

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2324 Session of  
2004

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THOMAS, TURZAI, WASHINGTON AND YOUNGBLOOD, FEBRUARY 3, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 3, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, requiring fish bait dealer licensees to retail fish  
3 bait in biodegradable containers.

4 The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has an inherent right as a  
5 sovereign State and a constitutional duty to prevent the  
6 degradation of its lakes and waterways by pollution and litter.  
7 Discarded fish bait containers are a major part of the offensive  
8 and potentially polluting litter found along the lakes and  
9 waterways of this Commonwealth. The use of biodegradable fish  
10 bait containers would have a major impact on the amount of  
11 potentially polluting litter found in this Commonwealth.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
15 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

16 § 2508. Fish bait sales.

17 All fish bait dealer licensees shall only retail fish bait in

1 biodegradable containers of a type approved by the commission.  
2 Each sale by a licensee in violation of this section shall  
3 constitute a separate offense. A violation of this section is a  
4 summary offense of the first degree.

5       Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2005.