



QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Date: 3 March 2009
To: Game and Fisheries Committee
From: Kip Adams, Northern Director of Education and Outreach
Re: HB 92

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) and the Pennsylvania State Chapter I am writing to provide support for HB 92 which would allow the vendor transaction fees for point-of-sale (POS) licenses to be passed on to the purchaser. The QDMA is an international nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ethical hunting, sound deer management and preservation of the deer-hunting heritage. Among QDMA's 53,000 members are more than 3,000 of the nation's leading wildlife and forestry professionals. As such, QDMA is widely regarded as the most respected whitetail organization in the United States.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) has experimented with POS licenses for the past several years in an attempt to update their license sales system. The POS system has many advantages including:

- Streamlining the antlerless license application process by allowing license buyers to send their antlerless license application directly to any county treasure in the state;
- Allowing a hunter applying for an antlerless license to prioritize what Wildlife Management Unit he/she would like to receive an antlerless tag from, and if a hunter's first choice of management unit is sold out, he/she will automatically be considered for a license in the next Wildlife Management Unit of his/her choosing;
- Allowing the PGC to move up the antlerless application deadlines so that hunters in Special Regulation Areas can receive their antlerless tags before the start of the early archery season;
- Eliminating the requirement that a license buyer provide their social security number onto a license application (under the POS system, a license buyer will swipe his driver's license through a magnetic reader and be assigned a permanent customer identification number);
- Printing new licenses on weather-resistant material;
- Pre-printing harvest tags with the license buyer's personal information so that a successful hunter need only enter the time, date and place of harvest; and
- Allowing the PGC to modernize its harvest reporting system by permitting a successful hunter to report a deer or harvest online, and thereby pave the way for improving harvest reporting rates.

The PGC has a vendor that can supply a POS system for Pennsylvania, and HB 92 is necessary for that system to be implemented. We support HB 92 and urge you to also. Thank you for consideration of this important matter and for your commitment to Pennsylvania's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams
Northern Director of Education & Outreach / Wildlife Biologist

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and the preservation of the deer-hunting heritage.*
