

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 536

Session of
1985

INTRODUCED BY PHILLIPS, FEBRUARY 27, 1985

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 27, 1985

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "Pennsylvania," lyrics and music
2 by J. W. Yoder, 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. Official State song.

7 The song "Pennsylvania," lyrics and music by J. W. Yoder, is
8 hereby adopted as the State song of Pennsylvania and shall be
9 the official song for all public purposes. The lyrics of the
10 song are as follows:

11 PENNSYLVANIA

12 Verse 1:

13 Pennsylvania forever, Wonderful Keystone State;
14 Beautiful, rugged glorious, Fashioned sublime and great,
15 Verdure-clad hills and mountains,
16 Rich with abundant store;
17 Tower in grandeur silent, Battlements evermore.

18 Chorus:

1 Pennsylvania, native land, Pennsylvania dear and grand;
2 Endless praise we give to thee, Service, valor
3 and loyalty;
4 Hail all hail to the flag and Pennsylvania.

5 Verse 2:

6 Freedom kneels at thy altars, Peace is thy cornerstone;
7 Liberty guards thy ramparts, Learning and
8 culture thy throne.

9 Valley Forge bled for the nation, Gettysburg
10 rescued the slave;
11 Brotherly love the slogan, Rousing the strong and brave.

12 Verse 3:

13 Valleys, meadows and hillsides,
14 Waving with ripening grain;
15 Feed all the happy millions, Toiling with hand or
16 with brain.

17 Factories, mills and railroads, Daily their anthem raise;
18 Crowning our land with plenty, Filling our hearts
19 with praise.

20 Verse 4:

21 Thou who rulest the nations, Author of liberty;
22 Keep up in sacred nearness, Honor and unity;
23 Fill thou our store with abundance, Guard us from
24 famine and foe;
25 Wisdom and mercy and justice, On all our rulers bestow.

26 Section 2. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in 60 days.