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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 10, 2017

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for Senior Resident  
3 Annual Fishing License reciprocity.

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

6 Section 1. Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2702.2. Senior Resident Annual Fishing License reciprocity.

9 (a) Permission.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
10 title, any person who possesses a valid and lawfully issued  
11 Senior Resident Annual Fishing License or permit which has been  
12 issued under the laws of another state, regardless of whether a  
13 reciprocity agreement exists between the Commonwealth and the  
14 state under subsection (b), may fish in any of the waters of  
15 this Commonwealth or in any boundary waters if all of the  
16 following apply:

17 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for  
18 individuals possessing a Senior Resident Annual Fishing

1 License issued under section 2701(b) (relating to resident  
2 fishing licenses).

3 (2) The Attorney General has determined that the fishing  
4 laws of the state are similar to the fishing laws of this  
5 Commonwealth.

6 (b) Reciprocity.--The following shall apply:

7 (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty  
8 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states  
9 providing for the mutual recognition of a Senior Resident  
10 Annual Fishing License issued by the Commonwealth and a  
11 similar license or permit issued by the other state. To carry  
12 out this duty, the Attorney General is authorized to  
13 negotiate reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a  
14 Senior Resident Annual Fishing License or permit issued by  
15 another state.

16 (2) The Attorney General shall report to the General  
17 Assembly within 180 days of the effective date of this  
18 paragraph and annually thereafter concerning the agreements  
19 which have been consummated under this subsection.

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