
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1917 Session of
1987

INTRODUCED BY BUNT AND CARLSON, OCTOBER 28, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 28, 1987

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "My Love for Pennsylvania,"
2 lyrics and music by Elfriede Elisabeth Ruppert, as the State
3 song of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

6 Section 1. Official State song.

7 The song "My Love for Pennsylvania," lyrics and music by
8 Elfriede Elisabeth Ruppert, is hereby adopted as the State song
9 of Pennsylvania and shall be the official song for all public
10 purposes. The lyrics of the song are as follows:

11 "My Love for Pennsylvania"

12 Verse 1

13 From the hills of Pennsylvania
14 Echoes ring to reach my heart;
15 It's the sound of Pennsylvania
16 Where my country's birth took part.
17 As I listen I remember
18 Philadelphia and its bell;

1 Declaration, independence,
2 How I know those words so well.

3 Verse 2

4 In the hills of Pennsylvania
5 Stands the hemlock tall and straight;
6 With the Mountain Laurel flower
7 and the Grouse, the bird of State.
8 There is splendor in the valleys,
9 Fields abundant, rich in soil,
10 Winds are shouting priceless freedom,
11 Quakers, Amish peaceful toil.

12 Verse 3

13 From the hills of Pennsylvania
14 Echoes ringing on and on;
15 Telling ev'ry living creature
16 What it took to get it done.
17 'Twas the fight for independence
18 When the states joined one by one
19 To create a mighty nation
20 On this globe for everyone.

21 Verse 4

22 We salute you, Pennsylvania
23 Where great history was made;
24 We salute with pride your beauty
25 and the flag of our State.
26 We salute and hail our nation
27 All the freedoms we have won;
28 We salute the star-striped banner
29 For our land is number one,
30 This our land is number one!

1 Section 2. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.