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Bill No. A1526

Sponsor(s) Stewart

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ASSEMBLY, No. 1526

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 22, 1978

By Assemblyman STEWART

Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Environment

AN ACT concerning the management of the eel resource in Delaware bay and its tributaries in this State, establishing a commercial eel fishing license and providing fees therefor, and supplementing chapter 3 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. No person shall take more than 25 American eels (*anguilla*
2 *rostrata*) per day from the waters of Delaware bay and its tribu-
3 taries in this State without first having obtained a valid commercial
4 eel fishing license from the division. The fee for such license shall
5 be \$100.00 for residents of this State; for nonresidents, the fee
6 for such license shall be the same as the fee charged to New Jersey
7 residents by the state of residence of the license purchaser for
8 a comparable license, but shall not be less than \$100.00. Any
9 license issued pursuant to this section shall be void after December
10 31 next succeeding its issuance.

1 2. The Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries,
2 with the approval of the Commissioner of Environmental Protec-
3 tion, is hereby authorized to adopt, amend and repeal, pursuant
4 to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P. L. 1968, c. 410
5 (C. 52:14B-1 et seq.), such rules and regulations as are necessary
6 and proper in order to provide for the conservation, protection
7 and management of the eel resource in the waters of Delaware bay
8 and its tributaries in this State.

1 3. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this act or
2 of any rules or regulations promulgated pursuant hereto shall
3 be liable to a penalty of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00
4 for each offense, to be recovered pursuant to the provisions of
5 chapter 10 of Title 23 of the Revised Statutes.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would establish a commercial eel fishing license which would be required for the taking of more than 25 eels per day from the waters of Delaware bay and its tributaries within this State. The fee for such license would be \$100.00 for residents; for non-residents, the license fee would be the same amount that the non-resident's state would charge a New Jersey resident for a comparable license, but in no case less than \$100.00.

This bill would also authorize the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries, with the approval of the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, to adopt rules and regulations for the management of said eel resource.

A. 1526 (1979)

FISCAL NOTE TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 1526

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 27, 1978

Assembly Bill No. 1526 establishes a commercial eel fishing license which would be required for the taking of more than 25 eels per day from the waters of the Delaware bay and its tributaries.

The Department of Environmental Protection states that no hard data exists as to the number of resident eelers presently working in the Delaware bay. However, the department feels enactment of this legislation would increase revenues by about \$1,400.00 per year.

In compliance with written request received, there is hereby submitted a fiscal estimate for the above bill, pursuant to P. L. 1962, c. 27.

OCTOBER 15, 1979

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A-1365, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard Van Wagner (D-Monmouth) which supplements the current statutes fixing fees to be imposed upon the recording of deeds.

The bill requires that the amount of all outstanding prior mortgages or liens be included, along with the amount bid at a sheriff's sale, as consideration in computing the fee due upon the filing of the sheriff's deed.

It also requires that the person requesting the sale furnish the sheriff, under oath, with the names of all mortgagees or encumbrance holders and the amounts of the mortgages or encumbrances:

A-1526, sponsored by Assemblyman H. Donald Stewart (D-Salem) which requires that a commercial eel fishing license be obtained by anyone wishing to take more than 25 eels per day from the waters of the Delaware Bay and its tributaries within New Jersey.

The fee for the license, which will be issued by the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries, would be \$100 for New Jersey residents. The fee for out-of-State residents would be the same as the non-resident's state would charge a New Jersey resident, but in no case will it be less than \$100.

The bill also authorizes the Director of the Division to adopt rules and regulations for the management of the eel resources.

A-1670, sponsored by Assemblyman Walter J. Kozloski (D-Monmouth), which amends the current statutes concerning semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.

The amendments will:

— delete wild turkeys from the list of species which may be bred on the preserves. This makes the law compatible with goals of the Wild Turkey Restoration Project, currently being conducted by the Department of Environmental Protection, which is to return the wild turkey to New Jersey and produce a stronger strain of the species.

— move the release date for the pre-season liberation of game birds closer to the opening of the hunting season.