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GEBHARD, MAY 15, 2023

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, MAY 15, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further
3 providing for license requirements.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 2701 of Title 34 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
8 § 2701. License requirements.

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10 (d) Exemption for members of the armed services and disabled
11 veterans.--

12 (1) The commission shall issue a Military Event License
13 Exemption exempting eligible individuals under paragraph (2)
14 from the license and permit fee requirements under section
15 2709 (relating to license costs and fees) while participating
16 in an eligible activity for which the commission has issued a
17 Military Event License Exemption Permit under paragraph (3).

1 (2) The following individuals are eligible for a
2 Military Event License Exemption under paragraph (1):

3 (i) A veteran of the armed forces of the United
4 States who has been certified by the United States
5 Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor or by
6 any branch of the United States Armed Forces to have
7 served during war time and has a service-connected
8 disability of 30% or more.

9 (ii) An active duty member, reserve duty member or
10 veteran of any branch of the United States Armed Forces
11 who has received the Purple Heart.

12 (iii) One additional individual per eligible
13 individual under subparagraph (i) or (ii), who shall
14 provide assistance to the eligible individual as
15 necessary during the specified permitted event.

16 (3) The commission may issue a Military Event License
17 Exemption Permit for an event, subject to paragraph (5),
18 whose primary purpose is the rehabilitation or enjoyment of
19 eligible individuals. Each eligible individual must receive a
20 Military Event License Exemption to participate in the event.
21 The event may have a duration of no more than seven
22 consecutive days.

23 (4) All regulations and requirements regarding seasons,
24 bag limits and reporting standards must be adhered to by the
25 participants of an event under paragraph (3).

26 (5) An individual or entity that wishes to host an event
27 for which the commission may issue a Military Event License
28 Exemption Permit under paragraph (3) shall apply for the
29 Military Event License Exemption Permit in a manner provided
30 by the commission no less than 14 days prior to the event.

1 The following apply:

2 (i) The permit applicant shall provide the
3 commission with the documentation required for each
4 eligible individual participating in the event.

5 (ii) The permit application shall include the
6 ability to apply for a Military Event License Exemption
7 for each eligible individual participating in the event
8 for which the applicant is applying for a Military Event
9 License Exemption Permit.

10 (iii) The fee to apply for a Military Event License
11 Exemption Permit shall be the product of multiplying the
12 license cost under section 2709(a)(2)(ii) by the number
13 of eligible individuals participating in the event.

14 (6) Military Event License Exemption Permits may only be
15 used for an event hosted on private land within this
16 Commonwealth with the express approval of the landowner.

17 (7) The commission may issue a Military Event License
18 Exemption Permit for an event with no more than 10 eligible
19 individuals participating.

20 (8) The commission may not issue a Military Event
21 License Exemption Permit for an event that would unduly
22 impact commission resources or impose significant costs to
23 the commission.

24 (9) The commission shall impose upon each Military Event
25 License Exemption Permit reasonable conditions that are
26 necessary to assure that the use or activity authorized under
27 the permit will limit liability to the commission.

28 (10) Violations of the terms of the Military Event
29 License Exemption Permit or violation of any other game law
30 under this title shall result in the revocation of the permit

1 and possible denial of future Military Event License
2 Exemption Permit applications.

3 (11) The commission shall promulgate guidelines for the
4 implementation and issuance of Military Event License
5 Exemptions and Military Event License Exemption Permits under
6 this subchapter.

7 (12) The following words and phrases when used in this
8 subsection shall have the meanings given to them in this
9 paragraph unless context clearly indicates otherwise:

10 "Eligible individual." An individual eligible for a
11 Military Event License Exemption under paragraph (2).

12 "Military Event License Exemption." The Military Event
13 License Exemption issued under paragraph (1).

14 "Military Event License Exemption Permit." The Military
15 Event License Exemption Permit issued under paragraph (3).

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.