

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1436 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY MERSKI, BURGOS, SANCHEZ, HARKINS, DRISCOLL,
SAINATO AND CIRESI, MAY 17, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, MAY 17, 2021

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for first
3 responders.

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

6 Section 1. Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2707.3. First responders.

9 (a) Resident fishing license.--A first responder who meets
10 the qualifications under section 2701 (relating to resident
11 fishing licenses) shall be issued an annual resident fishing
12 license at the cost of \$1 upon application to the commission or
13 a county treasurer. An application submitted by a first
14 responder shall, in addition to any information required under
15 section 2701, contain a statement that the applicant is a first
16 responder.

17 (b) Proof of eligibility.--The commission shall develop
18 guidelines for establishing proof of eligibility for a resident

1 fishing license under this section.

2 (c) Issuance.--The commission may not issue a resident
3 fishing license under this section on or after December 31,
4 2022.

5 (d) Definition.--As used in this subsection, a "first
6 responder" means any of the following:

7 (1) A law enforcement officer, a firefighter, an
8 emergency medical technician, an emergency service
9 dispatcher, an ambulance driver or any other similar
10 individual who is deemed by the commission to respond to
11 requests for emergency assistance.

12 (2) A corrections officer at a correctional institution
13 as defined under 61 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions).
14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.