

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL
No. 1893 Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY SELTZER, MOEHLMANN AND MANMILLER, OCTOBER 21, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 30, 1975

AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Department of General Services, with the
2 approval of the Governor and the Department of Military
3 Affairs, to transfer a portion of the Edward Martin Military
4 Reservation to the United States of America.

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

7 Section 1. In recognition of the dedication and valor of
8 those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States and
9 cognizant of the immediate need to provide a final resting place
10 for those brave and loyal citizens, the Commonwealth of
11 Pennsylvania hereby authorizes the Department of General
12 Services, with the approval of the Governor and the Department
13 of Military Affairs, to convey without charge to the United
14 States of America title to a certain tract of land, situate in
15 the County of Lebanon of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and
16 part of the Edward Martin Military Reservation, also known as
17 the Fort Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, bounded and
18 described as follows:

1 Section 2. The deed of conveyance shall limit the use of the
2 land to National Shrine and Cemetery purposes only. The deed
3 shall be approved by the Department of Justice and shall be
4 executed by the Secretary of General Services in the name of the
5 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

6 Section 3. Exclusive jurisdiction in and over the aforesaid
7 lands, when acquired by the United States is hereby ceded to the
8 United States by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, provided that
9 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall retain concurrent
10 jurisdiction with the United States in and over the lands and
11 buildings aforesaid, in so far that civil processes as may issue
12 under the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against
13 anyone charged with crime committed outside said land, may be
14 executed thereon in the same manner as if jurisdiction had not
15 been ceded.

16 Section 4. The jurisdiction ceded to the United States shall
17 be upon the further condition that the Commonwealth reserves to
18 itself and its political subdivisions whatever power of taxation
19 it may constitutionally reserve, to levy and collect all taxes
20 now or hereafter imposed by the Commonwealth and its political
21 subdivisions upon property and persons within the boundaries so
22 ceded.

23 Section 5. The conveyance shall be made on the further
24 condition and the United States shall expressly affirm by
25 resolution of the agency accepting the conveyance, that if, as
26 and when the premises or part thereof are no longer used for
27 National Shrine and Cemetery purposes, the title and right of
28 possession to the premises or the part not used for those
29 purposes shall immediately revert to and revest in the
30 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and its assigns, and further that

1 the United States if, as and when the property above described
2 is no longer used for such purposes, it shall surrender and
3 vacate the premises immediately notifying the Department of
4 General Services of its action, and execute and acknowledge a
5 good and proper deed conveying the premises to the Commonwealth
6 of Pennsylvania, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances,
7 as well as recording the same, all at the cost of the United
8 States.

9 Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.