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WALKO, WASHINGTON, WILT AND WOJNAROSKI, MAY 3, 2005

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MAY 3, 2005

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for free license fees for former
3 prisoners of war.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2707 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 2707. Disabled veterans and former prisoners of war.

9 (a) General rule for disabled veterans.--Any disabled
10 veteran who has a disability incurred in any war or armed
11 conflict which consists of the loss of one or more limbs, or the
12 loss of use of one or more limbs, or total blindness, or who is
13 100% disabled as certified by the United States Department of
14 Veterans Affairs, and who meets the qualifications of section
15 2701 (relating to resident fishing licenses), shall be issued a

1 free resident fishing license upon application to the commission
2 or a county treasurer. An application [under this section]
3 submitted by a disabled veteran shall, in addition to any
4 information required under section 2701, contain a statement
5 that the applicant is a war or armed conflict veteran and that
6 the qualifying disability was service incurred. The issuing
7 agent or the commission may require the production of the
8 discharge papers of the applicant.

9 (a.1) General rule for former prisoners of war.--A former
10 prisoner of war shall be issued a free resident fishing license
11 upon application to the commission. An application submitted by
12 a former prisoner of war shall contain the same information as
13 is required under section 2701 for other resident fishing
14 license applications. As used in this subsection, the term
15 "former prisoner of war" means an individual who was imprisoned
16 by enemy forces while in the service of the armed forces of the
17 United States as certified by the appropriate branch of the
18 armed forces of the United States.

19 (b) Lifetime licenses.--

20 (1) If a disabled veteran who qualifies for issuance of
21 a free resident fishing license under subsection (a) presents
22 documentation to show that the qualifying disability is
23 permanent, the commission or county treasurer shall issue a
24 disabled veteran lifetime fishing license.

25 (2) The commission or county treasurer shall issue a
26 lifetime fishing license to a former prisoner of war who
27 requests it.

28 (c) Home rule and optional plan counties.--In a county where
29 there is no county treasurer by virtue of a home rule charter or
30 optional plan of government, the county official who performs

1 the functions of a county treasurer and who has been designated
2 an issuing agent by the commission shall issue free resident
3 fishing licenses to disabled veterans and former prisoners of
4 war under this section.

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