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R. STEVENSON, JANUARY 23, 2006

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 23, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1907 (P.L.560, No.373), entitled  
2 "An act designating the official flag of the Commonwealth of  
3 Pennsylvania, and describing the same; providing for the  
4 carrying of such flag by the regiments of the National Guard  
5 of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Secretary of the  
6 Commonwealth to provide, and have deposited in the office of  
7 Secretary of the Commonwealth, a model of said flag, and  
8 making an appropriation therefor," further providing for  
9 specifications for the official flag of the Commonwealth and  
10 for the duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Sections 1 and 3 of the act of June 13, 1907  
14 (P.L.560, No.373), entitled "An act designating the official  
15 flag of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and describing the  
16 same; providing for the carrying of such flag by the regiments  
17 of the National Guard of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Secretary  
18 of the Commonwealth to provide, and have deposited in the office  
19 of Secretary of the Commonwealth, a model of said flag, and

1 making an appropriation therefor," are amended to read:

2 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the flag to be known as  
3 the official flag of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be  
4 of blue, same color as the blue field in the flag of the United  
5 States, and of the following dimensions and design; to wit, The  
6 length, or heighth, of the staff to be nine feet, including  
7 brass spear-head and ferrule; the fly of the said flag to be six  
8 feet two inches, and to be four feet six inches on the staff; in  
9 the center of the flag there shall be embroidered in silk the  
10 same on both sides of the flag the coat of arms of the  
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in proportionate size; the edges  
12 to be trimmed with knotted fringe of yellow silk, two and one-  
13 half inches wide; a cord, with tassels, to be attached to the  
14 staff at the spear-head, to be eight feet six inches long, and  
15 composed of white and blue silk strands[.]; the word  
16 "Pennsylvania" to be embroidered upon the flag in yellow silk  
17 and to be centered within a symmetrical red festoon, similar to  
18 that containing the State motto; and the festoon to be centered  
19 above the bald eagle on the coat of arms. days.

20 Section 3. The [Secretary of the Commonwealth is hereby  
21 directed to provide a] Pennsylvania Historical and Museum  
22 Commission shall:

23 (1) redesign the flag, in accordance with the description  
24 given in the first section of this act[, and keep the same  
25 deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as  
26 a model; the cost of said flag to be paid by warrant of the  
27 Auditor General upon the State Treasurer; and for this purpose  
28 the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as  
29 may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, out of  
30 any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated.];

1       (2) place the original redesigned flag and model thereof in  
2 the Pennsylvania State Archives, as the official repository of  
3 the redesigned flag; and

4       (3) publish the specifications for and a copy of the  
5 redesigned flag in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the  
6 commission's Internet website.

7       Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.