



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 490

PRINTERS NO. 453

PRIME SPONSOR: Boback

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2020/21	FY 2021/22
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Fish Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact
Game Fund	\$0	See Fiscal Impact

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

ANALYSIS: HB 490 amends Title 30 (Fish and Boat Code) by adding a new Section 2702.2 (relating to active duty fishing reciprocity) to provide that any person who possesses a valid active duty military or disabled veterans fishing license or 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 a disabled veteran or is on active duty in the armed forces of the U.S. 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 veteran 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 490 also amends Title 34 (Game and Wildlife Code) by adding new language providing for the same reciprocity provisions for active duty military and disabled veteran hunting licenses, as those found in Title 30.

Effective date: 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is unclear at this time how many out-of-state active duty military and disabled veteran fisherman and hunters will 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.