

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. VROON, PITTS, MRS. CRAWFORD, MESSRS.  
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, APRIL 28, 1975

## AN ACT

1 Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the  
2 approval of the Governor and the Historical and Museum  
3 Commission, to transfer Valley Forge State Park to the United  
4 States of America.

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

7 Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the  
8 approval of the Governor and the Historical and Museum  
9 Commission, is hereby authorized on behalf of the Commonwealth  
10 of Pennsylvania to convey to ~~the Government of~~ the United States <—  
11 of America ~~the following~~ TITLE TO A CERTAIN tract of land, <—  
12 situate in the Counties of Chester and Montgomery ~~and~~ OF THE <—  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as Valley Forge State Park  
14 FOR A CONSIDERATION OF \$1. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY <—  
15 CONVEYED SHALL BE SUCH AS THE PROPER OFFICIALS OF THE  
16 COMMONWEALTH AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY AGREE UPON.

17 Section 2. The deed of conveyance SHALL LIMIT THE USE OF THE <—  
18 LAND TO RECREATIONAL AND HISTORICAL PURPOSES ONLY, shall be

1 approved by the Department of Justice and shall be executed by  
2 the Secretary of Property and Supplies in the name of the  
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

4 SECTION 3. EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION IN AND OVER THE AFORESAID <—  
5 LANDS, WHEN ACQUIRED BY THE UNITED STATES IS HEREBY CEDED TO THE  
6 UNITED STATES BY THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROVIDED THAT  
7 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SHALL RETAIN CONCURRENT  
8 JURISDICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES IN AND OVER THE LANDS AND  
9 BUILDINGS AFORESAID, IN SO FAR THAT CIVIL PROCESSES AS MAY ISSUE  
10 UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AGAINST  
11 ANYONE CHARGED WITH CRIME COMMITTED OUTSIDE SAID LAND, MAY BE  
12 EXECUTED THEREON IN THE SAME MANNER AS IF JURISDICTION HAD NOT  
13 BEEN CEDED.

14 SECTION 4. THE JURISDICTION CEDED TO THE UNITED STATES SHALL  
15 BE UPON THE FURTHER CONDITION THAT THE COMMONWEALTH RESERVES TO  
16 ITSELF AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS WHATEVER POWER OF TAXATION  
17 IT MAY CONSTITUTIONALLY RESERVE, TO LEVY AND COLLECT ALL TAXES  
18 NOW OR HEREAFTER IMPOSED BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS POLITICAL  
19 SUBDIVISIONS UPON PROPERTY AND PERSONS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES SO  
20 CEDED.

21 SECTION 5. THE CONVEYANCE SHALL BE MADE ON THE FURTHER  
22 CONDITION AND THE UNITED STATES SHALL EXPRESSLY AFFIRM BY  
23 RESOLUTION OF THE AGENCY ACCEPTING THE CONVEYANCE, THAT IF, AS  
24 AND WHEN THE PREMISES ARE NO LONGER USED FOR RECREATIONAL AND  
25 HISTORICAL PURPOSES, THE TITLE AND RIGHT OF POSSESSION THERETO  
26 SHALL IMMEDIATELY REVERT TO AND REVEST IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
27 PENNSYLVANIA, AND ITS ASSIGNS, AND FURTHER THAT THE UNITED  
28 STATES IF, AS AND WHEN THE PROPERTY ABOVE DESCRIBED IS NO LONGER  
29 USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES, IT SHALL SURRENDER AND VACATE THE  
30 PREMISES IMMEDIATELY NOTIFYING THE DEPARTMENT OF PROPERTY AND

1 SUPPLIES OR ITS SUCCESSOR IN FUNCTION OF ITS ACTION, AND EXECUTE  
2 AND ACKNOWLEDGE A GOOD AND PROPER DEED CONVEYING THE PREMISES TO  
3 THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS  
4 AND ENCUMBRANCES, AS WELL AS RECORDING THE SAME, ALL AT THE COST  
5 OF THE UNITED STATES.

6 Section ~~3-~~ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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