No. 2014-24

AN ACT

HB 798

Amending Title 30 (Fish) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for organization of commission.

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

Section 1. Section 301(a) and (c) of Title 30 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 301. Organization of commission.

(a) Composition.—The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is continued as an independent administrative commission and shall consist of ten competent citizens of this Commonwealth who shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of a majority of the members elected to the Senate [for terms of eight years and until their successors are appointed and qualified].

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(c) Terms of office and compensation.-The members shall hold office for terms of [eight] four years [and] each and may continue to hold office for a period of time not to exceed six months or until a successor is appointed and qualified, whichever occurs first. [A member appointed to fill a vacancy for a period of four years or less may be eligible for appointment to a full eight-year term.] A member who serves [a full eight-year term or fills a vacancy for a period of more than four years] three consecutive terms shall not be eligible for reappointment to the commission. [until a period of eight years expires.] The members shall receive no compensation for their services but may be reimbursed for travel expenses. When performing any function on behalf of the commission or acting within the scope of their official duties, members of the commission shall be authorized to operate Commonwealth vehicles and watercraft and shall be treated as employees of the Commonwealth for the purposes of automotive and general liability and the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act.

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Section 2. The amendment of 30 Pa.C.S. § 301(a) and (c) shall apply to members of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission who are appointed on or after the effective date of this section.

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

APPROVED—The 19th day of March, A.D. 2014

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