

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2010** Session of  
1979

INTRODUCED BY TRELLO, NOVEMBER 28, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 28, 1979

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "I'll Take Pennsylvania," music  
2 by Lillian E. Rich and lyrics by Walter H. Morgan.

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

5 Section 1. The song "I'll Take Pennsylvania," music by  
6 Lillian E. Rich and lyrics by Walter H. Morgan is hereby adopted  
7 as the State song of Pennsylvania and shall be the official song  
8 for all purposes. The words of the song are:

9 VERSE I

10 You may have your coral strands  
11 Waving palms in foreign lands  
12 Surging surfs on sparkling sands  
13 I'll take Pennsylvania.

14 VERSE II

15 Balmy breezes kissed by dew  
16 Apple blossoms and cherry too  
17 In other lands there's nothing new

1 I'll take Pennsylvania.

2 VERSE III

3 Yes the sun may ever shine

4 In some far-away distant clime

5 And the song birds ever chime

6 I'll take Pennsylvania.

7 VERSE IV

8 If you wander far and wide

9 Hoping there to abide

10 Coming whatever may betide

11 I'll take Pennsylvania.

12 VERSE V

13 Rock bound coast or dixie dew

14 Either may be good for you

15 As for me this place will do

16 I'll take Pennsylvania.

17 VERSE VI

18 Up and down you gaily swirl

19 Watching wonders new unfurl

20 There's only one place in this world

21 I'll take Pennsylvania.

22 VERSE VII

23 And when I leave the open road

24 All my wild oats have been sowed

25 Please plant me where I always grewed

26 In good old Pennsylvania.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.