

**CHAPTER 131** 

FISH, OYSTERS AND GAME PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL DOG TRAINING AREAS

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 74 OF THE REVISED CODE OF DELAWARE, 1935, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED "FISH, OYSTERS AND GAME," BY PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL DOG TRAINING AREAS, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO VIOLATE THE SAME AND PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Delaware in General Assembly met:

Section 1. That Chapter 74 of the Revised Code of Delaware, 1935, as amended, be and the same is hereby further amended by adding an entirely new Section thereto, to be known and designated as 2869A. Sec. 68A., as follows:

2869A. Sec. 68A. Special Dog Training Area; Permit For; Stocking; Notices Of; Violations Of; Penalties:--Upon application of any club or organization having twenty or more members who are citizens of this State, or upon application of twenty or more citizens of this State, and the payment of an annual registration fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the Commission may issue a permit authorizing the establishment and maintenance by such club, organization or citizens, on land owned by them, or over which they have legal control, of a Special Dog Training Area wherein and whereon dogs may be trained at any time during the entire year. No such Dog Training Area shall be of less than one hundred acres, nor more than two hundred and fifty acres, nor shall permits be issued for more than two Special Dog Training Areas in any one county.

The permittees shall from time to time during each year stock each such Area with twenty-five pieces of game per one hundred acres at their own expense, under supervision of the Commission, unless the Commission shall determine that the Area is already adequately stocked. The permittees may at any time during the entire year train their own dogs or the dogs of other persons on such Area or permit others so to do under such conditions as shall be mutually agreed upon. Neither the permittees nor any other person shall at any time hunt or trap within the confines of such Area, except that the permittees or any person authorized by them may hunt or trap vermin and predator's for the purpose of exterminating vermin and. predators on such Area.

The boundary lines of such Special Dog Training Area shall be plainly and conspicuously posted prior to September first of each year with legible notices, at least ten inches by twelve inches in size, placed not more than one hundred yards apart which shall bear the following warning:

Special Dog Training Area

Hunting Unlawful

This Land Is Set Aside Under Special Permit

## For The Training Of Dogs

Entering Hereon For The Purpose Of Hunting Or Disturbing Game Or Permitting Dogs To Enter Without Authorization Is Punishable By Penalty Of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) For Each Offense

(Name and address of permittee to be printed here)

Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions of any such notice and warning shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution, or in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for a period of not exceeding ten (10) days.

It shall be unlawful for any person willfully, negligently or maliciously to cut, remove, cover-up, deface or otherwise mutilate, injure or destroy any Special Dog Training Area boundary fence, wire or poster placed in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Each person violating any provision of this paragraph shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each offense, together with costs of prosecution, or in default of payment thereof shall be imprisoned for a term of not exceeding five (5) days.

Approved May 24, 1951.

