

AN ACT

To amend section two hundred and eighty-five of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and forty-eight), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," providing for refunding fishing license fees erroneously paid.

Fish.

Section 285 of act
of May 2, 1925
(P. L. 448),
amended.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section two hundred and eighty-five of the act, approved the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-five (Pamphlet Laws, four hundred and forty-eight), entitled "An act relating to fish; and amending, revising, consolidating, and changing the law relating to fish in the inland waters and the boundary lakes and boundary rivers of the Commonwealth," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Fish License
Fund.

Section 285. Fish License Fund Established.—All fees, fines, penalties, and other moneys paid, received, recovered, and collected (a) under the provisions of any law repealed and replaced by this act and now held in the State Treasury as a fund or any part of a fund separate and apart for the various purposes designated by law, or (b) that may be hereafter paid, recovered, received, and collected under the provisions of any act repealed and replaced by this act, or (c) that may be paid, received, recovered, and collected under the provisions of this act, shall be placed in a separate fund by the State Treasurer, to be known as "The Fish Fund," and an amount not in excess of four hundred thousand (\$400,000) dollars in any one fiscal year shall be used solely under the direction of the board for the following purposes:

(a) The payment of the salaries, wages, or other compensation of the Commissioner of Fisheries and such deputies, directors, superintendents, bureau or division chiefs, experts, scientists, engineers, surveyors, draftsmen, accountants, secretaries, auditors, inspectors, examiners, statisticians, clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers, messengers, fish wardens, laborers, and other assistants and employes as may be required for the work of the board;

(b) The payment of the traveling and other expenses of the members, officers, and employes of the Board of Fish Commissioners;

(c) The purchase through the Department of Property and Supplies as purchasing agency of such furniture, furnishings, stationery, supplies, materials, equipment, fuel, motor vehicles, and printing and binding as may be necessary in the conduct of the work of the board;

(d) The payment of postage, telegrams, telephone rentals, telephone toll charges, and rentals for patented leased office devices or machines;

(e) Rentals for any offices outside of the Capitol Buildings or any other grounds, buildings, or quarters necessary for the work of the board;

(f) The propagation, protection, and distribution of fish and the stocking of waters within this Commonwealth, as provided by law;

(g) Necessary repairs and improvements to fish hatcheries or other buildings, offices, or quarters used in the work of the board;

(h) Field work, gathering spawn and transferring fish;

(i) The purchase of necessary lands and water supplied to State fish hatcheries;

(j) The purchase and erection of buildings, ponds, and other extensions incidental to State fish hatcheries;

(k) The maintenance and operation of a boat on Lake Erie and the cruiser "Anna" at Torresdale on the Delaware River; [and]

(l) Any contingent, incidental, or other expenses of any kind or description reasonably necessary in carrying on the work of the board; and

(m) *For the refund to county treasurers of fishing license fees heretofore or hereafter erroneously paid into the Fish Fund.*

Refund of fees
erroneously paid.

Any moneys in said fund at any time in excess of the amount hereinbefore limited shall be used solely under the direction of the board, with the consent of the Governor, for the purchase of lands and waters and for the impounding of waters and to make the same available for use by the citizens of the Commonwealth for fishing, hunting, and forest purposes, and said lands and waters so purchased shall be under the supervision, direction, and control of the board.

All moneys in such separate fund from time to time are hereby specifically appropriated to the board and may be expended for the purposes hereinbefore enumerated. The Auditor General shall from time to time upon requisition of the commissioner, draw his warrant on the State Treasurer for the amount specified in such requisition, not exceeding, however, the amount in such fund at the time of making such requisition.

APPROVED—The 28th day of April, A. D. 1927.

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