

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1226** Session of  
1995

INTRODUCED BY ROBERTS, FARGO, YOUNGBLOOD, MERRY, SATHER, TRELLO,  
McGEEHAN, SERAFINI AND HALUSKA, MARCH 20, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 20, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for liability for damage caused  
3 by operator.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5504 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5504. Liability for damage caused by operator.

9 Every owner of a watercraft negligently causing or  
10 [knowingly] permitting any person to operate the watercraft in,  
11 upon or through the waters of this Commonwealth, and any person  
12 who negligently leases or furnishes a watercraft to any other  
13 person, shall be jointly and severally liable with the other  
14 person for damages arising out of any act or occurrence in the  
15 operation of the watercraft.

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