

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 93]

Boat Registration and Numbering; Issuing Agents

[56 Pa.B. 3515]

[Saturday, June 13, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend § 93.13 (relating to issuing agents). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code). This amendment proposes to bring the terms of § 93.13 into alignment with those of § 51.35 (relating to operation of the issuing agency) and provide flexibility for a more efficient onboarding process for temporary boat registration issuing agents.

A. *Effective Date*

This proposed rulemaking, if approved on final-form rulemaking, will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. *Contact Person*

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at pa.gov/agencies/fishandboat.

C. *Statutory Authority*

The proposed amendment to § 93.13 is published under 30 Pa.C.S. § 5304 (relating to issuing agents).

D. *Purpose and Background*

The commission may designate issuing agents for the issuance of temporary boat registrations to the public. Under § 93.13, an applicant interested in becoming an issuing agent for temporary boat registration must submit an application, a one-time fee and a bond in favor of the commission.

Fishing license agents, as authorized by § 51.35, may submit a bond "or other security in a form satisfactory to the Commission," typically a letter of credit from a bank, which may be more efficient and less expensive to secure than a bond. Section 93.13 requires a bond only and does not permit other forms of security. This rulemaking proposes to bring § 93.13 into alignment with § 51.35 and provide flexibility for a more efficient onboarding process for temporary boat registration issuing agents.

E. *Summary of Proposal*

This rulemaking proposes to bring § 93.13 into alignment with § 51.35 and provide flexibility for a more efficient onboarding process for temporary boat registration issuing agents. The

commission proposes that § 93.13 be amended to read as set forth in Annex A.

F. Paperwork

This proposed rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact

This proposed rulemaking will have no adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

H. Public Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about this proposed rulemaking to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Comments also may be submitted electronically to ra-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
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Fiscal Note: 48A-374. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart C. BOATING

CHAPTER 93. BOAT REGISTRATION AND NUMBERING

Subchapter A. REGISTRATION OF BOATS

§ 93.13. Issuing agents.

(a) Designation.

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(2) An applicant seeking to become an issuing agent for temporary boat registrations shall complete and submit to the Commission an application on the form prescribed by the Commission and shall pay a one-time, nonrefundable fee of \$250. Applications shall be accompanied by a bond in favor of the Commission, or other security in a form satisfactory to the Commission, in a minimum amount specified by the Executive Director or a designee.

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