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GRUPPO, JUNE 30, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 30, 1989

AN ACT

1 Requiring counties to cause the graves of former Governors of
2 Pennsylvania to be decorated with flags on Memorial Day.

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

5 Section 1. Duty of county commissioners.

6 It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each
7 county to provide flags on each Memorial Day with which to
8 decorate the graves of former Governors of Pennsylvania buried
9 within the county.

10 Section 2. Flags.

11 The flags to be used for such purposes shall be the official
12 flag of the Commonwealth with an inscription either on the flag
13 or on an attached banner, as prescribed by the Secretary of the
14 Commonwealth bearing the words "Former Governor of
15 Pennsylvania." The flags and banners shall be of one standard
16 size, as prescribed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and
17 shall be purchased at the expense of the county from moneys in

1 the county treasury. The moneys expended by any county under
2 this act shall be in addition to moneys appropriated by counties
3 for Memorial Day purposes.

4 Section 3. Determination of grave sites.

5 The county commissioners of each county are hereby authorized
6 and directed, in cooperation with the local historical society,
7 to determine if any persons elected Governor of the Commonwealth
8 since 1790 are buried in the county and the locations where the
9 bodies are interred.

10 Section 4. Placement of flags.

11 The flags shall be furnished to the local historical society
12 for placement on the graves, with such accompanying ceremonies
13 it may deem appropriate. However, the failure of a local
14 historical society to carry out this function shall not relieve
15 the county commissioners from the responsibility to see that the
16 flags are placed on the graves.

17 Section 5. Removal of flags.

18 The authorities in charge of any cemetery are authorized to
19 remove such flags when the flags become unsightly or weatherworn
20 at any time not less than 90 days after the flags have been
21 placed on graves.

22 Section 6. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect in 60 days.