

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
FISCAL NOTE**

BILL NO. Senate Bill 403

PRINTER NO. 394

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Fish Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 11, 2021

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Robinson

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 403 amends Title 30 (Fish) to align the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission’s (commission) boat registration period with the calendar year.

Currently, the two-year registration period is from April 1 to March 30 of the second year. Senate Bill 403 changes the registration period to a calendar year basis for registrations that are issued on or after the effective date of the legislation. This includes any boats/vessels that use gasoline, diesel or electric motors and also unpowered boats, such as, kayaks, canoes, rowboats, sailboats, rafts or inflatable boats. The intent of this legislation is to mitigate confusion over when boat registrations are due by aligning the registration period with the calendar year beginning on January 1 and extending until December 31 of the second year.

The requirement to publish regulations shall take effect immediately, and the remainder of the act shall take effect upon publication of the regulations.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Senate Bill 403 will have no negative fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds although it could result in timing differences for when the commission receives revenue within the fiscal year. The commission is able to accommodate the requirement to publish regulations within its existing staff and budget levels.