

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY MOUL, GILLESPIE, ZIMMERMAN AND TOBASH,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 25, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for
3 nonresident and tourist licenses, for one-day resident
4 fishing licenses and for license, permit and issuing agent
5 fees; and, in special licenses and permits, further providing
6 for permits for protection and management of particular fish,
7 for Lake Erie fishing permits and for fishing guide and
8 charter boat permits.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Sections 2702(d), 2702.1(c), 2715(a) and (a.1),
12 2904(b) and (c), 2907.2(a) and (f.1) and 2907.3(b) of Title 30
13 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
14 § 2702. Nonresident and tourist licenses.

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16 (d) One-day tourist licenses.--Any person required to have a
17 fishing license under this chapter may fish in any of the waters
18 of this Commonwealth or in any boundary waters for a period not
19 to exceed 24 hours, specified by the person at time of purchase,
20 with a "One-Day Tourist Fishing License" upon payment of license
21 fee and issuing agent fee as set forth in section 2715. One-Day

1 Tourist Fishing Licenses shall not be issued for fishing during
2 the period from March 15 to April 30 of any year. Holders of
3 One-Day Tourist Fishing Licenses shall not be required to obtain
4 special permits, including [trout/salmon permits to fish for
5 trout or salmon] trout permits, or special permits to fish in
6 Lake Erie and tributaries or combination trout permits and Lake
7 Erie permits.

8 § 2702.1. One-day resident fishing license.

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10 (c) Additional stamps and permits required.--Holders of One-
11 Day Resident Fishing Licenses shall obtain all required special
12 permits, including [trout/salmon permits to fish for trout or
13 salmon] trout permits, and special permits to fish in Lake Erie
14 and tributaries or combination trout permits and Lake Erie
15 permits.

16 § 2715. License, permit and issuing agent fees.

17 (a) License fees.--The following fees apply to fishing
18 licenses issued under this chapter and shall be paid into the
19 Fish Fund:

- 20 (1) Resident Annual Fishing License[, \$21.]:
21 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$21.
22 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$26.
23 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$28.
24 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$30.
25 (2) Senior Resident Annual Fishing License[, \$10.]:
26 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$10.
27 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$13.
28 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$15.
29 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$17.
30 (3) Senior Resident Lifetime Fishing License[, \$50.]:

- 1 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$50.
- 2 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$65.
- 3 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$75.
- 4 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$85.

5 (4) Nonresident Annual Fishing License[, \$51.]:

- 6 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$51.
- 7 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$56.
- 8 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$66.
- 9 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$71.

10 (5) Seven-Day Tourist Fishing License[, \$33.]:

- 11 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$33.
- 12 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$40.
- 13 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$45.
- 14 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$50.

15 (6) Three-Day Tourist Fishing License[, \$25.]:

- 16 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$25.
- 17 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$30.
- 18 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$35.
- 19 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$40.

20 (6.1) One-Day Resident Fishing License[, \$10.]:

- 21 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$10.
- 22 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$15.
- 23 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$17.
- 24 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$19.

25 (6.2) One-Day Tourist Fishing License[, \$25.]:

- 26 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$25.
- 27 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$30.
- 28 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$35.
- 29 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$40.

30 (7) Replacement Fishing License, including related

1 permits and privileges, \$5.

2 (8) Transaction costs associated with the Pennsylvania
3 Automated Licensing Service (PALS), actual costs not to
4 exceed \$1.

5 (a.1) Permit fees.--Except as otherwise provided in this
6 title, the following fees apply to permits related to fish and
7 fishing and shall be paid into the Fish Fund:

8 (1) Trout/salmon permits[, \$8.]:

9 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$8.

10 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$11.

11 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$13.

12 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$15.

13 (2) Resident charter boat/fishing guide permit, \$100.

14 (3) Nonresident charter boat/fishing guide permit, \$400.

15 (4) Special permit to fish in Lake Erie and tributaries,
16 \$8.

17 (5) Combination trout/salmon permit and Lake Erie
18 permit[, \$14.]:

19 (i) Prior to the 2020 license year, \$14.

20 (ii) For the 2020 license year, \$17.

21 (iii) For the 2021 license year, \$19.

22 (iv) For the 2022 license year and thereafter, \$21.

23 (6) Transaction costs associated with the Pennsylvania
24 Automated Licensing Service (PALS), actual costs not to
25 exceed \$1.

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27 § 2904. Permits for protection and management of particular
28 fish.

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30 (b) Limit on fees.--The fee per permit for taking, catching,

1 killing, possession, introduction, removal, importing, exporting
2 or disturbing of trout [and salmon] is established in section
3 2715 (relating to license, permit and issuing agent fees).

4 (c) Limit on permits.--The commission shall not issue
5 permits under the authority of this section for the taking,
6 catching, killing, possession, introduction, removal, importing,
7 exporting or disturbing of any game fish other than trout [or
8 salmon]. This subsection shall not affect the issuance of
9 permits for tagged fish contests in boundary lakes.

10 § 2907.2. Lake Erie fishing permits.

11 (a) Permit required.--No person shall fish in Lake Erie,
12 Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that
13 flow into those tributaries, without first procuring an annual
14 special permit [for such fishing or the combination
15 trout/salmon/Lake Erie] to fish in Lake Erie and tributaries or
16 a combination trout permit and Lake Erie permit.

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18 (f.1) Lake Erie permits.--The proceeds from the fees for the
19 special permits to fish in Lake Erie [fishing permits] and
20 tributaries as provided for under section 2715(a.1)(4) (relating
21 to license, permit and issuing agent fees) and \$6 of the fees
22 for the combination [trout/salmon] trout permits and Lake Erie
23 permits as provided for under section 2715(a.1)(5) shall be
24 deposited into a restricted account within the Fish Fund. The
25 restricted account shall be used to provide public fishing
26 access or to protect or improve fish habitat on or at Lake Erie,
27 Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that
28 flow into those tributaries.

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30 § 2907.3. Fishing guide and charter boat permits.

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2 (b) Issuing agent status.--Holders of charter boat/fishing
3 guide permits may be designated as special issuing agents for
4 the purpose of selling to their customers One-Day Resident
5 Fishing Licenses, One-Day Tourist Fishing Licenses, Three-Day
6 Tourist Fishing Licenses, Seven-Day Tourist Fishing Licenses
7 [and trout/salmon permits and special permits for fishing] trout
8 permits, special permits to fish in Lake Erie and tributaries
9 and combination trout permits and Lake Erie permits for the fees
10 specified in section 2715.

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12 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.