

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1042 Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY MANBECK, O'CONNELL, HELFRICK, KELLEY AND CORMAN,
SEPTEMBER 11, 1981

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 11, 1981

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting Penngift Crownvetch (Coronilla Varia L.
2 Penngift) as the State Beautification and Conservation Plant
3 of Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch has provided Pennsylvania with
5 world-wide recognition as the "Crownvetch Capitol"; and

6 WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch was first discovered in
7 Pennsylvania by Dr. Fred V. Grau in June 1935, extensively
8 researched by the staff of the Pennsylvania State University and
9 was named Penngift; Penn for Pennsylvania and Gift for the
10 farmer on whose farm the legume was discovered; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has
12 successfully utilized this plant along the roadsides of every
13 Interstate Highway throughout Pennsylvania since 1958 and
14 receives hundreds of congratulatory letters from the motoring
15 public on the roadside beauty created by Crownvetch; and

16 WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch has successfully stabilized and
17 prevented erosion on over fifty thousand acres of erodible soils
18 and is recognized by conservationists as a major plant species

1 in the reestablishment of vegetation on subsoils; and

2 WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch is well recognized for its
3 agronomic value as a livestock feed and use as a ground cover
4 for erosion control, nitrogen feeding and soil insulation in no-
5 till corn production.

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

8 Section 1. Penngift Crownvetch (*Coronilla varia* L. Penngift)
9 is hereby selected, designated and adopted as the official State
10 Beautification and Conservation Plant of the Commonwealth of
11 Pennsylvania.

12 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.