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## AN ACT

Authorizing and directing the Pennsylvania Fish Commission to make a comprehensive study of the migratory habits of fish, particularly shad, and the stocking and tagging of shad below and above the Safe Harbor Dam, the Holtwood Dam and the Conowingo Dam, and to cooperate with the Federal government and the Joint State Government Commission in connection therewith; and prescribing powers and duties.

Preamble.

Whereas, prior to the construction of the Safe Harbor Dam, the Holtwood Dam and the Conowingo Dam on the lower Susquehanna River, shad fishing was an important industry in Pennsylvania; and,

Whereas, the shad fishing industry is now virtually extinct in Pennsylvania; and,

Whereas, the diversification of economic activity in Pennsylvania is of the utmost importance in connection with the stabilization of the Commonwealth's economy; and,

Whereas, the Congress of the United States has authorized a study of shad and has offered to cooperate with Pennsylvania and to share the cost of a joint effort in determining the factors relevant in the migration of shad in the Susquehanna and its tributaries.

Fish and Fishing.

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

Pennsylvania Fish Commission directed to make study of migratory habits of certain fish.

Section 1. The Pennsylvania Fish Commission, hereinafter termed "Commission," is hereby authorized and directed to make a comprehensive study of the migratory habits of fish, particularly shad, including the stocking and tagging of shad below and above the Safe Harbor Dam, the Holtwood Dam and the Conowingo Dam.

Cooperation with Federal government and Joint State Government Commission.

Section 2. The Commission is hereby authorized to invite and accept from the Federal government cooperation and financial aid in connection with the study authorized and directed in Section 1; and to cooperate with the Joint State Government Commission in connection therewith.

Commission to report to General Assembly.

Section 3. The Commission is directed to report the results of the study hereby authorized and directed to the next regular session of the General Assembly.

Act effective immediately.

Section 4. Effective Date.—This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

APPROVED—The 16th day of May, A. D. 1951.

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