

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATOR ALLOWAY, GAME AND FISHERIES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 1, 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 FEE resident fishing licenses to disabled veterans and reduced <--  
20 fee resident fishing licenses to former prisoners of war under  
21 this section.

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