
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DeLUCA AND FABRIZIO, JULY 27, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JULY 27, 2017

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in special licenses and permits, further providing
3 for Lake Erie fishing permits.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2907.2(a), (b), (d) and (f.1) of Title 30
7 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
8 § 2907.2. Lake Erie fishing permits.

9 (a) Permit required.--No person shall fish in Lake Erie,
10 Presque Isle Bay and their tributaries, including waters that
11 flow into those tributaries, without first procuring an annual
12 special permit [for such fishing] to fish in Lake Erie and
13 tributaries or [the combination trout/salmon/Lake Erie permit] a
14 combination trout/salmon permit and Lake Erie permit.

15 (b) Fee.--The annual fee and the issuing agent fee for the
16 special [permit] permits issued in this section shall be as
17 provided in section 2715 (relating to license, permit and
18 issuing agent fees).

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2 (d) Regulations.--The commission may promulgate regulations
3 for the display of the special [permit] permits and manner in
4 which [it] they may be affixed to the fishing license or carried
5 with the licensee.

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7 (f.1) Lake Erie permits.--

8 (1) The proceeds from the fees for the special permits
9 to fish in Lake Erie [fishing permits] and tributaries as
10 provided for under section 2715(a.1)(4) (relating to license,
11 permit and issuing agent fees) and \$6 of the fees for the
12 combination trout/salmon permits and Lake Erie permits as
13 provided for under section 2715(a.1)(5) shall be deposited
14 into a restricted account within the Fish Fund. [The]

15 (2) The funds in the restricted account shall be used to
16 provide public fishing access or to protect or improve fish
17 habitat on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and their
18 tributaries, including waters that flow into those
19 tributaries. The funds may also be used for other projects
20 that support public fishing on or at Lake Erie, Presque Isle
21 Bay and their tributaries.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.