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INTRODUCED BY GILLESPIE, HAMM, GREINER, HILL-EVANS, RYAN,
MARSHALL, MOUL, SMITH, HARKINS, ECKER, MILLARD, NEILSON,
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APRIL 12, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, APRIL 12, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration and titling of boats, further
3 providing for period of registration.

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

6 Section 1. Section 5308 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 5308. Period of registration.

9 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided in
10 subsection (b):

11 (1) Registrations issued under this subchapter to owners
12 and dealers shall be valid from April 1 of one year to March
13 31 of the succeeding year and shall be renewable. A
14 registration for any year shall be valid and may properly be
15 displayed prior to April 1 within that year.

16 (2) The commission may determine to issue registrations
17 valid for a period not to exceed three years upon payment of

1 a fee equal to the annual registration fee times the number
2 of years for which the multiple-year registration is valid. A
3 multiple-year registration shall be valid from April 1 of the
4 year of its issuance until March 31 of the last year of its
5 validity, but a multiple-year registration issued prior to
6 April 1 of any year is valid and may be displayed at any time
7 within that year.

8 (3) The commission may, by regulation, provide for the
9 transfer of multiple-year registrations upon the sale or
10 conveyance of a boat upon payment of the fee provided in
11 section 5104(8) (relating to fees).

12 (b) Calendar-year registrations.--Registrations issued on or
13 after the effective date of this subsection shall be subject to
14 the following provisions:

15 (1) Registrations issued under this subchapter to owners
16 and dealers shall be valid from January 1 through December 31
17 of the calendar year and shall be renewable. A registration
18 for a calendar year shall be valid and may properly be
19 displayed at any time through December 31 of the calendar
20 year of the registration's issuance.

21 (2) The commission may determine to issue registrations
22 valid for a period not to exceed three years upon payment of
23 a fee equal to the calendar year registration fee times the
24 number of calendar years for which the multiple-calendar-year
25 registration is valid. A multiple-calendar-year registration
26 shall be valid from January 1 of the calendar year of the
27 registration's issuance until December 31 of the last
28 calendar year of the registration's validity and may be
29 displayed at any time through December 31 of the last
30 calendar year of the registration's issuance.

1 (3) The commission may, by regulation, provide for the
2 transfer of multiple-calendar-year registrations upon the
3 sale or conveyance of a boat upon payment of the fee provided
4 in section 5104(a)(8).

5 Section 2. Within 18 months of the effective date of this
6 section, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission shall
7 transmit notice final regulations to implement the amendment of
8 30 Pa.C.S. § 5308 to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
9 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

10 Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

11 (1) Section 2 of the act and this section shall take
12 effect immediately.

13 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon
14 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the final
15 regulations under section 2 of this act.