
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY PITTMAN, STEFANO, MARTIN, SCHWANK, J. WARD AND
BREWSTER, OCTOBER 18, 2021

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, OCTOBER 18, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in regulated fishing lakes, further providing for
3 fees, for receipts for fish caught and for classification of
4 lakes.

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

7 Section 1. Sections 3102(a), 3104 and 3106(a)(3) and (b) of
8 Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended
9 to read:

10 § 3102. Fees.

11 (a) Class A lakes.--The annual license fee for a Class A
12 regulated fishing lake (except temporary fishing ponds operated
13 as regulated fishing lakes) shall be based on the total area of
14 fishing water on the premises to be licensed, whether the area
15 consists of one body of water or more than one.

16 (1) Where the total area of water is less than 20 acres,
17 the fee shall be [~~\$100~~] \$150.

18 (2) Where the total water area is 20 acres or more but
19 less than 40 acres, the fee shall be [~~\$250~~] \$300.

1 (3) Where the area is 40 acres or more, the fee shall be
2 ~~[\$500]~~ \$600.

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4 § 3104. Receipts for fish caught.

5 (a) Requirements for receipts.--The owner or person in
6 charge of any regulated fishing lake shall issue consecutively
7 numbered receipts to all anglers who catch or transport fish
8 from a regulated fishing lake during the closed season for the
9 species of fish, or in excess of the possession limit, or under
10 the minimum size limit. The receipts shall be made in duplicate
11 and one copy shall be kept on file by the issuer for inspection
12 by the commission or any persons designated by it. Each angler,
13 while in possession of the fish, shall have in his possession
14 the receipt relative thereto and shall produce it upon demand by
15 proper authority. All receipts shall contain the following
16 information:

17 (1) Name, location and license number of the regulated
18 fishing lake.

19 (2) Number and species of the fish caught.

20 (3) Date of issue.

21 (b) Class A lakes.--A club or organization operating a Class
22 A lake under section 3106(a) (3) (relating to classification of
23 lakes) may only issue receipts for the number and type of fish
24 stocked by the club or organization during a calendar year.

25 § 3106. Classification of lakes.

26 (a) Class A.--The commission may issue Class A regulated
27 fishing lake licenses upon payment of the fee specified in
28 section 3102 (relating to fees) to lakes in the following
29 categories:

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1 (3) Lakes with a total water area of less than 20 acres
2 situated wholly within the grounds of a private fishing and
3 boating, rod and gun or sportsmen's club or organization when
4 fishing in the lake is limited to members of the club or
5 organization and the sponsoring club or organization operates
6 a cooperative nursery recognized by the commission, provided
7 that fish raised by the cooperative nursery shall be stocked
8 in waters of this Commonwealth open for free public fishing
9 and not in the regulated fishing lake licensed hereunder[.]
10 or where the club or organization purchases its stocked fish
11 from a hatchery that operates within the boundaries of this
12 Commonwealth.

13 Persons patronizing a Class A regulated fishing lake may catch,
14 kill and possess fish without regard to any size, season or
15 possession limit and need not possess a Pennsylvania fishing
16 license. All other provisions of this title are applicable.

17 (b) Class B.--Lakes that meet all other requirements of this
18 section but are not open to the general public or operated as a
19 commercial venture or do not purchase all of their stocked fish
20 from a hatchery that operates within the boundaries of this
21 Commonwealth may be issued a Class B regulated fishing lake
22 license. Persons patronizing a Class B lake may catch, kill and
23 possess fish taken therefrom without regard to size, season or
24 possession limitation. A fishing license is required to fish in
25 a Class B lake.

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