
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MAY 1, 2019

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 for disabled
4 veteran annual fishing license reciprocity; and, in hunting
5 and furtaking licenses, providing for active duty military
6 hunting reciprocity and for disabled veteran annual hunting
7 license reciprocity.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
11 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

12 § 2702.2. Active duty military fishing reciprocity.

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

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

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

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

8 (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty
9 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states
10 providing for the mutual recognition of active duty military
11 fishing within this Commonwealth and the similar allowance of
12 fishing allowed by the other state. To carry out this duty,
13 the Attorney General is authorized to negotiate reciprocity
14 agreements and grant recognition of an active duty military
15 fishing allowance or license issued by 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 § 2702.3. Disabled veteran annual fishing license reciprocity.

21 (a) Permission.--Notwithstanding any other provision of this
22 title, any person who possesses a valid and lawfully issued
23 disabled veteran annual fishing 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 fish in any of the waters of
27 this Commonwealth or in any boundary waters if all of the
28 following apply:

29 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for
30 individuals possessing a disabled veteran annual fishing

1 license issued under section 2707(a) (relating to disabled
2 veterans and former prisoners of war).

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 disabled veteran
10 annual fishing licenses 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 disabled veteran 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. Title 34 is amended by adding sections to read:

21 § 2703.1. Active duty military hunting reciprocity.

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

29 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for a
30 nonresident individual who is on active military duty in the

1 armed forces of the United States.

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

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

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

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

18 § 2703.2. Disabled veteran annual hunting license reciprocity.

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

26 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for
27 individuals possessing a disabled veteran annual hunting
28 license issued under section 2706(b) (relating to resident
29 license and fee exemptions).

30 (2) The Attorney General has determined that the hunting

1 laws of the state are similar to the hunting laws of this
2 Commonwealth.

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

4 (1) The Attorney General shall have the power and duty
5 to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states
6 providing for the mutual recognition of disabled veteran
7 annual hunting licenses issued by the Commonwealth and a
8 similar license or permit issued by the other state. To carry
9 out this duty, the Attorney General is authorized to
10 negotiate reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a
11 disabled veteran annual hunting license or permit issued by
12 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.