

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for disabled veteran annual  
3 fishing license reciprocity and disabled veteran annual  
4 hunting license reciprocity.

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

7 Section 1. Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
8 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

9 § 2702.2. Disabled veteran annual fishing license reciprocity.

10 (a) Permission.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
11 title, any person who possesses a valid and lawfully issued  
12 disabled veteran annual fishing license or permit which has been  
13 issued under the laws of another state, regardless of whether a  
14 reciprocity agreement exists between the Commonwealth and the  
15 state under subsection (b), may fish in any of the waters of  
16 this Commonwealth or in any boundary waters if all of the

1 following apply:

2 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for  
3 individuals possessing a disabled veteran annual fishing  
4 license issued under section 2707(a) (relating to disabled  
5 veterans and former prisoners of war).

6 (2) The Attorney General has determined that the fishing  
7 laws of the state are similar to the fishing laws of this  
8 Commonwealth.

9 (b) Reciprocity.--The following shall apply:

10 (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty  
11 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states  
12 providing for the mutual recognition of disabled veteran  
13 annual fishing licenses issued by the Commonwealth and a  
14 similar license or permit issued by the other state. To carry  
15 out this duty, the Attorney General is authorized to  
16 negotiate reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a  
17 disabled veteran annual fishing license or permit issued by  
18 another state.

19 (2) The Attorney General shall report to the General  
20 Assembly within 180 days of the effective date of this  
21 paragraph and annually thereafter concerning the agreements  
22 which have been consummated under this subsection.

23 Section 2. Title 34 is amended by adding a section to read:

24 § 2706.3. Disabled veteran annual hunting license reciprocity.

25 (a) Permission.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
26 title, any person who possesses a valid and lawfully issued  
27 disabled veteran annual hunting license or permit which has been  
28 issued under the laws of another state, regardless of whether a  
29 reciprocity agreement exists between the Commonwealth and the  
30 state under subsection (b), may hunt in this Commonwealth if all

1 of the following apply:

2       (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for  
3 individuals possessing a disabled veteran annual hunting  
4 license issued under section 2706(b) (relating to resident  
5 license and fee exemptions).

6       (2) The Attorney General has determined that the hunting  
7 laws of the state are similar to the hunting laws of this  
8 Commonwealth.

9 (b) Reciprocity.--The following shall apply:

10       (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty  
11 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states  
12 providing for the mutual recognition of disabled veteran  
13 annual hunting licenses issued by the Commonwealth and a  
14 similar license or permit issued by the other state. To carry  
15 out this duty, the Attorney General is authorized to  
16 negotiate reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a  
17 disabled veteran annual hunting license or permit issued by  
18 another state.

19       (2) The Attorney General shall report to the General  
20 Assembly within 180 days of the effective date of this  
21 paragraph and annually thereafter concerning the agreements  
22 which have been consummated under this subsection.

23 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.