



## *House Game & Fisheries Committee*

### *Voting Meeting Agenda*

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

515 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll call

#### **Vote on the following:**

- [House Bill 1950, PN 3005](#) (Mehaffie) – This legislation would amend Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to allow the Pennsylvania Game Commission to direct that hunters be permitted to lawfully hunt any snow goose during the Snow Goose Conservation Season using a semiautomatic or magazine feed shotgun without regard to the two-shell magazine capacity when deemed appropriate by the commission.
- [House Bill 2294](#) (Kulik) - This legislation would amend Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to remove a provision that provides that no person may submit more than one application for an elk hunting license in any license year and that the commission shall hold a random drawing of applications for the issuance of elk licenses at the Elk Country Visitor Center in Benezette.

Questions/Comments

Any other business

Adjournment

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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<b>Bill No:</b>	HB1950 PN3005	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Paul Scott (717) 787-7005,6165
<b>Committee:</b>	Game & Fisheries	<b>Executive Director:</b>	Paul Scott
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Mehaffie, Thomas		
<b>Date:</b>	3/18/2026		

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### **A. Brief Concept**

This legislation would amend Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to allow the Pennsylvania Game Commission to direct that hunters be permitted to lawfully hunt any snow goose during the Snow Goose Conservation Season using a semiautomatic or magazine feed shotgun without regard to the two-shell magazine capacity when deemed appropriate by the commission.

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

This legislation would amend Section 2308 (Unlawful devices and methods) of Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to add an exception that provides that the commission may direct that persons may lawfully hunt or aid, abet, assist or conspire to hunt any snow goose during the snow goose conservation season through the use of a semiautomatic shotgun or magazine shotgun without regard to the restriction that the shotgun is plugged to a two-shell capacity in the magazine.

If the commission so directs, a notice would be transmitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

### **Effective Date:**

This act shall take effect immediately.

### **G. Relevant Existing Laws**

Currently, under Section 2308 (Unlawful devices and methods) of Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, it is unlawful to use a semiautomatic shotgun or magazine shotgun for the hunting or taking of small game, furbearers, turkey, or unprotected birds unless the shotgun is plugged to a two-shell capacity in the magazine.

### **E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)**

N/A.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1950 Session of  
2026

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INTRODUCED BY MEHAFFIE, KULIK, METZGAR, STENDER AND KERWIN,  
MARCH 17, 2026

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 18, 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  
3 unlawful devices and methods.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2308(b.1) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2308. Unlawful devices and methods.

9 \* \* \*

10 (b.1) Additional [~~exception.--A~~] exceptions.--

11 (1) A semiautomatic rifle may be used to hunt game in  
12 accordance with regulations promulgated by the commission.

13 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(4), the commission  
14 may direct that persons may lawfully hunt or aid, abet,  
15 assist or conspire to hunt any snow goose during the snow  
16 goose conservation season through the use of a semiautomatic  
17 shotgun or magazine shotgun without regard to the restriction  
18 that the shotgun is plugged to a two-shell capacity in the

1 magazine. If the commission so directs, the commission shall  
2 transmit notice of the direction to the Legislative Reference  
3 Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the  
4 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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6 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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<b>Bill No:</b>	HB2294 PN3008	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Paul Scott (717) 787-7005,6165
<b>Committee:</b>	Game & Fisheries	<b>Executive Director:</b>	Paul Scott
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Kulik, Anita		
<b>Date:</b>	3/19/2026		

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### **A. Brief Concept**

This legislation would amend Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to remove a provision that provides that no person may submit more than one application for an elk hunting license in any license year and that the commission shall hold a random drawing of applications for the issuance of elk licenses at the Elk Country Visitor Center in Benezette.

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

This legislation would amend Section 2706.2 (Elk hunting license) of Title 34 (Game) and the Consolidated Statutes to provide that whenever the commission makes a determination to authorize a hunting season for the taking of elk, the commission shall:

- Hold a random drawing of applications for the issuance of elk licenses.
- Announce the awarding of the elk licenses at the Elk Country Visitor Center in the Township of Benezette.

### **Effective Date:**

This legislation would take effect immediately.

### **G. Relevant Existing Laws**

Currently, under Section 2706.2 (Elk hunting licenses) of Title 34 (Game):

(a) Application limitation.-- Whenever the commission makes a determination to authorize a hunting season for the taking of elk, no person may submit more than one application for an elk hunting license in any license year. The commission shall hold a random drawing of applications for the issuance of elk licenses under this subsection at the Elk Country Visitor Center in the Township of Benezette.

### **E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)**

N/A.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2294 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY KULIK AND PASHINSKI, MARCH 16, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 18, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
 2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further  
 3 providing for elk hunting licenses.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2706.2(a) of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania  
 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2706.2. Elk hunting licenses.

9 (a) Application limitation.--Whenever the commission makes a  
 10 determination to authorize a hunting season for the taking of  
 11 elk[, no person may submit more than one application for an elk  
 12 hunting license in any license year. The commission shall hold a  
 13 random drawing of applications for the issuance of elk licenses  
 14 under this subsection at the Elk Country Visitor Center in the  
 15 Township of Benezette.], the commission shall:

16 (1) Hold a random drawing of applications for the  
 17 issuance of elk licenses under this subsection.

18 (2) Announce the awarding of the elk licenses under this  
 19 subsection at the Elk Country Visitor Center in the Township

1 of Benezette.

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3 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.