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AND COSTA, SEPTEMBER 20, 2013

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 9, 2014

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

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

10 (2) Any disabled veteran who is eligible for disability <--
11 compensation as determined HAS A DISABILITY INCURRED IN ANY <--
12 WAR OR ARMED CONFLICT AND POSSESSES A DISABILITY RATING
13 BETWEEN 60% AND 99% AS CERTIFIED by the United States
14 Department of Veterans Affairs and who meets the
15 qualifications of section 2701 shall be issued a resident
16 fishing license at the cost of \$1 upon application to the
17 commission or a county treasurer. An application submitted by
18 a disabled veteran shall, in addition to any information
19 required under section 2701, contain a statement that the
20 applicant is a war or armed conflict veteran and that the
21 qualifying disability was service incurred. The issuing agent
22 or the commission may require the production of the discharge
23 papers of the applicant.

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

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

1 that the applicant is a former prisoner of war.

2 (2) As used in this subsection, the term "former
3 prisoner of war" means an individual who was imprisoned by
4 enemy forces while in the service of the armed forces of the
5 United States as certified by the appropriate branch of the
6 armed forces of the United States.

7 (b) Lifetime licenses.--

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

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

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

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