

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 477 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY CORRIGAN, BEBKO-JONES, CAWLEY, COSTA, DeWEESE,
FORCIER, GEIST, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HERMAN, PISTELLA, READSHAW,
SOLOBAY AND THOMAS, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting December 31, "First Night," as the State
2 celebration of New Year's Eve.

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

5 Section 1. Finding of facts.

6 The General Assembly finds that:

7 (1) "First Night" is a community celebration of New
8 Year's Eve which began in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1976.

9 (2) "First Night" celebrations unite communities by
10 creating a shared cultural experience with interactive and
11 artistic events.

12 (3) "First Night" offers to families and individuals of
13 all ages a fulfilling and safe celebration of the New Year.

14 (4) "First Night" celebrations revitalize the urban
15 environment of older cities and attract tourism to new
16 locations.

17 (5) Over 200 cities in the United States host "First

Night" celebrations, including at least 17 in this
Commonwealth.

(6) Communities ranging from small towns to large urban
areas successfully bring their residents together with "First
Night" celebrations.

Section 2. Official State celebration.

December 31, "First Night," is hereby declared and adopted as
the State's celebration of New Year's Eve.

Section 3. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.