#### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# **SENATE BILL**

# NO. 1 Session of 2024

INTRODUCED BY	October 11, 2024
REFERRED TO SENATE GAME AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE	

## **Reintroduction of American Marten**

### AN ACT

#### Section 1. Definitions

- a. "American Marten" Also known as the "Pine Marten". A small North American mammal in the Mustelidae family, a diverse family that includes weasels, sea otters, and wolverines.
- b. "Commission." Pennsylvania Game Commission

#### Section 2. Reintroduction of the American Marten

- a. The Commission will be responsible for overseeing the reintroduction of the American Marten.
- b. The Commission will select no more than 15, but not less than ten locations across Northwest, Northcentral and Northeast Pennsylvania to release the American Marten.
- c. At each location, no more than 60, but not less than 50 American Martens will be released.

## Section 3. Human – American Marten Conflict

a. The Commission will develop procedures to address American Marten nuisance complaints.

## Section 4. Research and Monitoring

a. The Commission will be responsible for annually evaluating American Marten population dynamics including establishment, survival, and reproduction.

Section 5. Effective date. This act shall take effect in one year.