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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO GAME AND FISHERIES, MARCH 11, 2021

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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  
18 a fee equal to the annual registration fee times the number

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

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

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

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

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

29 (3) The commission may, by regulation, provide for the  
30 transfer of multiple-calendar-year registrations upon the

1 sale or conveyance of a boat upon payment of the fee provided  
2 in section 5104(a)(8).

3 Section 2. Within 18 months of the effective date of this  
4 section, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission shall  
5 promulgate and publish in the Pennsylvania Bulletin final  
6 regulations to implement the amendment of 30 Pa.C.S. § 5308.

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

8 (1) Section 2 of this act and this section shall take  
9 effect immediately.

10 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect upon  
11 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the final  
12 regulations under section 2 of this act.