

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## 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 license 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

1 fee and issuing agent fee as set forth in section 2715. One-Day  
2 Tourist Fishing Licenses shall not be issued for fishing during  
3 the period from March 15 to April 30 of any year. Holders of  
4 One-Day Tourist Fishing Licenses shall not be required to obtain  
5 special permits, including [trout/salmon permits to fish for  
6 trout or salmon or] trout permits, special permits to fish in  
7 Lake Erie and tributaries or combination trout permits and Lake  
8 Erie permits.

9 § 2702.1. One-day resident fishing license.

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

17 § 2715. License, permit and issuing agent fees.

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

21 (1) Resident Annual Fishing License, [~~\$21.~~] \$26.25 for  
22 the 2017 license year; \$27.04 for the 2018 license year;  
23 \$27.85 for the 2019 license year; \$28.68 for the 2020 license  
24 year; \$29.54 for the 2021 license year; and \$30.43 beginning  
25 with the 2022 license year.

26 (2) Senior Resident Annual Fishing License, [~~\$10.~~]  
27 \$12.50 for the 2017 license year; \$12.88 for the 2018 license  
28 year; \$13.26 for the 2019 license year; \$13.66 for the 2020  
29 license year; \$14.07 for the 2021 license year; and \$14.49  
30 beginning with the 2022 license year.

1           (3) Senior Resident Lifetime Fishing License, [\$50.]  
2           \$100 for the 2017 license year; \$103 for the 2018 license  
3           year; \$106.09 for the 2019 license year; \$109.27 for the 2020  
4           license year; \$112.55 for the 2021 license year; and \$115.93  
5           beginning with the 2022 license year.

6           (4) Nonresident Annual Fishing License, [\$51.] \$63.75  
7           for the 2017 license year; \$65.66 for the 2018 license year;  
8           \$67.63 for the 2019 license year; \$69.66 for the 2020 license  
9           year; \$71.75 for the 2021 license year; and \$73.90 beginning  
10          with the 2022 license year.

11          (5) Seven-Day Tourist Fishing License, [\$33.] \$41.25 for  
12          the 2017 license year; \$42.49 for the 2018 license year;  
13          \$43.76 for the 2019 license year; \$45.07 for the 2020 license  
14          year; \$46.43 for the 2021 license year; and \$47.82 beginning  
15          with the 2022 license year.

16          (6) Three-Day Tourist Fishing License, [\$25.] \$31.25 for  
17          the 2017 license year; \$32.19 for the 2018 license year;  
18          \$33.15 for the 2019 license year; \$34.15 for the 2020 license  
19          year; \$35.17 for the 2021 license year; and \$36.23 beginning  
20          with the 2022 license year.

21          (6.1) One-Day Resident Fishing License, [\$10.] \$12.50  
22          for the 2017 license year; \$12.88 for the 2018 license year;  
23          \$13.26 for the 2019 license year; \$13.66 for the 2020 license  
24          year; \$14.07 for the 2021 license year; and \$14.49 beginning  
25          with the 2022 license year.

26          (6.2) One-Day Tourist Fishing License, [\$25.] \$31.25 for  
27          the 2017 license year; \$32.19 for the 2018 license year;  
28          \$33.15 for the 2019 license year; \$34.15 for the 2020 license  
29          year; \$35.17 for the 2021 license year; and \$36.23 beginning  
30          with the 2022 license year.

1 (7) Replacement Fishing License, including related  
2 permits and privileges, \$5.

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

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

9 (1) [Trout/salmon permits, \$8.] Trout permits, \$14 for  
10 the 2017 license year; \$14.42 for the 2018 license year;  
11 \$14.85 for the 2019 license year; \$15.30 for the 2020 license  
12 year; \$15.76 for the 2021 license year; and \$16.23 beginning  
13 with the 2022 license year.

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

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

16 (4) Special permit to fish in Lake Erie and tributaries,  
17 \$8.

18 (5) Combination [trout/salmon] trout permit and Lake  
19 Erie permit, [~~\$14.~~] \$20 for the 2017 license year; \$20.42 for  
20 the 2018 license year; \$20.85 for the 2019 license year;  
21 \$21.30 for the 2020 license year; \$21.76 for the 2021 license  
22 year; and \$22.23 beginning with the 2022 license year.

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.

29 § 2907.3. Fishing guide and charter boat permits.

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

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11 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.