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 2 3	Adopting the song "Hymn to Pennsylvania," lyrics and music by Jim Shoup, as the State song of the Commonwealth of 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 And its rippling bubbling streams 2 And the lakes that nature carved throughout the land 3 For its rivers flowing wide 4 through the graceful countryside 5 PENNSYLVANIA is a State that's grand. PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 6 7 It's the greatest of the forty-eight plus two; If you're looking for the best 8 Then forget about the rest 9 10 PENNSYLVANIA is the State for you! 11 Verse two: You can roam the hills and dales 12 13 And the wildlife mountain trails 14 You can travel on its highways long and broad; You can sit beside a stream 15 16 And enjoy a quiet dream 17 Or contemplate these gifts that came from God. 18 For it must have been His hand That could fashion such a land 19 20 And then emplace it here on earth for you and me; 21 I don't know another place 22 Where I'd rather show my face, PENNSYLVANIA is the place to be. 23 24 PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 25 PENNSYLVANIA is the Keystone tried and true! 26 If you're looking for the best 27 Then forget about the rest 28 PENNSYLVANIA is the State for you! 29 Reprise: PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA, 30

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- 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.