

**ACCEPTING LAND FROM THE UNITED STATES**  
**Act of May 22, 1945, P.L. 834, No. 335**  
AN ACT

Cl. 32

Providing for the acceptance by the Commonwealth of a gift of lands from the United States of America, or any Federal agency, and placing such lands under the control and supervision of the Department of Forests and Waters.

**Compiler's Note:** Section 304(c) of Act 18 of 1995, which created the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and renamed the Department of Environmental Resources as the Department of Environmental Protection, provided that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall exercise the powers and duties conferred upon the Department of Forests and Waters by Act 335 of 1945.

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

Section 1. The Department of Forests and Waters, with the approval of the Governor, is hereby authorized to accept free and clear of all encumbrances, any grant of lands by the United States of America, or any agency thereof, used as or suitable for parks or recreational areas, with any improvements thereon, subject to agreement between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Federal government, or any agency thereof, concerning the maintenance of said parks or recreational areas. The acceptance of said grant shall be completed upon delivery to the Commonwealth of a deed in fee simple, subject to the reservation, if any, of oil, gas and minerals, upon approval by the Department of Justice.

Section 2. Said lands after acceptance shall be under the full control and supervision of the Department of Forests and Waters.

Section 3. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.