
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AND COSTA, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for disabled veterans and 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.--

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

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

9 (2) Any disabled veteran who is eligible for disability
10 compensation as determined by the United States Department of
11 Veterans Affairs and who meets the qualifications of section
12 2701 shall be issued a resident fishing license at the cost
13 of \$1 upon application to the commission or a county
14 treasurer. An application submitted by a disabled veteran
15 shall, in addition to any information required under section
16 2701, contain a statement that the applicant is a war or
17 armed conflict veteran and that the qualifying disability was
18 service incurred. The issuing agent or the commission may
19 require the production of the discharge papers of the
20 applicant.

21 (a.1) General rule for former prisoners of war.--

22 (1) A former prisoner of war who meets the
23 qualifications of section 2701 shall be issued a resident
24 fishing license at the cost of \$1 upon application to the
25 commission or a county treasurer. An application submitted by
26 a former prisoner of war shall, in addition to any
27 information required under section 2701, contain a statement
28 that the applicant is a former prisoner of war.

29 (2) As used in this subsection, the term "former
30 prisoner of war" means an individual who was imprisoned by

1 enemy forces while in the service of the armed forces of the
2 United States as certified by the appropriate branch of the
3 armed forces of the United States.

4 (b) Lifetime licenses.--

5 (1) If a disabled veteran who qualifies for issuance of
6 a free resident fishing license under subsection [(a)] (a)(1)
7 presents documentation to show that the qualifying disability
8 is permanent, the commission or county treasurer shall issue
9 a disabled veteran lifetime fishing license.

10 (2) A former prisoner of war who meets the
11 qualifications of section 2701(b) shall be issued a senior
12 resident lifetime fishing license at the cost of \$1 upon
13 application to the commission or a county treasurer.

14 (c) Home rule and optional plan counties.--In a county where
15 there is no county treasurer by virtue of a home rule charter or
16 optional plan of government, the county official who performs
17 the functions of a county treasurer and who has been designated
18 an issuing agent by the commission shall issue free and reduced
19 resident fishing licenses to disabled veterans and reduced fee
20 resident fishing licenses to former prisoners of war under this
21 section.

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