



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

SENATE BILL NO. 473

PRINTERS NO. 468

PRIME SPONSOR: Vance

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Fish Fund	\$7,170	\$28,680

SUMMARY: SB 473 amends Title 30 (Fish and Boat Code) to change the eligibility requirements which allow certain members of the Armed Forces to receive a fishing license at a reduced fee.

ANALYSIS: This legislation amends Title 30 (Fish and Boat Code) by reducing the 180 day requirement to 60 consecutive days of overseas deployment to qualify for a \$1 fishing license. This provision will apply to members of the PA Army National Guard, Air National Guard or reserve component of the U.S. armed forces.

FISCAL IMPACT: The Fish Commission has sold approximately 717 reduced fee fishing licenses so far this fiscal year under the current 180-day active deployment eligibility. The sale of these licenses has resulted in a revenue loss of \$14,340.

It is difficult to ascertain the exact number of additional reduced fee licenses that would be sold if this legislation is adopted. However, if the change in eligibility requirements doubles the number of reduced fee licenses sold, the Fish Commission may have a decrease in revenue of approximately \$28,680.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.