

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2994 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY KENNEY, O'BRIEN, WOGAN, KOSINSKI, BURNS, CORRIGAN
AND MELIO, NOVEMBER 12, 1990

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, NOVEMBER 12, 1990

AN ACT

1 Authorizing and directing the transfer of land and buildings at
2 the Philadelphia State Hospital grounds to the Department of
3 Environmental Resources; and authorizing and directing the
4 Department of Environmental Resources to lease as much land
5 as may be required by the Veterans for a Delaware Valley
6 Nursing Home, Inc., and the Northeast Philadelphia Cultural
7 Council to fulfill the purposes of their charters.

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

10 Section 1. The Department of General Services, and such
11 other departments as may be necessary, are authorized and
12 directed to transfer to the Department of Environmental
13 Resources any and all land and buildings at the Philadelphia
14 State Hospital grounds not transferred or conveyed by the act of
15 December 22, 1975 (P.L.606, No.175), entitled "An act
16 authorizing and directing the Department of General Services, or
17 such department and The General State Authority, to convey to
18 Philadelphia or transfer jurisdiction within the State
19 government of certain tracts of Commonwealth real property
20 acquired under the act of September 29, 1938 (Sp. Sess., P.L.53,

1 No.21), entitled, as amended, 'An act relating to institutions
2 of counties, cities, wards, boroughs, townships, institution
3 districts and other political subdivisions, for the care,
4 maintenance, and treatment of mental patients; providing for the
5 transfer to the Commonwealth for the care, maintenance and
6 treatment of mental patients of such institutions, and all
7 grounds, lands, buildings and personal property of such
8 political subdivisions used for the care and maintenance of
9 indigent persons connected with such mental institutions;
10 providing for the management and operation or closing and
11 abandonment thereof; and the maintenance of mental patients
12 therein; including the collection of maintenance in certain
13 cases; providing for the retransfer of certain property to
14 counties, cities, wards, boroughs, townships, institution
15 districts and other political subdivisions under certain
16 circumstances; conferring and imposing upon the Governor, the
17 Department of Welfare, the courts of common pleas and counties,
18 cities, wards, boroughs, townships, institution districts and
19 other political subdivisions certain powers and duties;
20 prohibiting cities, counties, wards, boroughs, townships,
21 institution districts and other political subdivisions from
22 maintaining and operating institutions, in whole or in part, for
23 the care and treatment of mental patients; and repealing
24 inconsistent laws,' imposing powers and duties on the Department
25 of Environmental Resources in connection with one such tract,
26 and providing for use of land conveyed to the City of
27 Philadelphia."

28 Section 2. (a) The Department of Environmental Resources is
29 authorized and directed to lease to the Veterans for a Delaware
30 Valley Nursing Home, Inc., and the Northeast Philadelphia

1 Cultural Council as much of its land and buildings at the
2 Philadelphia State Hospital grounds as they require to fulfill
3 the purposes of their charters as not-for-profit organizations.

4 (b) The remaining land transferred pursuant to section 1
5 shall be used by the Department of Environmental Resources,
6 Bureau of State Parks for Benjamin Rush State Park.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.