
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2511 Session of
2024

INTRODUCED BY BOROWICZ, GUENST, COOK, HAMM, SMITH, OTTEN, ROWE
AND ZIMMERMAN, JULY 30, 2024

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES, JULY 30, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in preliminary provisions relating to boats and
3 boating, further providing for registrations, licenses,
4 permits, plates and statistics.

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

7 Section 1. Section 5122 of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 5122. Registrations, licenses, permits, plates and
10 statistics.

11 (a) General rule.--~~[The]~~ Except as otherwise provided, the
12 commission may promulgate rules and regulations relating to:

13 (1) Permanent and temporary registration of boats.

14 (2) Special provisions applicable to livery operators,
15 outfitters, dealers, manufacturers and the owners or
16 operators of passenger-carrying boats.

17 (3) Display of numbers.

18 (4) Renewal of certificates of registration.

19 (5) Transfer of ownership of or interest in boats or the

1 abandonment or destruction of registered boats.

2 (6) Licensing of operators of passenger-carrying boats.

3 (7) Display of capacity plates by boats, the information
4 to be displayed thereon and the issuance of capacity plates.

5 (8) Issuance of permits for special marine events.

6 (9) Compilation and release of statistics on accidents
7 and registered boats.

8 (a.1) Restriction.--Notwithstanding any other provision of
9 law, the commission may not promulgate regulations or require a
10 permit or other launch or related registration of a boat not
11 equipped with a motor in any park, forest or waters of this
12 Commonwealth.

13 (b) Penalty.--Any person who violates a rule or regulation
14 promulgated under this section commits a summary offense of the
15 third degree except as follows:

16 (1) A person who operates a passenger-carrying boat
17 without a license commits a summary offense of the first
18 degree.

19 (2) A person who violates a regulation relating to
20 display of numbers on boats or display of capacity plates by
21 boats commits a summary offense of the fourth degree.

22 Section 2. All regulations and parts of regulations are
23 abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency with this act.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.