

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, JANUARY 31, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89, No.18), entitled "An
2 act creating the Department of Conservation and Natural
3 Resources consisting of certain functions of the Department
4 of Environmental Resources and the Department of Community
5 Affairs; renaming the Department of Environmental Resources
6 as the Department of Environmental Protection; defining the
7 role of the Environmental Quality Board in the Department of
8 Environmental Protection; making changes to responsibilities
9 of the State Conservation Commission and the Department of
10 Agriculture; transferring certain powers and duties to the
11 Department of Health; and repealing inconsistent acts,"
12 further providing for definitions; and providing for
13 floatplane recreation.

14 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
15 hereby enacts as follows:

16 Section 1. Section 103 of the act of June 28, 1995 (P.L.89,
17 No.18), known as the Conservation and Natural Resources Act, is
18 amended by adding a definition to read:

19 Section 103. Definitions.

20 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
21 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
22 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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2 "Floatplane." An aircraft with pontoons mounted under the
3 fuselage that only come in contact with the surface of the water
4 in order to allow the aircraft to land and take off using the
5 surface of the water.

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7 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
8 Section 312.1. Floatplane recreation.

9 (a) General rule.--The department shall promulgate rules and
10 regulations to permit the landing and takeoff of floatplanes on
11 designated lakes within State parks that are at least 3,000
12 acres in size.

13 (b) Provisions required for regulations.--The regulations
14 shall include provisions for the proper and safe operation of
15 floatplanes on the designated lakes. For each specific
16 designated lake, a license to operate a floatplane shall be
17 issued by the department to any floatplane operator who
18 demonstrates the following:

19 (1) A current pilot's certification issued by the
20 Federal Aviation Administration.

21 (2) The aircraft is equipped as required by the
22 regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration
23 specifically for seaplanes, which regulations are in effect
24 on the effective date of this section.

25 (3) An understanding of the applicable boating
26 restrictions and regulations established for the particular
27 body of water on which the floatplane operates when on the
28 water and not in flight.

29 (4) Compliance with all applicable requirements of the
30 Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth.

1 (5) Other operational and safety practices and
2 procedures as deemed necessary by the department.
3 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.