

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 2497 Session of  
1984

INTRODUCED BY D. R. WRIGHT, SEPTEMBER 26, 1984

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 26, 1984

AN ACT

1 Adopting the song "Hymn to Pennsylvania," lyrics and music by  
2 Jim Shoup, as the State song of the Commonwealth of  
3 Pennsylvania.

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

6 Section 1. The song "Hymn to Pennsylvania," lyrics and words  
7 by Jim Shoup, is hereby adopted as the State song of  
8 Pennsylvania and shall be the official song for all public  
9 purposes. The words of the song are as follows:

10 "HYMN TO PENNSYLVANIA"

11 Verse one:

12 There's a place I'm dreaming of

13 It's a land I dearly love

14 It's as close to heav'n on earth as you will find

15 Where the sylvan beauty lies

16 Underneath its azure skies

17 PENNSYLVANIA is a "peace" of mind.

18 For its mountain greenery



1 I get homesick when I'm far away from you;  
2 When I'm trav'ling it's a fact  
3 I can't wait till I get back  
4 To PENNSYLVANIA where my heart is true.  
5 PENNSYLVANIA I'm in love with you!  
6 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.