

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY McNAUGHTON, BUNT, PIPPY, DALEY, EACHUS, McCALL,  
STABACK, J. TAYLOR, WASHINGTON AND WOJNAROSKI, MARCH 21, 2001

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 21, 2001

AN ACT

1 Selecting, designating and adopting the Hazleton soil series as  
2 the official soil of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, A growing number of states, having significant  
4 concerns for valuable soil resources, have each chosen a unique  
5 soil series as their official state soil; and

6 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a significant concern for its own  
7 soil resources and takes pride in its natural resources; and

8 WHEREAS, Soils serve as the foundation for Pennsylvania's  
9 forests, agriculture, pasture lands, our unique wildlife  
10 habitats, our beautiful landscapes and our homes and  
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, The Hazleton soils are named for soils located near  
13 the City of Hazleton, Pennsylvania, and account for over one and  
14 a half million acres of soils throughout the State; and

15 WHEREAS, The Hazleton soils occur in half the counties in  
16 Pennsylvania and are used for woodlands, croplands and pasture  
17 lands; and

18 WHEREAS, The Hazleton soils support a natural ecosystem,

1 which is home to the State bird, tree, animal and flower; and

2 WHEREAS, Designating the Hazleton soil series as the State  
3 soil would recognize the importance of this soil to the natural  
4 history and economy of Penn's Woods; therefore

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

7 Section 1. Official State soil.

8 The Hazleton soil series is hereby selected, designated and  
9 adopted as the official soil of the Commonwealth of  
10 Pennsylvania.

11 Section 2. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect immediately.