

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 2242** Session of  
1980

INTRODUCED BY LEHR AND ANDERSON, FEBRUARY 7, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 7, 1980

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "Song of Pennsylvania," by  
2 Norman C. Schlichter and Urban Hershey, as the State song of  
3 the Commonwealth.

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

6 Section 1. The song "Song of Pennsylvania" by Norman C.  
7 Schlichter and Urban Hershey is hereby adopted as the State song  
8 of Pennsylvania and shall be the official song for all public  
9 purposes. The words of the song are as follows:

10 Verse No. 1

11 Pennsylvania, strong and fine,  
12 Pennsylvania State of mine,  
13 Proud we breathe thy peaceful air,  
14 Proud we see thy mountains fair.  
15 For the wonder of our eyes  
16 Green and high their grandeurs rise;  
17 For the quiet of the soul  
18 Valleys beautiful unroll.

1           Refrain  
2           Pennsylvania, fair and free;  
3           In thy beauty God we see!  
4           Ne'er His goodness will we doubt,  
5           Ne'er His goodness will we doubt  
6           Pennsylvania! Pennsylvania!  
7           Sing it out!  
8           Sing it out!

9           Verse No. 2

10          Rivers sing us music rare--  
11          Susquehanna, Delaware,  
12          Juniata, Brandywine--  
13          Silver in the sun they shine.  
14          Pennsylvania! Now our own!  
15          Founder brave, forever known,  
16          William Penn, we sing of thee,  
17          Preacher of sweet charity.

18          Verse No. 3

19          Pennsylvania, on thine air,  
20          With the fervency of prayer,  
21          Rang the Bell of Liberty;  
22          "Independence! We are free!"  
23          Valley Forge, where winter chill  
24          Tested faith and patriot will,  
25          Blood of martyrs keeps thy name  
26          Constant on the lips of fame.

27          Verse No. 4

28          Gettysburg, where Lincoln said  
29          Truth immortal as thy dead  
30          Sacrificed in Freedom's cause,

1           At thy sacred name we pause.  
2           Pennsylvania, by the past  
3           We shall hold thine honor fast.  
4           All thy greatness men have wrought  
5           By sure purpose and high thought.  
6    Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.