
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1467 Session of
1975

INTRODUCED BY GEORGE, LETTERMAN, MISCEVICH, BRUNNER, GIAMMARCO,
USTYNOSKI, VALICENTI AND PETRARCA, JUNE 12, 1975

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 16, 1975

AN ACT

1 Relating to maintenance of certain cemeteries by municipalities
2 and townships; and imposing duties on the Department of
3 Community Affairs and other State agencies.

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

6 Section 1. Every municipality and township, on the initiative
7 of its governing body, or a petition of 10% of the registered
8 electors thereof, shall request manpower and from the Department
9 of Community Affairs under its community action assistance
10 program or shall request financial or other aid under any other
11 State or Federal program available for maintenance and upkeep of
12 any cemetery within its boundaries not privately kept up or
13 which it has a duty to maintain. Such maintenance shall be
14 completed at least annually by Memorial (or Decoration) Day.

15 Section 2. It is the intent of this act to provide machinery
16 for upkeep Statewide of all municipal and public cemeteries not
17 kept up by perpetual care contributions. Upon requesting
18 available aid under State or Federal programs, and providing

1 tools and supervision of the annual maintenance of cemeteries,
2 the duty of a given municipality is fulfilled. It is not the
3 intent of this act to require additional financial burdens of
4 municipalities and townships to achieve the purposes of this
5 act.

6 Section 3. This act shall not apply to municipalities or
7 townships whose cemeteries are otherwise maintained unless such
8 municipality or township elects to come under its provisions or
9 unless the citizens' petitioning can show the municipality or
10 township is failing to maintain its cemetery contrary to its
11 allegations. This act shall not apply to cemeteries maintained
12 under private perpetual care arrangements.

13 Section 4. The Department of Community Affairs shall to the
14 extent of its resources cooperate with municipalities and
15 townships and furnish manpower aid, or funds under its community
16 action or other programs for the effectuation of this act. Every
17 other State department shall so cooperate and furnish available
18 aid with requesting municipalities and townships.

19 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.