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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 798 Session of  
2004

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INTRODUCED BY JUBELIRER, NOVEMBER 9, 2004

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 9, 2004

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AN ACT

1 Establishing the Capitol Centennial Commission; providing for  
2 the commission's powers and duties; imposing a penalty; and  
3 providing for funding.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Capitol  
8 Centennial Commission Act.

9 Section 2. Declaration of policy.

10 The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

11 (1) The new Pennsylvania State Capitol building was  
12 dedicated on October 4, 1906.

13 (2) President Theodore Roosevelt was the orator of the  
14 day and declared it the "most handsome State Capitol I have  
15 ever seen."

16 (3) The Pennsylvania State Capitol was created by  
17 architect Joseph M. Huston and was built and furnished at a  
18 cost of \$13,000,000.

1           (4) The Pennsylvania State Capitol represents classic  
2 Renaissance style, making it a timeless architectural  
3 treasure.

4           (5) Over the years the Pennsylvania State Capitol has  
5 seen many changes and improvements.

6           (6) The Pennsylvania State Capitol serves as an icon of  
7 the Commonwealth, representing history and government.

8           (7) October 4, 2006, will mark the centennial  
9 anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

10 Section 3. Definitions.

11       The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14       "Commission." The Capitol Centennial Commission established  
15 in section 4.

16 Section 4. Commission.

17       (a) Establishment.--The Capitol Centennial Commission is  
18 hereby established. The commission shall consist of the  
19 following members:

20           (1) The Governor or a designee.

21           (2) The Lieutenant Governor or a designee.

22           (3) The President pro tempore of the Senate or a  
23 designee.

24           (4) The Majority Leader of the Senate or a designee.

25           (5) The Minority Leader of the Senate or a designee.

26           (6) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or a  
27 designee.

28           (7) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives  
29 or a designee.

30           (8) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives

1 or a designee.

2 (9) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of  
3 Pennsylvania or a designee.

4 (10) The chairman of the Capitol Preservation Committee  
5 or a designee.

6 (b) Cochairpersons.--The following are appointed as  
7 cochairpersons of the commission:

8 (1) The Lieutenant Governor.

9 (2) The President pro tempore of the Senate.

10 (3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

11 (c) Meetings.--Meetings of the commission shall be called by  
12 the cochairpersons.

13 (d) Director.--The cochairpersons of the commission shall  
14 appoint a director or codirectors.

15 Section 5. Powers and duties.

16 (a) General rule.--The commission shall make determinations  
17 regarding celebratory events, materials, information and other  
18 matters that occur in conjunction with the centennial  
19 anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Capitol and concomitant  
20 celebration.

21 (b) Events.--Only those events designated by the commission  
22 as part of the Capitol Centennial Celebration shall be  
23 officially sanctioned events.

24 (c) Authorization.--The terms "Capitol Centennial" and  
25 "Capitol Centennial Celebration" shall be authorized by the  
26 commission for use in officially sanctioned events.

27 Section 6. Violation.

28 The use of the term "Capitol Centennial" or "Capitol  
29 Centennial Celebration" in an advertisement designed to attract  
30 the general public to an event is prohibited unless authorized

1 by the commission. A person who violates this section commits a  
2 misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon conviction, be  
3 sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.

4 Section 7. Funding.

5 Moneys appropriated under the act of July 4, 2004 (P.L. ,  
6 No.7A) known as the General Appropriation Act of 2004, by the  
7 General Assembly for use in the Centennial of the Capitol shall  
8 be used exclusively by the commission.

9 Section 8. Expiration.

10 The commission shall expire on June 30, 2008.

11 Section 9. Effective date.

12 This act shall take effect immediately.