
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 929 Session of
2013

INTRODUCED BY O'NEILL, COHEN, D. COSTA, CUTLER, DENLINGER,
FREEMAN, GALLOWAY, GINGRICH, KILLION, MAJOR, MARSICO, MUSTIO,
O'BRIEN, ROCK, STEVENSON AND KORTZ, MARCH 11, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 11, 2013

AN ACT

1 Designating the Pennsylvania Tartan as the Official Tartan of
2 this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Since the 17th century, Scottish families from both
4 the Highlands and Lowlands of Scotland have settled in this
5 Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Scots became a major element of the population of
7 this great Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Kilted Scottish soldiers were instrumental in
9 gaining the western half of the Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan is based upon the tartan
11 worn by these soldiers; and

12 WHEREAS, A tartan is a woolen cloth with a woven pattern of
13 colored strands of varying width crossing in straight lines over
14 a solid background, each unique to a clan, district, state or
15 group; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan was designed by William H.
17 Johnston in 1992 in Skippack, Pennsylvania, and was registered

1 with the Tartan Educational and Cultural Association, now known
2 as the Scottish Tartans Authority, USA, on March 10, 1993; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan is defined as a reversing
4 horizontal and vertical pattern of sixty threads of blue, four
5 of gold, four of blue, four of gold, ten of blue, ten of green,
6 thirty of black, ten of blue, forty of green, four of red, six
7 of black, four of red, forty of green, ten of blue, thirty of
8 black, ten of green, forty of blue, four of gold and four of
9 blue; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Tartan incorporates the colors of
11 the Pennsylvania State flag and honors the contribution of the
12 Scots to Pennsylvania; and

13 WHEREAS, Scots have made major contributions to all aspects
14 of our culture as we know it today.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Official State Tartan.

18 The Pennsylvania Tartan is selected, designated and adopted
19 as the official tartan of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

20 Section 2. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect immediately.