
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1153 Session of
2017

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, READSHAW, PICKETT, RYAN, MURT, McNEILL,
GROVE, ROTHMAN, D. COSTA, SAYLOR, GABLER, NEILSON AND GILLEN,
APRIL 12, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 12, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for
3 active duty military fishing reciprocity; and, in hunting and
4 furtaking licenses, providing for active duty military
5 hunting reciprocity.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

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

10 § 2702.2. Active duty military fishing reciprocity.

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

19 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for a

1 nonresident individual who is on active military duty in the
2 armed forces of the United States.

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 active duty military
10 fishing within this Commonwealth and the similar allowance of
11 fishing allowed by the other state. To carry out this duty,
12 the Attorney General is authorized to negotiate reciprocity
13 agreements and grant recognition of an active duty military
14 fishing allowance or license issued by another state.

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

19 Section 2. Title 34 is amended by adding a section to read:

20 § 2703.1. Active duty military hunting reciprocity.

21 (a) Permission.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this
22 title, any person who possesses a valid and lawfully issued
23 active duty military hunting license or permit which has been
24 issued under the laws of another state, regardless of whether a
25 reciprocity agreement exists between the Commonwealth and the
26 state under subsection (b), may hunt within this Commonwealth if
27 all of the following apply:

28 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for a
29 nonresident individual who is on active military duty in the
30 armed forces of the United States.

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

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

5 (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty
6 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states
7 providing for the mutual recognition of active duty military
8 hunting within this Commonwealth and the similar allowance of
9 hunting allowed by the other state. To carry out this duty,
10 the Attorney General is authorized to negotiate reciprocity
11 agreements and grant recognition of an active duty military
12 hunting allowance or license issued by another state.

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

17 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.