

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL  
No. 1917 Session of  
1987

INTRODUCED BY BUNT AND CARLSON, OCTOBER 28, 1987

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 28, 1987

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "My Love for Pennsylvania,"  
2 lyrics and music by Elfriede Elisabeth Ruppert, as the State  
3 song of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

6 Section 1. Official State song.

7 The song "My Love for Pennsylvania," lyrics and music by  
8 Elfriede Elisabeth Ruppert, is hereby adopted as the State song  
9 of Pennsylvania and shall be the official song for all public  
10 purposes. The lyrics of the song are as follows:

11 "My Love for Pennsylvania"

12 Verse 1

13 From the hills of Pennsylvania  
14 Echoes ring to reach my heart;  
15 It's the sound of Pennsylvania  
16 Where my country's birth took part.  
17 As I listen I remember  
18 Philadelphia and its bell;

1 Declaration, independence,  
2 How I know those words so well.

3 Verse 2

4 In the hills of Pennsylvania  
5 Stands the hemlock tall and straight;  
6 With the Mountain Laurel flower  
7 and the Grouse, the bird of State.  
8 There is splendor in the valleys,  
9 Fields abundant, rich in soil,  
10 Winds are shouting priceless freedom,  
11 Quakers, Amish peaceful toil.

12 Verse 3

13 From the hills of Pennsylvania  
14 Echoes ringing on and on;  
15 Telling ev'ry living creature  
16 What it took to get it done.  
17 'Twas the fight for independence  
18 When the states joined one by one  
19 To create a mighty nation  
20 On this globe for everyone.

21 Verse 4

22 We salute you, Pennsylvania  
23 Where great history was made;  
24 We salute with pride your beauty  
25 and the flag of our State.  
26 We salute and hail our nation  
27 All the freedoms we have won;  
28 We salute the star-striped banner  
29 For our land is number one,  
30 This our land is number one!

1 Section 2. Effective date.

2 This act shall take effect in 60 days.