

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1187 Session of 2019

INTRODUCED BY WENTLING, HARKINS, KORTZ, CALTAGIRONE, NEILSON,
MURT AND SONNEY, APRIL 11, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 11, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing
3 for Lake Erie fishing permits.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2907.2(a), (b), (d) and (f.1) of Title 30
7 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
8 § 2907.2. Lake Erie fishing permits.

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

15 (b) Fee.--The annual fee and the issuing agent fee for the
16 special [permit] permits issued in this section shall be as
17 provided in section 2715 (relating to license, permit and
18 issuing agent fees).

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2 (d) Regulations.--The commission may promulgate regulations
3 for the display of the special [permit] permits and manner in
4 which [it] the permits may be affixed to the fishing license or
5 carried with the licensee.

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7 (f.1) Lake Erie permits.--

8 (1) The proceeds from the fees for the special permits
9 to fish in Lake Erie [fishing permits] and tributaries as
10 provided for under section 2715(a.1)(4) [(relating to
11 license, permit and issuing agent fees)] and \$6 of the fees
12 for the combination trout/salmon permits and Lake Erie
13 permits as provided for under section 2715(a.1)(5) shall be
14 deposited into a restricted account within the Fish Fund.

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16 (2) The money in the restricted account shall be used to
17 provide public fishing access or to protect or improve fish
18 habitat on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their
19 tributaries, including waters that flow into those
20 tributaries. The money may also be used for other projects
21 that support public fishing on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle
22 Bay and their tributaries.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.