
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 272 Session of
2021

INTRODUCED BY MASTRIANO, LANGERHOLC, MENSCH, PHILLIPS-HILL AND
STEFANO, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

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],
21 reduced fee resident fishing licenses to former prisoners of war
22 and free resident fishing licenses to disabled first responders
23 under this section.

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