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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 2440 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY MEHAFFIE, KULIK AND NEILSON, APRIL 27, 2026

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 27, 2026

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking, further providing for the  
3 offense of unlawful devices and methods.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2308(b)(2) of Title 34 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a  
8 subparagraph to read:

9 § 2308. Unlawful devices and methods.

10 \* \* \*

11 (b) Exceptions.--The provisions of subsection (a) shall not  
12 apply to:

13 \* \* \*

14 (2) \* \* \*

15 (iv) Any licensed hunter, while on private property  
16 in an area designated by the commission and using bait to  
17 attract deer for removal as provided by commission  
18 regulations:

19 (A) to address wildlife disease transmission or

1           habitat degradation or for any other purpose  
2           established by commission regulations; or  
3           (B) through a special permit issued in  
4           accordance with 58 Pa. Code Ch. 147 (relating to  
5           special permits).

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7           Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.