

PENNGIFT CROWNVELTCH - DESIGNATED STATE CONSERVATION PLANT

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AN ACT

Declaring and adopting Penngift Crownvetch (*Coronilla Varia* L. Penngift) as the State Beautification and Conservation Plant of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch has provided Pennsylvania with worldwide recognition as the "Crownvetch Capital"; and

WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch was first discovered in Pennsylvania by Dr. Fred V. Grau in June 1935, extensively researched by the staff of the Pennsylvania State University and was named Penngift; Penn for Pennsylvania and Gift for the farmer on whose farm the legume was discovered; and

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has successfully utilized this plant along the roadsides of every Interstate Highway throughout Pennsylvania since 1958 and receives hundreds of congratulatory letters from the motoring public on the roadside beauty created by Crownvetch; and

WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch has successfully stabilized and prevented erosion on over fifty thousand acres of erodible soils and is recognized by conservationists as a major plant species in the reestablishment of vegetation on subsoils; and

WHEREAS, Penngift Crownvetch is well recognized for its agronomic value as a livestock feed and use as a ground cover for erosion control, nitrogen feeding and soil insulation in no-till corn production.

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

Section 1. Penngift Crownvetch (*Coronilla Varia* L. Penngift) is hereby selected, designated and adopted as the official State Beautification and Conservation Plant of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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