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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 739

Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY HASKELL, (BY REQUEST) MARCH 18, 1975

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 18, 1975

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AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "Pennsy-Pennsylvania," by M. S.  
2 Russell and Freda Russell as the State song of the  
3 Commonwealth.

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

6 Section 1. The song "Pennsy-Pennsylvania," by M. S. Russell  
7 and Freda Russell, 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 Verse I

11 Pennsy, Pennsylvania, the good old Keystone state,  
12 Land of hills and valleys, mountains, fields and lakes,  
13 Rivers and creeks flow rippling o'er rocks and spills,  
14 Fish swim and play so gracely in the spray and fills,  
15 Streams wind from the highlands, fed by ev'ry spring,  
16 The climate's rated healthy, and wondrous nature sings,  
17 Pennsy, Pennsylvania, the good old Keystone state,  
18 Pennsy, Pennsylvania, the good old Keystone state.

19 Verse II

1     Pennsy, Pennsylvania, God hath made thee great,  
2     Scenry, oh, so splendid, first class of the states,  
3     Trees by teeming millions waving in the breeze,  
4     Darkness, cloud and sunshine the wind talks to the trees,  
5     Among the hills and valleys, over mountain springs,  
6     are birds and beasts and flowers, echoes join to sing,  
7     Pennsy, Pennsylvania, the grand old Keystone state,  
8     Pennsy, Pennsylvania, the grand old Keystone state.

9     Verse III

10    Pennsy, Pennsylvania, God hath blessed thee so,  
11    Lands so rich and fertile, where herds graze and grow,  
12    Treasured crops by nature are kissed by hands of toil,  
13    Fields are in abundance with fruits borne of the soil,  
14    Rain and dew and sunshine, joining hand in hand,  
15    Oh, how nature's wonders display God's love so grand,  
16    Pennsy, Pennsylvania, the dear old Keystone state,  
17    Pennsy, Pennsylvania, the dear old Keystone state.

18    Verse IV

19    Pennsy, Pennsylvania, oh providential state,  
20    Historic'ly you're rated from Philadelphia great,  
21    William Penn's thy founder, our fathers counceled there,  
22    At Independence Hall when freedom's cause was done,  
23    Born a God-sent nation, justly right and bold,  
24    Pledged for God and freedom, America's stronghold,  
25    Pennsy, Pennsylvania, oh providential state,  
26    Pennsy, Pennsylvania, oh providential state,

27    Verse V

28    Pennsy, Pennsylvania, God's grace upon thee crown,  
29    Honor to our fathers, humbly we bow down,  
30    Let all the nightly commerce on water, land and air,

1       Join industry and labor, leave pleasure and all care,  
2       And pray the God of mercy for wisdom, grace and light,  
3       May all our states united, keep their statehood right,  
4       Pennsy, Pennsylvania, Keystone of all the states,  
5       Pennsy, Pennsylvania, Keystone of all the states.  
6       Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.