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Re: Class A designations and more under threat from drilling

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Chaz wrote:

The legislature is trying very hard to circumvent the laws of the Commonwealth, laws that were put in place by former legislatures, for the benefit of all. Now they are about passing laws to benefit only a chosen few, like hunting preserves. They would also allow a polluter to ask PFBC to reduce protection of streams by requesting Class A or other protected streams to be downgraded.

The Legislature of this state is just stupid, they've tried this before, but it seems they only float this boat during off year elections.

For instance, one thing they recently passed was a rule saying that pigs escaped from hunting preserves come under the rules of the Dept. of Agriculture, therefore the game commission hands get tied somewhat by regulating the hunting preserves. It's convoluted if you ask me.

The legislature can't pass a budget nearly every year, and they pull this tish! Yikes. We need a constitutional amendment to change the legislature and reduce the number in both houses, limit terms, and limit campaign spending. And that's just at the state level.

The legislature is filled with a bunch of gutless Holes.

HARRISBURG, Pa. -- Governor Edward G. Rendell today signed the following bills into law:

House Bill 1580, sponsored by Rep. Merle H. Phillips

(R-Northumberland/Snyder), amends Title 3 (Agriculture) under the PA Consolidated Statutes, pertaining to cervidae (elk and deer) livestock farms. HB 1580 provides that all cervidae livestock operations - including deer, elk, moose, caribou, reindeer and hybrid operations -- will be regulated by the Department of Agriculture and shall be considered normal agricultural operations, and therefore protected from nuisance suits.

The bill provides that prior to issuing a license, the department, or an agent of the department, including a licensed veterinarian accredited by them, is to inspect the premises of each applicant. The department may issue a provisional license to an operation that was in effect before the

inspection requirement, and will, within one year from the effective date of this bill, inspect the premises and determine whether to issue or deny the license.

If the department takes no action, the license will be automatically granted. A license is valid for two years from the date issued. Under current law, it is only valid for one year.

Finally, the bill charges the department with ensuring that the area where the animals live is fenced in to protect the animals as well as the public.

All laws under Title 34 (Game Code) are repealed, and regulations previously issued by the Game Commission regulating deer farms are considered invalid if they are inconsistent with this bill.

The bill passed the House 198-0 and the Senate, with amendments, 49-1. The House concurred 196-0. The bill is effective in 60 days.

State moved towards having the agriculture dept manage game farms some time ago. Note the vote. Note the gov.