

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 28, 2016

AN ACT

1 Providing for the preservation and maintenance of the  
2 Pennsylvania State area portion of the Medal of Honor Grove  
3 in Schuylkill Township, Chester County.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Medal of  
8 Honor Grove Act.

9 Section 2. Findings.

10 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) The 52-acre Freedom Foundation's Medal of Honor  
12 Grove in Schuylkill Township, Chester County, is the nation's  
13 oldest memorial site dedicated to Medal of Honor recipients.  
14 The site was dedicated October 1, 1964, through the work of  
15 President Dwight D. Eisenhower and General Omar Bradley,  
16 among others. It honors our nation's Medal of Honor  
17 recipients.

18 (2) The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest military

1 honor. Since its inception in 1862, it has been bestowed upon  
2 346 Pennsylvanians and 3,448 individuals who attained  
3 distinction through "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at  
4 the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while  
5 engaged in the action against an enemy of the United States."

6 (3) The 52-acre grove is divided into one-acre plots  
7 dedicated to each state in addition to the District of  
8 Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

9 (4) It is essential that the Commonwealth recognize and  
10 preserve the Pennsylvania State area of the Medal of Honor  
11 Grove and the individuals it represents so that their heroism  
12 and service are never forgotten.

13 Section 3. Duties of the Department of General Services.

14 The Department of General Services shall provide for the  
15 maintenance of the Pennsylvania State area portion of the Medal  
16 of Honor Grove in Schuylkill Township, Chester County.

17 Section 4. Contract for services.

18 The Department of General Services may contract with an  
19 organization that maintains any portion of the grounds of the  
20 Medal of Honor Grove to provide the following services for the  
21 Pennsylvania State area portion of the Medal of Honor Grove:

22 (1) Arranging for the fabrication and installation of  
23 new ground plaques.

24 (2) Engraving new Medal of Honor recipient names on the  
25 State obelisk.

26 (3) Restoring or replacing any American, Commonwealth or  
27 military flags.

28 (4) Maintaining the landscape, trees, ground plaques,  
29 State obelisk and flag poles.

30 Section 5. Effective date.

1       This act shall take effect in 60 days.