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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 565**      Session of  
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RHOADES AND FONTANA, MARCH 20, 2007

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REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MARCH 20, 2007

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An  
2 act creating the Department of Conservation and Natural  
3 Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department  
4 of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community  
5 Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources  
6 as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the  
7 role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of  
8 Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities  
9 of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of  
10 Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the  
11 Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts,"  
12 further providing for rivers conservation; and establishing  
13 the Water Recreation Advisory Board.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 307 heading of the act of June 28, 1995  
17 (P.L.89, No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources  
18 Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding a  
19 subsection to read:

20 Section 307. [Rivers conservation] Water resources and  
21 recreation.

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23 (c) Inventory of recreational opportunities.--

1           (1) The department shall inventory all rivers, streams  
2           and lakes in this Commonwealth to identify current boating,  
3           canoeing, rafting and other recreational activities,  
4           including water levels and related water conditions, for the  
5           purpose of making the information available to the public in  
6           published form.

7           (2) The inventory shall include, but not be limited to,  
8           recreational activities offered by:

9                   (i) the department;

10                   (ii) the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission;

11                   (iii) the Pennsylvania Game Commission;

12                   (iv) the National Park Service;

13                   (v) the United States Army Corps of Engineers;

14                   (vi) the United States Soil Conservation Service;

15                   (vii) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission;

16                   (viii) the United States Forest Service; and

17                   (ix) other public and private entities.

18           (3) The Water Recreation Advisory Board shall assist the  
19           department in compiling the inventory. The first inventory  
20           shall be completed by January 1, 2009, and shall be updated  
21           every two years.

22           Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

23   Section 315.1. Water Recreation Advisory Board.

24           (a) Establishment.--There is hereby established the Water  
25   Recreation Advisory Board to assist the department in  
26   identifying water resources for recreational activities and in  
27   compiling the inventory required by section 307(c).

28           (b) Members.--The board shall be composed of representatives  
29   of environmental and recreational organizations, especially  
30   interested in water resources and water recreational activities.

1 The members of the board shall be appointed by the secretary and  
2 shall represent the various geographical regions of this  
3 Commonwealth. The secretary shall designate a member of the  
4 board as presiding officer. The board shall meet at least  
5 annually.

6 (c) Expenses of members.--The members of the board shall  
7 receive no compensation for their services but shall be  
8 reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
9 carrying out their duties as members of the board.

10 (d) Other duties.--In addition to assisting the department  
11 in identifying water resources for recreational activities and  
12 in compiling the inventory required by section 307(c), the board  
13 shall have such other duties as may be determined by the  
14 secretary.

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