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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 510

Session of  
1975

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INTRODUCED BY KISTLER, COLE, VANN, STAHL, E. H. SMITH AND IRVIS,  
FEBRUARY 19, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 19, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies to acquire,  
2 on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum  
3 Commission, a tract of land in the Borough of Gettysburg,  
4 Adams County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and making  
5 appropriations.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies is hereby  
9 authorized to acquire, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Historical  
10 and Museum Commission, the following tract of land with building  
11 and improvements thereon erected and known as the Dobbin House,  
12 situate in the Borough of Gettysburg, Adams County, founded and  
13 described as follows:

14 Tract No. 1

15 Beginning at a front on Steinwehr Avenue; thence along land  
16 now or formerly of W. C. Lott, 170 feet 4 inches to a public  
17 alley 12 feet in width; thence along said alley 82 feet 4 inches  
18 to lands now or formerly of Joseph Redding; thence along said  
19 lands now or formerly of Joseph Redding 160 feet to Steinwehr

1 Avenue; thence along said Avenue 53 feet 7 inches to the place  
2 of beginning.

3 Being the same tract of land which Gettysburg Battlefield  
4 Diorama, Inc., by deed dated April 21, 1967 and recorded in the  
5 Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Adams County,  
6 Pennsylvania, in Deed Book Vol. 261, Page 653, granted and  
7 conveyed unto Diorama of Gettysburg, Inc., grantor herein.

8 Tract No. 2

9 Beginning at a post on sidewalk at lot now or formerly of  
10 Harry L. Small and Bertha C. Small; thence by same south 84-1/4  
11 degrees east 55.2 feet to a post at a 12 foot public alley;  
12 thence by said alley south 36-3/4 degrees west, 96.6 feet to a  
13 spike; thence north 85-1/4 degrees west 4 feet to a spike at  
14 sidewalk; thence by said sidewalk north 4-3/4 degrees east, 83  
15 feet to a post, the place of beginning.

16 Being the same property which Gettysburg Battlefield Diorama,  
17 Inc., by deed dated April 21, 1967, and recorded in the Office  
18 of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Adams County, Pennsylvania,  
19 in Deed Book Vol.261, page 653, granted and conveyed unto  
20 Diorama of Gettysburg, Inc., grantor herein.

21 Section 2. The land shall not be acquired until its title  
22 has been approved by the Department of Justice.

23 Section 3. Upon acceptance of the title the Pennsylvania  
24 Historical and Museum Commission shall be given full control,  
25 management and supervision thereof, shall restore and preserve  
26 the historic Dobbin House and its grounds, and shall have the  
27 power to adopt and carry into effect plans for the improvement  
28 and maintenance thereof and to make and enforce rules and  
29 regulations for the preservation of the property and the  
30 visitation thereof by the public.

1       Section 4.   (a) The sum of \$125,000 or as much thereof as may  
2 be necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Department of  
3 Property and Supplies for the payment of the purchase price and  
4 incidental expenses, including the completion of an abstract of  
5 title.

6       (b) The sum of \$250,000 or as much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated to the Pennsylvania Historical  
8 and Museum Commission for the restoration, improvement and  
9 maintenance of the Dobbin House and its grounds.

10      Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.