



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1153

PRINTERS NO. 2085

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2016/17	FY 2017/18
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Game Fund	\$0	\$0
Fish Fund	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 30 (Fish) and Title 34 (Game) to provide fishing license and hunting license reciprocity for active duty military members and for disabled veterans.

ANALYSIS: HB 1153 Amends Title 30 (Fish and Boat Code) by adding two new sections; Section 2702.2 (relating to active duty fishing reciprocity) and Section 2702.3 (relating to disabled veterans fishing reciprocity). These two new sections provide that any person who possesses a valid active duty military fishing license/permit or a disabled veteran annual fishing license/permit issued in another state may fish in any PA or boundary waters if that state provides a reciprocal privilege for a non-resident individual who is on active duty in the armed forces of the U.S. or is a disabled veteran and the Attorney General has determined that the fishing laws of that state are similar to the fishing laws of our Commonwealth.

The bill provides that the Attorney General shall have the power and duty to negotiate and enter into reciprocal agreements with other states for active duty and disabled veterans fishing licenses, and grant recognition of licenses issued by another state. The Attorney General must report to the General Assembly within 180 days of the effective date of the legislation and annually thereafter concerning the agreements which have been consummated.

HB 1153 also amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) by adding new language providing for the same reciprocity provisions for active duty military and disabled veterans hunting licenses, as those found in Title 30.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is unclear at this time how many out of state active duty military and disabled veteran fisherman and hunters would take advantage of the reciprocal agreements. However, enactment of this legislation is not expected to have an adverse fiscal impact on the Fish Fund or Game Fund.

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