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 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
 

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# HOUSE BILL

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FARINA, COX, SCHLEGEL CULVER AND SIMS, AUGUST 10, 2015

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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, MAY 11, 2016

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## AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 30, 1987 (P.L.375, No.75), entitled,  
2 "An act providing for the designation of certain trees and  
3 land on the grounds of the State Capitol in Harrisburg as  
4 "Soldiers' Grove" in honor of war veterans; imposing duties  
5 upon the Department of General Services; and making an  
6 appropriation," further providing for duties of Department of  
7 General Services AND FOR APPROPRIATION; and providing for <--  
8 preservation of "Soldiers' Grove" and for construction.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 2(b) of the act of October 30, 1987  
12 (P.L.375, No.75), entitled "An act providing for the designation  
13 of certain trees and land on the grounds of the State Capitol in  
14 Harrisburg as "Soldiers' Grove" in honor of war veterans;  
15 imposing duties upon the Department of General Services; and  
16 making an appropriation," is amended and the section is amended  
17 by adding subsections to read:

18 Section 2. Duties of Department of General Services.

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1 (b) Plaques.--

2 (1) The department shall arrange for the fabrication of  
3 [nine] appropriate bronze plaques in honor of veterans of the  
4 following:

5 (i) The American Revolutionary War.

6 (ii) The War of 1812.

7 (iii) The Mexican-American War.

8 (iv) The American Civil War.

9 (v) The Spanish-American War.

10 (vi) World War I.

11 (vii) World War II.

12 (viii) The Korean War.

13 (ix) The Vietnam Conflict.

14 (x) Any war or armed conflict officially engaged in  
15 by the United States commencing after the Vietnam  
16 Conflict.

17 (2) The department shall also arrange for the  
18 fabrication of an appropriate bronze plaque to honor the  
19 unknown veterans of the wars and conflicts enumerated in  
20 paragraph (1).

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22 (d) Medal of Honor Memorial.--The Department of General  
23 Services shall arrange for the placement of permanent low-lying  
24 decorative chain barriers within the Medal of Honor Memorial  
25 Gardens at the end of each concrete arc representing the Tides  
26 of War.

27 (e) Signage.--The Department of General Services shall  
28 arrange to have signs placed conspicuously around "Soldiers'  
29 Grove" reminding people to respect the hallowed grounds of the  
30 Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens. The signs should read as

1 follows:

2 At All Times, Please Remember This Memorial Is Hallowed  
3 Ground.

4 SECTION 1.1. SECTION 4 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED TO READ: <--

5 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.

6 (A) DEPARTMENT.--THE SUM OF \$25,000, OR AS MUCH THEREOF AS  
7 MAY BE NECESSARY, IS HEREBY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
8 GENERAL SERVICES TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT.

9 (B) FUNDING.--AN IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS ACT MAY BE  
10 UNDERTAKEN ONLY IF ADEQUATE FUNDING IS AVAILABLE.

11 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

12 Section 4.1. Preservation of "Soldiers' Grove."

13 The Department of General Services shall arrange for the  
14 appropriate preservation of "Soldiers' Grove" as provided for in  
15 the report issued pursuant to House Resolution 331 adopted June  
16 21, 2011. Specifically, the Department of General Services shall  
17 utilize the third recommendation contained on page 18 of the  
18 report relating to the concept of erecting "Pillars of Time."

19 Section 4.2. Construction.

20 Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the authority  
21 of the Department of General Services to comply with the  
22 provisions of this act while conforming to the original design  
23 of the Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens to the greatest extent  
24 possible.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.