

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

# HOUSE BILL

## No. 1821

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GRUPPO, LAUGHLIN, RICHARDSON AND TELEK, JUNE 30, 1989

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
JANUARY 30, 1990

## AN ACT

1 Requiring ~~counties~~ THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM <—  
2 COMMISSION to cause the graves of former Governors of  
3 Pennsylvania to be decorated with flags on Memorial Day.

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

6 Section 1. Duty of ~~county commissioners~~ PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL <—  
7 AND MUSEUM COMMISSION.

8 It shall be the duty of the ~~county commissioners of each~~ <—  
9 ~~county~~ PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION to provide <—  
10 flags TO LOCAL HISTORICAL SOCIETIES on each Memorial Day with <—  
11 which to decorate the graves of former Governors of Pennsylvania  
12 buried within ~~the county~~ THIS COMMONWEALTH. <—

13 Section 2. Flags.

14 The flags to be used for such purposes shall be the official  
15 flag of the Commonwealth with an inscription either on the flag  
16 or on an attached banner, as prescribed by the Secretary of the  
17 Commonwealth bearing the words "Former Governor of

1 Pennsylvania." The flags and banners shall be of one standard  
2 size, as prescribed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and  
3 shall be purchased at the expense of the ~~county from moneys in~~ <—  
4 ~~the county treasury. The moneys expended by any county under~~  
5 ~~this act shall be in addition to moneys appropriated by counties~~  
6 ~~for Memorial Day purposes.~~ PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM <—  
7 COMMISSION.

8 Section 3. Determination of grave sites.

9 The ~~county commissioners of each county are hereby authorized~~ <—  
10 ~~and directed~~ PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION, in <—  
11 cooperation with the local historical society IN EACH COUNTY, IS <—  
12 HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED to determine if any persons  
13 elected Governor of the Commonwealth since 1790 are buried in  
14 the county and the locations where the bodies are interred.

15 Section 4. Placement of flags.

16 The flags shall be furnished to the local historical society  
17 for placement on the graves, with such accompanying ceremonies  
18 it may deem appropriate. However, the failure of a local  
19 historical society to carry out this function shall not relieve  
20 the ~~county commissioners~~ PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM <—  
21 COMMISSION from the responsibility to see that the flags are  
22 placed on the graves.

23 Section 5. Removal of flags.

24 The authorities in charge of any cemetery are authorized to  
25 remove such flags when the flags become unsightly or weatherworn  
26 at any time not less than 90 days after the flags have been  
27 placed on graves.

28 Section 6. Effective date.

29 This act shall take effect in 60 days.