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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 1149 Session of  
2020

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INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, COSTA, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL AND  
STEFANO, MAY 11, 2020

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REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, MAY 11, 2020

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in fishing licenses, further providing for disabled  
3 veterans and former prisoners of war.

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

6 Section 1. Section 2707 heading and (c) of Title 30 of the  
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section  
8 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

9 § 2707. Disabled veterans [and], former prisoners of war and  
10 first responders.

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12 (a.2) General rule for disabled first responders.--

13 (1) A disabled first responder who is a resident of this  
14 Commonwealth, who has a disability incurred in the line of  
15 duty that prevents the individual from engaging in  
16 substantial, gainful employment and who meets the  
17 qualifications of section 2701 shall be issued a free  
18 resident fishing license upon application to the commission

1 or a county treasurer. An application submitted by a disabled  
2 first responder shall, in addition to any information  
3 required under section 2701, contain a statement that the  
4 applicant is a 100% disabled first responder and that the  
5 qualifying disability was incurred in the line of duty and  
6 prevents the individual from engaging in substantial, gainful  
7 employment. The issuing agent or the commission may require  
8 the production of a disability determination from a physician  
9 licensed in this Commonwealth.

10 (2) As used in this subsection, the term "first  
11 responder" means an individual who serves as a member of a  
12 police department, fire department or rescue agency in this  
13 Commonwealth.

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15 (c) Home rule and optional plan counties.--In a county where  
16 there is no county treasurer by virtue of a home rule charter or  
17 optional plan of government, the county official who performs  
18 the functions of a county treasurer and who has been designated  
19 an issuing agent by the commission shall issue free and reduced  
20 fee resident fishing licenses to disabled veterans [and], reduced  
21 fee resident fishing licenses to former prisoners of war and  
22 free resident fishing licenses to disabled first responders  
23 under this section.

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