

The “New” Right-to-Know Law

On February 14, 2008, Governor Edward Rendell signed into law an Act which substantially changes public access to government records, tipping the scales in favor of the disclosure of these records. This Act could have a tremendous impact on how more transparent state and local governments operate.

Although this website is a tremendous source of information, you can find out more information by submitting a Right-to-Know request. There are procedures and requirements that must be followed.

The request must be submitted in writing to the Open Records Officer. A form to be used for such requests can be obtained at the Harrisburg Office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission and at Open Records Offices throughout the Commonwealth. The Game Commission address is:

Open	Records Officer
2001	Elmerton Avenue
Harrisburg,	PA 17110-9797
Telephone	– 717-783-6530
Fax	717-772-0502
Email	address wmartson@pa.gov
Website	www.pgc.state.pa.us

In the future this section of the website will include descriptions of requests that are received together with a summary of Pennsylvania Game Commission responses.



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OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS

STANDARD RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUEST FORM

DATE REQUESTED:

REQUEST SUBMITTED BY: E-MAIL U.S. MAIL FAX IN-PERSON

NAME OF REQUESTER : _____

STREET ADDRESS : _____

CITY/STATE/COUNTY/ZIP(Required): _____

TELEPHONE (Optional): _____

RECORDS REQUESTED: **Provide as much specific detail as possible so the agency can identify the information.*

DO YOU WANT COPIES? YES or NO

DO YOU WANT TO INSPECT THE RECORDS? YES or NO

DO YOU WANT CERTIFIED COPIES OF RECORDS? YES or NO

**** PLEASE NOTE: RETAIN A COPY OF THIS REQUEST FOR YOUR FILES ****
**** IT IS A REQUIRED DOCUMENT IF YOU WOULD NEED TO FILE AN APPEAL ****

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

RIGHT TO KNOW OFFICER:

DATE RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY:

AGENCY FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAY RESPONSE DUE:

***Public bodies may fill anonymous verbal or written requests. If the requestor wishes to pursue the relief and remedies provided for in this Act, the request must be in writing. (Section 702.) Written requests need not include an explanation why information is sought or the intended use of the information unless otherwise required by law. (Section 703.)*