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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1014** Session of  
1987

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INTRODUCED BY DORR AND SALOOM, APRIL 7, 1987

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, APRIL 7, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "Pennsylvania Is My Home," by  
2 Renie DeMaria, as the State song of the Commonwealth of  
3 Pennsylvania.

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

6 Section 1. Official State song.

7 The song "Pennsylvania Is My Home," by Renie DeMaria, is  
8 hereby adopted as the State song of Pennsylvania and shall be  
9 the official song for all public purposes. The lyrics of the  
10 song are as follows:

11 "PENNSYLVANIA IS MY HOME"

12 Just a few days ago, my mind grew weary,

13 And I needed a change of scene.

14 I heard a voice calling me southward

15 To a place that I had never been.

16 Tuscarora casts her shadow

17 On sleepy heads around her feet.

18 Through my mirror I see the sun is sinking;

1 Another day, another town we will meet.  
2 When I leave, you know I'll be returning.  
3 Pennsylvania is my home.  
4 Here's the place my welcome fire's burning,  
5 No matter how far I must roam.  
6 As my wheels roll down this lonesome highway,  
7 So do the tears roll down my face.  
8 Lord, I love to watch Your palm trees swayin'  
9 But the mountains they cannot replace.  
10 When I leave, you know I'll be returning.  
11 Pennsylvania is my home.  
12 Here's the place my welcome fire's burning,  
13 No matter how far I must roam.  
14 Had my fill of all this sunshine,  
15 And dust the sand from off my shoes.  
16 And if I hurry, I can catch the sunrise,  
17 And be home to read the morning news.  
18 When I leave, you know I'll be returning.  
19 Pennsylvania is my home.  
20 Here's the place my welcome fire's burning.  
21 No matter how far I must roam.

22 Section 2. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect in 60 days.