

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, AUGUST 15, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 30 (Fish) and 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in fishing licenses, providing for law  
3 enforcement; and, in hunting and furtaking licenses, further  
4 providing for resident license and fee exemptions and for  
5 license costs and fees.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

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

10 § 2707.3. Law enforcement.

11 (a) Eligibility.--The commission or a county treasurer shall  
12 issue one annual resident fishing license at a cost of \$1 to any  
13 person eligible for the license under section 2701 (relating to  
14 resident fishing licenses) who provides documentation that they  
15 are employed as a corrections officer or law enforcement officer  
16 in this Commonwealth.

17 (b) Regulations.--The commission may promulgate regulations  
18 to implement this section.

19 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following

1 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
2 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

3 "Corrections officer." The term shall have the same meaning  
4 as defined in 61 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions).

5 "Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same  
6 meaning as "peace officer" under 18 Pa.C.S. § 501 (relating to  
7 definitions).

8 Section 2. Section 2706 of Title 34 is amended by adding a  
9 subsection to read:

10 § 2706. Resident license and fee exemptions.

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12 (i) Law enforcement hunting licenses.--

13 (1) Law enforcement hunting licenses shall be issued by  
14 the commission, county treasurer or issuing agent to any  
15 person otherwise eligible for a resident hunting license in  
16 this Commonwealth who provides documentation that they are  
17 employed in this Commonwealth as a corrections officer or a  
18 law enforcement officer.

19 (2) The commission may promulgate regulations to  
20 implement this subsection.

21 (3) As used in this subsection, the following words and  
22 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this  
23 paragraph unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 "Corrections officer." The term shall have the same  
25 meaning as defined in 61 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to  
26 definitions).

27 "Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same  
28 meaning as "peace officer" under 18 Pa.C.S. § 501 (relating  
29 to definitions).

30 Section 3. Section 2709(a)(2) of Title 34 is amended by

1 adding a subparagraph to read:

2 § 2709. License costs and fees.

3 (a) License costs.--Any person who qualifies under the  
4 provisions of this chapter shall be issued the applicable  
5 license upon payment of the following costs and the issuing  
6 agent's fee:

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8 (2) \* \* \*

9 (vii) Law enforcement hunting - \$1.

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11 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.