



November 10, 2021

Honorable Seth Grove, Majority Chairman
House State Government Committee
House of Representatives of Pennsylvania
7 East Wing
PO Box 202196
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2196

Re: HB 2051 PN 2366
Conveyance of 3.33 acres and improvements
West Pittston Armory
West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County

Dear Chairman Grove:

As requested, enclosed is the Department's memorandum for the referenced legislation as per House Rule 32.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Hammaker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Hammaker
Legislative Liaison

cc: Honorable H. Scott Conklin, Minority Chair, State Government Committee
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LAND CONVEYANCE MEMORANDUM

This memorandum is provided under House Rule 32.

Bill No:	HB 2051	Printers Number: 2366
Committee:	State Government	
Contact:	Sarah Hammaker, Legislative Liaison Department of General Services	
Date:	November 10, 2021	

Description of the Property and Improvements: The property consists of approximately 3.33-acres of land and improvements located thereon, known as the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs West Pittston Armory, situate in West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County. The property is within the 14th Senatorial District and 120th Legislative District.

Grantor: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Governor.

Grantee: Borough of West Pittston

Other Parties Benefiting: None.

Consideration for Conveyance: \$35,000.00

Appraisal of the Property (valuation, liens, and encumbrances): An appraisal, dated May 22, 2020, was completed on the subject property and market value was determined to be \$180,000.00

Proposed use of the Property and Title Restrictions, Reversions: The Borough of West Pittston intends to demolish the building and utilize the property for the installation of a pumping station in support of a local flood control project.

The proposed legislation requires the Department of General Services to include a covenant in the deed of conveyance prohibiting the property from being utilized as a licensed gaming facility.

Position: The Department of General Services and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs support the proposed legislation.