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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,  
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An  
2 act creating the Department of Conservation and Natural  
3 Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department  
4 of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community  
5 Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources  
6 as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the  
7 role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of  
8 Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities  
9 of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of  
10 Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the  
11 Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts,"  
12 further providing for parks.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 303(a) of the act of June 28, 1995  
16 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources  
17 Act, is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

18 Section 303. Parks.

19 (a) Powers and duties enumerated.--The department shall have  
20 the following powers and duties with respect to parks:

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1           (7.1) To provide park rangers required to receive  
2 training under 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 21 Subch. D (relating to  
3 municipal police education and training) and carry a firearm  
4 in fulfillment of their duties with the option of also  
5 carrying a department-issued electronic incapacitation  
6 device. The department shall provide an electronic  
7 incapacitation device training program, conducted by a  
8 certified instructor, to any park ranger opting to carry a  
9 department-issued electronic incapacitation device.

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