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SAINATO, MOUL, POLINCHOCK AND GILLEN, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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

1 following apply:

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

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

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

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

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

21 § 2702.3. Disabled veteran annual fishing license reciprocity.

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

30 (1) The state provides a reciprocal privilege for

1 individuals possessing a disabled veteran annual fishing
2 license issued under section 2707(a) (relating to disabled
3 veterans and former prisoners of war).

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 disabled veteran
11 annual fishing licenses issued by the Commonwealth and a
12 similar license or permit issued by the other state. To carry
13 out this duty, the Attorney General is authorized to
14 negotiate reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a
15 disabled veteran annual fishing license or permit issued by
16 another state.

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

21 Section 2. Title 34 is amended by adding sections to read:

22 § 2703.1. Active duty military hunting reciprocity.

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

30 (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 hunting
4 laws of the state are similar to the hunting 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 hunting within this Commonwealth and the similar allowance of
11 hunting 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 hunting 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 § 2703.2. Disabled veteran annual hunting license reciprocity.

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

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

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 disabled veteran
8 annual hunting licenses issued by the Commonwealth and a
9 similar license or permit issued by the other state. To carry
10 out this duty, the Attorney General is authorized to
11 negotiate reciprocity agreements and grant recognition of a
12 disabled veteran annual hunting license or permit issued by
13 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 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.