



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 577 Printer's No. 646

Prime Sponsor: Senators Leach and Alloway
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) to prohibit the possession or sale of shark fins.

SUMMARY:

This bill prohibits the possession, sale, or distribution of a shark fin. "Shark fin" is defined as the "raw, dried or otherwise processed detached fin or the raw, dried or otherwise processed detached tail of a member of the superorder selachimorpha." The term does not include any drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The bill includes exceptions for sharks landed under a license from another state, possessed for taxidermy, and shark fins possessed by restaurants before one year has elapsed after the effective date of the bill.

Violation of this prohibition will be graded as a summary offense.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill is effective in sixty days.

BILL HISTORY:

None.

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