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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY WENTLING, PICKETT, ROAE, BERNSTINE, MILLARD,  
CALTAGIRONE, SONNEY AND CIRESI, AUGUST 30, 2019

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY,  
AUGUST 30, 2019

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325),  
2 entitled "An act providing for the regulation and safety of  
3 dams and reservoirs, water obstructions and encroachments;  
4 consolidating and clarifying the programs of the Department  
5 of Environmental Resources and Navigation Commission for the  
6 Delaware River; establishing penalties and repealing certain  
7 acts," further providing for definitions and for projects  
8 affecting submerged lands of the Commonwealth.

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

11 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of November 26, 1978  
12 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments  
13 Act, is amended by adding a definition to read:

14 Section 3. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
16 have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the  
17 meanings given to them in this section:

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19 "Groin structure." A shore structure that may affect shore  
20 erosion, wave action or inundation.

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2 Section 2. Section 15 of the act is amended by adding a  
3 subsection to read:

4 Section 15. Projects affecting submerged lands of the  
5 Commonwealth.

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7 (f) The department shall not charge a license fee for a  
8 person to construct, repair, replace, operate, maintain or  
9 remove a groin structure at the licensed premises.

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