

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
Testimony to the Pennsylvania Senate
Communications and Technology Committee
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Good morning Chairmen Folmer and Wozniak, members of the Pennsylvania Senate – Communications and Technology Committee and staff. My name is Gary Moore, and I am the Legislative Liaison for the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Thank you for inviting the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to provide testimony about Senate Bills 964 and 1147. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission supports both bills.

SB 964, as you know, was intended to make certain sections of Act 160 of 2006, also known as the Social Security Number Privacy Act, go into effect sooner. This would give anglers the opportunity to purchase a fishing license with an alternative identifier –instead of the required Social Security Number –at an earlier date. The Commission is appreciative of the legislative efforts to make the alternative identifier available to anglers prior to April 18, 2010. However, this piece of legislation may not be necessary because it is unlikely that passage will occur in both the Senate and the House of Representatives before that date.

The Commission also appreciates the introduction of SB 1147 that will allow the Commission to electronically collect an angler's driver's license number or nondriver identification card number in lieu of a Social Security Number when the Commission issues fishing licenses through its point-of-sale system. Under the amendment, anyone who electronically provides an alternative identifier also gives consent to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to release their Social Security Number to a Commonwealth agency or municipality for the limited purpose of complying with 23 Pa. C.S. Section 4304.1(a)(2). Although it is proposed that SB 1147 will go into effect in 60 days, the Commission requests that consideration be given to making SB 1147 take effect immediately so that the Commission may take advantage of its provisions as soon as possible.

This concludes my testimony and I would welcome any questions.

Thank you.