

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 425 Session of
2003

INTRODUCED BY WILT, ADOLPH, BAKER, BARRAR, BEBKO-JONES, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BENNINGHOFF, BROWNE, BUNT, CAPPELLI, CAWLEY, CORRIGAN, COSTA, COY, CREIGHTON, CRUZ, DeLUCA, DeWEESE, J. EVANS, FAIRCHILD, FEESE, FICHTER, FORCIER, GABIG, GEIST, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HARHART, HARRIS, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, HESS, HORSEY, HUTCHINSON, JAMES, KELLER, LAUGHLIN, LEACH, LEDERER, LEH, LEWIS, MANN, MARKOSEK, MARSICO, McCALL, S. MILLER, PIPPY, PISTELLA, READSHAW, REICHLEY, ROBERTS, SAINATO, SATHER, SHANER, STABACK, R. STEVENSON, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TURZAI, WALKO, WANSACZ, WEBER, YUDICHAK, ZUG AND CIVERA, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 25, 2003

AN ACT

1 Providing for areas to commemorate POWs and MIAs at rest stops
2 and welcome centers and for coordination and cost sharing
3 with veterans' organizations.

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

6 Section 1. POW/MIA areas.

7 The Department of Transportation shall set aside an area of
8 at least one-quarter acre in size to commemorate POWs and MIAs
9 at each of the rest stops on State highways and State-owned
10 welcome centers. These areas shall continuously display the
11 official POW/MIA flag from a lighted flagpole until all POWs and
12 MIAs return or are accounted for.

13 Section 2. Markers.

14 The Department of Transportation shall erect and maintain

1 appropriate markers to designate the POW/MIA areas. The markers
2 may consist of signs, plaques, statues or other commemorative
3 objects.

4 Section 3. Coordination with veterans' organizations.

5 The Department of Transportation shall coordinate with
6 veterans' organizations throughout this Commonwealth to further
7 develop memorials or other methods of recognition of POWs and
8 MIAs for the designated areas.

9 Section 4. Cost sharing.

10 The Department of Transportation may not erect and maintain
11 any commemorative objects, other than signs, under this act
12 unless the cost of such objects are shared between veterans'
13 organizations and the Commonwealth. The department may negotiate
14 and enter into agreements with veterans' organizations to
15 satisfy the requirements of this section.

16 Section 5. Effective date.

17 This act shall take effect in 60 days.