143.121. Scope.
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- 143.126. Unlawful acts.
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§ 143.121. Scope.

The act provides, in addition to the monetary penalty, that persons convicted of certain offenses shall suffer loss of hunting and trapping rights for specified periods. In order to avoid confusion or misunderstanding and reduce the possibility of an error causing inconvenience or hardship for sportsmen and unnecessary expenditures from the Game Fund, §§ 143.122 and 143.123 (relating to starting time for revocation period; and consent decree for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition recipients) govern the mandated revocations.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.121 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.121 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

§ 143.122. Starting time for revocation period.

Mandatory revocations specified in the act will begin on July 1 following the conclusion of the prosecution, unless otherwise ordered by the court, and shall include both hunting and furtaking privileges.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.122 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.122 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.121 (relating to scope).

§ 143.123. Consent decree for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition recipients.

If a mandatory revocation is required by a misdemeanor, and the case is accepted for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, the accused shall agree to a consent decree imposing the mandatory revocation which shall be part of that record. If the accused does not enter into a consent decree, the revocation shall proceed as provided in the act and this part.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.123 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.123 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.121 (relating to scope).

§ 143.124. Restoration of hunting and furtaking privileges of offenders in hunting related shooting incidents, or other mandatory revocations.

(a) A person whose hunting and furtaking privileges have been denied under section 2522(c) of the act (relating to shooting at or causing injury to human beings), shall, prior to having hunting and furtaking privileges restored, comply with the following:

(1) Provide to the Commission on a form provided, evidence that the offender has met the following minimum visual acuity standards:

(i) A combined vision of 20/40 or better corrected or 20/40 or better corrected vision in the sighting eye.

(ii) In the case of a single sighted offender, mono vision of 20/40 or better corrected.

(iii) A plotted visual field of at least 120° along the horizontal meridian, excepting normal blind spots.

(iv) An affirmation by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist that the offender is visually safe to sport hunt.

(2) Provide to the Commission on a form provided, evidence that the offender has successfully completed a Commission sponsored remedial hunter education course.

(b) A remedial hunter education course shall be a specific course of study sponsored by the Commission that is to be completed by certain offenders of the act before their license privileges are restored. It shall include lessons concerning the safe use and handling of firearms, hunting laws and regulations, responsible hunting behavior and hunter ethics.

(1) The development and administration of the remedial hunter education program shall be the responsibility of the Hunter-Trapper Education Division.

(2) A fee of \$50 shall be charged to each student to enroll in a remedial hunter education course.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.124 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. § 922.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.124 adopted November 21, 1997, effective November 22, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 6093; amended June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (236616) to (236617).

§ 143.125. Compliance with Commission order.

When the Commission requires a person to wear corrective lenses under section 2522(g) of the act (relating to shooting at or causing injury to human beings), that person shall at all times while hunting or furtaking wear corrective lenses.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.125 adopted November 21, 1997, effective November 22, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 6093.

§ 143.126. Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful for a person whose hunting and furtaking privileges have been denied under section 2522(c) of the act (relating to shooting at or causing injury to human beings), to hunt or take fur or to purchase or attempt to purchase a hunting or furtaking license prior to complying with this subchapter.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.126 adopted November 21, 1997, effective November 22, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 6093.

§ 143.127. Penalties.

A person who violates this subchapter shall be subject to the penalties as provided in the act.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.127 adopted November 21, 1997, effective November 22, 1997, 27 Pa.B. 6093.

Subchapter H. SUSPENSION OR DENIAL OF LICENSES FOR FAILURE TO PAY A FINE OR ANSWER A CITATION

Sec.

143.141. Scope.

143.142. Limitation on time.

143.143. Notification of revocation.

§ 143.141. Scope.

The act provides for suspension and denial of licenses for failure to pay a fine or failure to answer a citation. The suspension periods can be for a matter of hours or years, depending upon when the defendant shows proof of compliance with requirements of the act. To avoid confusion, misunderstanding or error which may cause inconvenience or hardship for the licensee, and unnecessary expenditures from the Game Fund, this subchapter governs the suspensions.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.141 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.141 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

§ 143.142. Limitation on time.

Suspensions provided for in section 930 of the act (relating to suspension of privileges pending payment of penalties) shall be instituted upon written notification from a wildlife conservation officer or transmitted through the judicial computer system that the requirements of section 930 of the act were not met.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.142 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.142 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464; amended March 25, 1994, effective March 26, 1994, 24 Pa.B. 1582. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (175662).

Cross References

This section cited in 58 Pa. Code § 143.143 (relating to notification of revocation).

§ 143.143. Notification of revocation.

The Director will:

(1) Upon receipt of written notice as required in § 143.142 (relating to limitation on time), notify the person of the suspension of the hunting and furtaker license and hunting and furtaker privileges.

(2) Upon receipt of verification that section 930 of the act (relating to suspension of privileges pending payment of penalties) has been satisfied, provide the person with an official certification as proof of having met the requirements of the act for presentation to a license issuing agent for purpose of obtaining a license, and will remove the claimant's name from the next list of suspensions to be printed.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.143 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.143 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

**Subchapter I. REVOCATION OF HUNTING AND FURTAKER
LICENSES AND PRIVILEGES**

Sec.

143.161. Scope.

143.162. Starting time for revocation period.

§ 143.161. Scope.

The act provides in addition to the penalty and costs imposed, that the Commission may revoke a hunting or furtaker license and deny a person the privileges to secure a license or to hunt or take furbearers in this Commonwealth with or without a license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.161 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.161 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

§ 143.162. Starting time for revocation period.

Revocations imposed by the Commission for offenses of the act or this title will begin on July 1 following the Commission action and include both hunting and furtaker privileges.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.162 issued under The Game Law (34 P. S. §§ 1311.101—1311.1502) (Repealed); and the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 101—2965.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.162 adopted June 19, 1987, effective July 1, 1987, 17 Pa.B. 2464.

Subchapter J. MIGRATORY GAME BIRD LICENSE

Sec.

- 143.181. Purpose and scope.
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- 143.187. Unlawful acts.
- 143.188. Penalties.

Source

The provisions of this Subchapter J adopted November 8, 1996, effective November 9, 1996, 26 Pa.B. 5440, unless otherwise noted.

§ 143.181. Purpose and scope.

This subchapter establishes rules for application and issuance of Migratory Game Bird Licenses and HIP surveys.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.181 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2722(g)(2) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.181 amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (294119).

§ 143.182. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

HIP survey—The Migratory Game Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) survey that will be completed at the time the license is issued.

Migratory Game Bird License—The license authorizing the holder thereof to hunt for migratory game birds. The license is not valid unless used in conjunction with a regular resident hunting license, nonresident hunting license or mentored hunting permit.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.182 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2722(g) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.182 amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388; amended November 6, 2015, effective November 7, 2015, 45 Pa.B. 6503. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (342343) to (342344).

§ 143.183. Application.

Application may be made when purchasing a hunting license, or at any time thereafter upon completion of the HIP survey.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.183 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2722(g)(2) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.183 amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (294119).

§ 143.184. Issuance of license.

After confirming that the HIP survey has been completed in its entirety, the issuing agent shall issue the license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.184 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2722(g)(2) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.184 amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (294119).

§ 143.185. The license.

A Migratory Game Bird License is required for a person engaged in the hunting or taking of migratory game birds, unless the person otherwise qualifies for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions). The Migratory Game Bird License shall be signed by the holder in the space provided and shall be carried at all times while hunting for migratory game birds. The holder shall produce the license upon demand of an officer authorized to enforce the act and this title.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.185 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2722(g) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.185 amended November 6, 2015, effective November 7, 2015, 45 Pa.B. 6503. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342344).

§ 143.186. Processing HIP surveys.

HIP survey data shall be forwarded electronically to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Migratory Bird Management, through the Commission's PALS no later than 30 days after license issuance.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.186 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2722(g)(2) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.186 amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (294120).

§ 143.187. Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful to:

- (1) Issue a Migratory Game Bird License contrary to this subchapter.
- (2) Apply for or receive a Migratory Game Bird License contrary to the act or this subchapter.
- (3) Violate other provisions of this subchapter.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.187 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2722(g)(2) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.187 amended March 20, 2009, effective March 21, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 1388. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (294120).

§ 143.188. Penalties.

A person violating this subchapter shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the penalties prescribed in the act.

Subchapter K. ELK LICENSES

Sec.

- 143.201. Purpose and scope.
- 143.202. Application.
- 143.203. Drawing.
- 143.203a. Special elk conservation license auction.
- 143.204. [Reserved].
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- 143.206. Validity of License.
- 143.207. Unlawful acts.
- 143.208. Penalties.

Authority

The provisions of this Subchapter K issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2705(15) and 2722(g)(2), unless otherwise noted.

Source

The provisions of this Subchapter K adopted June 8, 2001, effective June 9, 2001, 31 Pa.B. 2926, unless otherwise noted.

§ 143.201. Purpose and scope.

If the Commission approves an elk hunting season, this subchapter establishes methods of applying for elk licenses. The Commission will set the number of licenses to be issued, establishing a quantity of tags for antlered and/or antlerless elk.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.201 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2705(15) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.201 amended August 26, 2005, effective August 27, 2005, 35 Pa.B. 4827. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (304869).

§ 143.202. Application.

Completed applications shall be submitted as determined by the Director. For the purpose of having a unique identifier assigned to each individual in the database, permitting a crosscheck for duplicates, applicants shall provide their Social Security number or hunter ID number on the application. A nonrefundable \$10 application fee shall accompany the application.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.202 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a), 2722(g)(a) and 2901(b).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.202 amended October 24, 2003, effective October 25, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 5314; amended June 16, 2006, effective June 17, 2006, 36 Pa.B. 2976. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (313267).

§ 143.203. Drawing.

(a) The Executive Director will set the date and location for the random drawing of applications for the issuance of elk licenses. Incomplete, illegible or duplicate applications will not be included in the drawing.

(b) Applications from current applicants who have applied in the 2003-2004 license year and subsequent years will be included in the drawing until the applicant is successfully drawn and issued a license.

(c) Applicants issued a license entitling them to take an antlered elk are not permitted to apply for an elk license for 5 license years.

(d) Qualified applicants and alternates drawn for an elk license shall be required to obtain a regular hunting license and complete an orientation program as prescribed by the Director.

(e) Qualified applicants drawn for an elk license whose military obligation prevents them from hunting the current elk season shall be eligible to hunt in the next available elk season.

(f) The number of licenses shall be limited to a number set by the Commission.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.203 amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 322(c)(4), 2102(a), 2705(15) and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.203 amended August 9, 2002, effective August 10, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 3945; amended October 24, 2003, effective October 25, 2003, 33 Pa.B. 5319; amended July 16, 2004, effective July 17, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 3713; amended August 26, 2005, effective August 27, 2005, 35 Pa.B. 4827; amended June 27, 2008, effective June 28, 2008, 38 Pa.B. 3489. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (319743) to (319744).

§ 143.203a. Special elk conservation license auction.

(a) Each year the Commission may contract with an eligible wildlife conservation organization to conduct an auction sale of one special elk conservation license in accordance with the mandates under section 2706.2 of the act (relating to elk hunting licenses).

(b) Upon conclusion of the auction, the wildlife conservation organization shall issue the winning bidder a license voucher which may be redeemed for a special elk conservation license under section 2712 of the act (relating to vouchers for licenses and permits).

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.203a adopted under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2706.2, 2712, and 2722(g).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.203a adopted November 27, 2009, effective November 28, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 6766.

§ 143.204. [Reserved].**Source**

The provisions of this § 143.204 reserved November 29, 2002, effective November 30, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 5890. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (290370).

§ 143.205. [Reserved].

Source

The provisions of this § 143.205 reserved November 29, 2002, effective November 30, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 5890. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (290370).

§ 143.206. Validity of license.

(a) *Elk hunt zones.* Except as provided in subsection (c), an elk license is valid for taking elk only in the elk hunt zones designated on the elk license.

(b) *Elk gender.* Except as provided in subsection (c), an elk license is valid for taking only an antlerless, antlered or either sex elk as designated on the elk license.

(c) *Exception.* Any unfilled antlered or antlerless elk license for any designated elk hunt zones is additionally valid for taking either an antlered or antlerless elk anywhere within this Commonwealth outside of the elk management area during any designated extended elk season following the regular elk season.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.206 issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2); amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 322(c)(4) and 2102(a).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.206 adopted November 29, 2002, effective November 30, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 5890; amended June 28, 2008, effective June 27, 2008, effective June 28, 2008, 38 Pa.B. 3489; amended June 11, 2010, effective June 12, 2010, 40 Pa.B. 3107. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342347).

§ 143.207. Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful for a person to:

(1) Submit more than one application for an elk license for any elk season, during any hunting license year.

(2) Apply for or to receive a license contrary to the act or this part.

(3) Hunt for elk in an elk hunt zone other than the elk hunt zone designated on the elk license.

(4) Hunt or take an elk other than the antlered or antlerless elk designated on the elk license.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.207 issued and amended under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 322(c)(4), 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.207 adopted November 29, 2002, effective November 30, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 5890; amended July 16, 2004, effective July 17, 2004, 34 Pa.B. 3713; amended June 27, 2008, effective June 28, 2008, 38 Pa.B. 3489. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (319744) and (322033).

§ 143.208. Penalties.

A person violating this subchapter shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the fine prescribed in the act.

Authority

The provisions of this § 143.208 issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 2102(a) and 2722(g)(2).

Source

The provisions of this § 143.208 adopted November 29, 2002, effective November 30, 2002, 32 Pa.B. 5890.

Subchapter L. SPECIAL WILD TURKEY LICENSES

Sec.

- 143.221. Purpose and scope.
- 143.222. Application.
- 143.223. Validity of license.
- 143.224. Unlawful acts.
- 143.225. Penalties.

Authority

The provisions of this Subchapter L issued under the Game and Wildlife Code, 34 Pa.C.S. §§ 322(c)(3), 2102(a) and (b)(1), 2705 and 2722(g), unless otherwise noted.

Source

The provisions of this Subchapter L adopted July 15, 2005, effective July 16, 2005, 35 Pa.B. 3936, unless otherwise noted.

§ 143.221. Purpose and scope.

If the Commission establishes a two-bird bag limit for the spring gobbler season, this subchapter establishes methods of applying for special wild turkey licenses.

§ 143.222. Application.

Completed applications shall be submitted as determined by the Director. For the purpose of having a unique identifier assigned to each individual in the database, permitting a crosscheck for duplicates, applicants shall provide their Social Security number or hunter ID number on the application.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.222 amended June 16, 2006, effective June 17, 2006, 36 Pa.B. 2976. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (313270).

§ 143.223. Validity of license.

The license will be valid only during the spring gobbler season for harvesting a spring gobbler.

§ 143.224. Unlawful acts.

It is unlawful to:

- (1) Submit more than one application for a special wild turkey license during any hunting license year.
- (2) Apply for or receive a license contrary to the act or this part.
- (3) Fail to tag any wild turkey taken with a special wild turkey license in accordance with the act relating to tagging big game.
- (4) Fail to complete and submit harvest report information in accordance with instructions provided on the report card.

Source

The provisions of this § 143.224 amended June 16, 2006, effective June 17, 2006, 36 Pa.B. 2976. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (313270).

§ 143.225. Penalties.

A person violating this subchapter shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the fine prescribed in the act.

Subchapter M. [Reserved]

Source

The provisions of this Subchapter M adopted July 21, 2006, effective July 22, 2006, 36 Pa.B. 3813; reserved June 5, 2009, effective June 6, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 2802. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (342349) to (342351), unless otherwise noted.

§ 143.241. [Reserved].

§ 143.242. [Reserved].

§ 143.243. [Reserved].

Source

The provisions of this § 143.243 amended December 19, 2008, effective December 20, 2008, 38 Pa.B. 6927; reserved June 5, 2009, effective June 6, 2009, 39 Pa.B. 2802. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (342350).

§ 143.244—143.247. [Reserved].

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