

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 30

**PRINTER NO.** 11

**AMOUNT**

\$6.3 Million Annual Revenue Increase  
FY 2018-19

**FUND**

Fish Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

January 12, 2017

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Eichelberger

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

Senate bill 30 amends Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to authorize the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (“Commission”) to establish the fees for fishing and boating related licenses and permits by regulatory action and to expand the allowable use of funds from the sale of Lake Erie permits.

The legislation adds section 322.1 to the Fish and Boat Code which provides that, beginning July 1, 2017, the Commission, by regulation, may change or set fees under any of the following:

- § 502 (Relating to service charge for uncollectible checks);
- § 2715 (Relating to license, permit and issuing agent fees);
- § 2902 (Relating to net permits);
- § 2903 (Relating to boats and net license for boundary lakes);
- § 2906 (Relating to permits for the use of explosives);
- § 3102 (Relating to regulated fishing lakes);
- § 3509 (Relating to obstructing migration of fish);
- § 5104 (Relating to boats and boating fees);
- § 5304 (Relating to boat registration issuing agent fees);
- § 5327 (Relating to certificate of title fees);
- § 5334 (Relating to notice for boats and related equipment).

The bill also outlines the regulatory process for the changing or setting of fees by the Commission and provides that the authorization to change or set fees will expire on July 15, 2020. Final-form regulations promulgated by the Commission prior to the sunset date would remain in effect.

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Senate Bill 30 also amends section 2907.2 (relating to Lake Erie fishing permits) to expand the allowable use of funds from the sale of Lake Erie fishing permits to other projects that support public fishing on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries. Currently, these funds may only be used for public fishing access or habitat improvements on these waters.

The legislation would take effect immediately upon enactment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission indicates that it would seek fee increases in each of the next six years as illustrated in the following chart:

	Fees						
	Current	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
License Category	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Resident Annual	\$ 21.00	\$ 27.30	\$ 28.12	\$ 28.96	\$ 29.83	\$ 30.73	\$ 31.65
Senior Resident Annual	10.00	13.00	13.39	13.79	14.21	14.63	15.07
Senior Resident Lifetime	50.00	100.00	103.00	106.09	109.27	112.55	115.93
Non-resident Annual	51.00	66.30	68.29	70.34	72.45	74.62	76.86
7-Day Tourist	33.00	42.90	44.19	45.51	46.88	48.28	49.73
3-Day Tourist	25.00	32.50	33.48	34.48	35.51	36.58	37.68
1-Day Resident	10.00	13.00	13.39	13.79	14.21	14.63	15.07
1-Day Tourist	25.00	32.50	33.48	34.48	35.51	36.58	37.68
Trout/Salmon Permit	8.00	14.40	14.83	15.28	15.74	16.21	16.69
Combination Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie Permit	14.00	20.40	20.83	21.28	21.74	22.21	22.69

The Commission estimates additional revenues of \$6.3 million in 2018 and \$8.7 million in 2023 if all of the proposed incremental increases are implemented.