

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 879 Session of
1995

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HELFRICK, MADIGAN, MUSTO, PUNT, STEWART, ROBBINS, WENGER AND
LEMMOND, APRIL 21, 1995

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 21, 1995

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for cooperation by
3 public officials with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
4 Commission.

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

7 Section 1. Section 507(a) of Title 37 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 507. Cooperation by public officials with the commission.

11 (a) General rule.--Commonwealth agencies and political
12 subdivisions shall cooperate fully with the commission in the
13 preservation, protection and investigation of archaeological
14 resources and to that end shall:

15 (1) Notify all potential permittees, contractors or
16 other persons whose activities may affect archaeological
17 sites that the estimated cost of archaeological surveys or
18 archaeological field investigations is required to be

1 [included] specified within their bid or application for a
2 permit.

3 (2) Notify the commission before undertaking any
4 Commonwealth or Commonwealth-assisted permitted or contracted
5 projects that may affect archaeological sites.

6 (3) Notify the commission when they become aware of any
7 undertaking in connection with any Commonwealth or
8 Commonwealth-assisted permitted or contracted project,
9 activity or program which affects or may affect an
10 archaeological site, and provide the commission with
11 information concerning the project, program or activity.

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13 (c) Prohibition of permit delays.--Commonwealth agencies and
14 political subdivisions shall not consider any application for
15 approval or permit of any type to be incomplete, nor shall they
16 deny or delay action on any application pending compliance by
17 the applicant with any request for information, survey or
18 investigation to recover, preserve or otherwise protect an
19 archaeological resource pursuant to this chapter.

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