
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WATSON, AUGUST 10, 2015

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 10, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 30, 1987 (P.L.375, No.75), entitled,
2 "An act providing for the designation of certain trees and
3 land on the grounds of the State Capitol in Harrisburg as
4 "Soldiers' Grove" in honor of war veterans; imposing duties
5 upon the Department of General Services; and making an
6 appropriation," further providing for duties of Department of
7 General Services; and providing for preservation of
8 "Soldiers' Grove" and for construction.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 2(b) of the act of October 30, 1987
12 (P.L.375, No.75), entitled "An act providing for the designation
13 of certain trees and land on the grounds of the State Capitol in
14 Harrisburg as "Soldiers' Grove" in honor of war veterans;
15 imposing duties upon the Department of General Services; and
16 making an appropriation," is amended and the section is amended
17 by adding subsections to read:

18 Section 2. Duties of Department of General Services.

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1 (b) Plaques.--

2 (1) The department shall arrange for the fabrication of
3 [nine] appropriate bronze plaques in honor of veterans of the
4 following:

5 (i) The American Revolutionary War.

6 (ii) The War of 1812.

7 (iii) The Mexican-American War.

8 (iv) The American Civil War.

9 (v) The Spanish-American War.

10 (vi) World War I.

11 (vii) World War II.

12 (viii) The Korean War.

13 (ix) The Vietnam Conflict.

14 (x) Any war or armed conflict officially engaged in
15 by the United States commencing after the Vietnam
16 Conflict.

17 (2) The department shall also arrange for the
18 fabrication of an appropriate bronze plaque to honor the
19 unknown veterans of the wars and conflicts enumerated in
20 paragraph (1).

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22 (d) Medal of Honor Memorial.--The Department of General
23 Services shall arrange for the placement of permanent low-lying
24 decorative chain barriers within the Medal of Honor Memorial
25 Gardens at the end of each concrete arc representing the Tides
26 of War.

27 (e) Signage.--The Department of General Services shall
28 arrange to have signs placed conspicuously around "Soldiers'
29 Grove" reminding people to respect the hallowed grounds of the
30 Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens. The signs should read as

1 follows:

2 At All Times, Please Remember This Memorial Is Hallowed
3 Ground.

4 Section 2. The act is amended by adding sections to read:

5 Section 4.1. Preservation of "Soldiers' Grove."

6 The Department of General Services shall arrange for the
7 appropriate preservation of "Soldiers' Grove" as provided for in
8 the report issued pursuant to House Resolution 331 adopted June
9 21, 2011. Specifically, the Department of General Services shall
10 utilize the third recommendation contained on page 18 of the
11 report relating to the concept of erecting "Pillars of Time."

12 Section 4.2. Construction.

13 Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit the authority
14 of the Department of General Services to comply with the
15 provisions of this act while conforming to the original design
16 of the Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens to the greatest extent
17 possible.

18 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.