THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 2808 Session of 1992

INTRODUCED BY BUNT, ITKIN, LAWLESS, HECKLER, PETRONE, TRELLO, JOHNSON, VROON, GERLACH, BILLOW, FAIRCHILD AND CARLSON, JUNE 3, 1992

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, JUNE 3, 1992

AN ACT

- Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the 3 executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the 4 Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, 6 including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or 7 Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or 8 authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and 9 10 duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, 11 12 boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the 13 Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of 14 15 certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and 16 other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the 17 18 number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and 19 20 commissions shall be determined, "further providing for payments in lieu of taxes to political subdivisions for the 21 22 lease of State park lands and buildings.
- 23 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 24 hereby enacts as follows:
- 25 Section 1. Section 1906-A of the act of April 9, 1929
- 26 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, is
- 27 amended by adding a clause to read:

- 1 Section 1906-A. Parks.--The Department of Environmental
- 2 Resources shall have the power, and its duty shall be:
- 3 * * *
- 4 (12) To lease to individuals, firms or corporations, upon
- 5 the terms and conditions as the Secretary of Environmental
- 6 Resources may prescribe and for a term not to exceed five years,
- 7 any portion of any State park or improvements therein which the
- 8 Department of Environmental Resources determines are not
- 9 necessary to the operation of the State park. However, the
- 10 <u>individual</u>, firm or corporation leasing the portion of the State
- 11 park shall make payments in lieu of taxes to the political
- 12 <u>subdivisions in which the leased property or improvements are</u>
- 13 located in an amount equal to the annual taxes that would
- 14 <u>normally be due on the property, improvements and surrounding</u>
- 15 property, as may be reasonably necessary for the proper
- 16 <u>enjoyment and utilization of the improvements, if taxable.</u>
- 17 Charitable organizations as defined in the act of December 19,
- 18 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the "Solicitation of Funds for
- 19 Charitable Purposes Act, " and any firm or corporation granted
- 20 tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
- 21 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3))
- 22 shall be exempt from payments in lieu of taxes.
- 23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.