

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

GAME COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 147]
Special Permits; Falconry

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission) proposed at its June 26, 2017, meeting to amend § 147.102 (relating to application, examination and fees) to expand the examination period to year-round testing and to require advance scheduling of examinations.

This proposed rulemaking will not have an adverse impact on the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

The authority for this proposed rulemaking is 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to Game and Wildlife Code) (code).

This proposed rulemaking was made public at the September 26, 2017, meeting of the Commission. Comments can be sent until January 26, 2018, to the Director, Information and Education, Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797.

1. Purpose and Authority

Each year the Commission facilitates the examination of persons seeking falconry permits. Historically, this testing process has only been available from January 1 through June 30 each year. In an effort to provide greater opportunity for falconry applicants, the Commission is proposing to amend § 147.102 to expand the examination period to year-round testing and to require advance scheduling of examinations.

Section 2901(b) of the code (relating to authority to issue permits) provides “the commission may, as deemed necessary to properly manage the game or wildlife resources, promulgate regulations for the issuance of any permit and promulgate regulations to control the activities which may be performed under authority of any permit issued.” The amendments to § 147.102 are proposed under this authority.

2. Regulatory Requirements

This proposed rulemaking will amend § 147.102 to expand the examination period to year-round testing and to require advance scheduling of examinations.

3. Persons Affected

Persons wishing to apply for a falconry permit in this Commonwealth may be affected by this proposed rulemaking.

4. Cost and Paperwork Requirements

The proposed rulemaking should not result in an increase in cost and paperwork.

5. Effective Date

This proposed rulemaking will be effective upon final-form publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and will remain in effect until changed by the Commission.

6. Contact Person

For further information regarding this proposed rulemaking, contact Randy S. Shoup, Director, Bureau of Wildlife Protection, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, (717) 783-6526.

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Fiscal Note: 48-422. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

Annex A
TITLE 58. RECREATION
PART III. GAME COMMISSION
CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS
Subchapter F. FALCONRY
§ 147.102. Application, examination and fees.

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(b) *Examination.*

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(3) Examinations [**are**] will be administered by the Commission at each regional office [**between January 1 and June 30 each**] throughout the permit year. **An applicant shall schedule the examination with regional personnel in advance.**

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