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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, AUGUST 16, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for acknowledgment of guilt and
3 receipts for payment; providing for a youth fishing license;
4 further providing for exemptions from license requirements
5 and for license, permit and issuing agent fees.

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

8 Section 1. Section 925(d) of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 925. Acknowledgment of guilt and receipts for payment.

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12 (d) Limitations on acknowledgments of guilt.--[On and after
13 December 31, 1999,] Except as otherwise provided in this
14 subsection, acknowledgments of guilt pursuant to this section
15 shall be used only in such counties as the commission may
16 designate by regulation for such use upon a finding that the
17 county has summary offense procedures that differ from those
18 used in other counties. The limitations of this subsection do
19 not apply to acknowledgments of guilt for violations of section

1 2702.2 (relating to youth fishing license).

2 Section 2. Title 30 is amended by adding a section to read:

3 § 2702.2. Youth fishing license.

4 (a) General rule.--No person 12 through 15 years of age
5 shall fish in any of the waters of this Commonwealth, excluding
6 boundary waters except for Lake Erie and Presque Isle Bay,
7 without first procuring a youth fishing license. Any person 12
8 through 15 years of age is eligible for a youth fishing license
9 when the person has applied to an issuing agent within this
10 Commonwealth or to the commission and has paid the issuing agent
11 or the commission a license fee as set forth in section 2715
12 (relating to license, permit and issuing agent fees). Holders of
13 youth fishing licenses shall not be required to obtain special
14 permits, including trout or salmon permits to fish for trout or
15 salmon or special permits to fish in Lake Erie and tributaries.

16 (b) Purposes.--The commission shall separately account for
17 the proceeds from the sale of youth fishing licenses and shall
18 use those proceeds for programs benefiting youth anglers.

19 (c) Possession and display.--The license shall be kept about
20 the person while fishing and shall be shown upon the request of
21 any waterways conservation officer or other officer designated
22 by the commission. The commission may promulgate rules and
23 regulations for the displaying of the license certificate,
24 license button or other device, as it deems necessary.

25 (d) No-fee licenses.--The commission may issue youth fishing
26 licenses without an issuing agent's fee and in such form as the
27 commission may determine. The commission may issue a no-fee
28 license to any person 12 through 15 years of age who meets the
29 eligibility requirements established by the executive director.

30 (e) Penalties.--Any person who violates this section commits

1 a summary offense of the fourth degree.

2 Section 3. Sections 2709(e) and 2715(a) and (b) of Title 30
3 are amended to read:

4 § 2709. Exemptions from license requirements.

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6 (e) [Students participating in biological field project.--A
7 student enrolled in a secondary or undergraduate course of
8 instruction shall not be required to possess a fishing license
9 to gather specimens while participating in an educationally
10 sponsored biological field project that is under the direct
11 supervision of a high school or accredited institution of
12 postsecondary education as long as the educational institution
13 has applied for and received the written permission of the
14 commission.] Participants in educational programs.--A
15 participant in an educational program shall not be required to
16 possess a fishing license while participating in the educational
17 program provided that the program meets the standards
18 established by the executive director and is under the direct
19 supervision of an instructor who possesses a valid fishing
20 license and has applied for and received the written permission
21 of the executive director.

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23 § 2715. License, permit and issuing agent fees.

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

- 27 (1) Resident Annual Fishing License, \$21.
28 (2) Senior Resident Annual Fishing License, \$10.
29 (3) Senior Resident Lifetime Fishing License, \$50.
30 (4) Nonresident Annual Fishing License, \$51.

- 1 (5) Seven-Day Tourist Fishing License, \$33.
2 (6) Three-Day Tourist Fishing License, \$25.
3 (6.1) One-Day Resident Fishing License, \$10.
4 (6.2) One-Day Tourist Fishing License, \$25.
5 (6.3) Youth Fishing License, \$5.
6 (7) Replacement Fishing License, \$4.25.

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8 (b) Issuing agent fees.--[The] Except as otherwise provided
9 in this subsection, the issuing agent fee to be retained by the
10 issuing agent as provided in section 2711 (relating to issuing
11 agents) for fishing licenses and permits shall be \$1. Issuing
12 agents shall not collect and retain an issuing agent fee for the
13 issuance of youth fishing licenses under section 2702.2
14 (relating to youth fishing license).

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2007.