

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. House Bill 1409

PRINTER NO. 1577

AMOUNT

See Fiscal Impact

FUND

Fish Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

June 14, 2023

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Kulik

DESCRIPTION

House Bill 1409 amends Title 30 (Fish) by extending the sunset date with regard to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission’s (commission) power to set fees from July 15, 2025, to July 15, 2035.

Section 2715 of Title 30 is amended to change various license and permit fees from a set dollar amount to an amount prescribed by the commission under 58 Pa. Code § 63.57 and in accordance with Act 56 of 2020.

Act 56 of 2020 allows the commission to set certain fees for a five-year period, which is set to expire July 15, 2025. Act 56 requires the commission to give at least 30 days for the submission of written comments and to hold at least one public hearing on the proposed fee changes. Also, the legislature has the ability to disapprove any proposed fee changes by concurrent resolution.

The legislation is scheduled to take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT

House Bill 1409 will have no short-term fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. By extending the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission’s authority to set fishing license and permit fees for an additional ten years, the Fish Fund may realize further revenue increases or decreases beginning in Fiscal Year 2026-27 through Fiscal Year 2036-37.