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MAJOR, FEE, REESE, MARSICO, HARHART, READSHAW, PAYNE AND
HAHN, JUNE 20, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 20, 2016

AN ACT

1 Establishing the Arnold Palmer Trails Program as a system in
2 State parks of golf courses that are consistent with the golf
3 course design philosophy of Arnold Palmer; prescribing powers
4 and duties of the Department of General Services; and
5 providing for program funding.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Short title.

9 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Arnold Palmer
10 Trails Act.

11 Section 2. Definitions.

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

15 "Department." The Department of General Services of the
16 Commonwealth.

17 "Program." The Arnold Palmer Trails Program established in
18 this act.

19 "Select State park." A State park of the Commonwealth

1 selected as a site for a golf course as provided in this act.

2 Section 3. Arnold Palmer Trails Program.

3 The Arnold Palmer Trails Program is established in the
4 department. The purpose of the program is to provide for the
5 design, construction and management in State parks of golf
6 courses that satisfy criteria consistent with other golf courses
7 in this Commonwealth that have utilized the golf course design
8 philosophy of Arnold Palmer.

9 Section 4. Powers and duties of department.

10 The department shall:

11 (1) Administer the program.

12 (2) In consultation with the Department of Conservation
13 and Natural Resources, select at least one State park in the
14 north, south, east and west regions of this Commonwealth as
15 sites for golf courses to be operated and managed by an
16 entity that has entered into a contract with the department.

17 (3) Within six months of the effective date of this
18 section, issue a request for proposals for the design,
19 construction and management of golf courses at select State
20 parks.

21 (4) Within one year of the effective date of this
22 section, enter into a contract with the lowest responsible
23 bidder for the design, construction and management of golf
24 courses at select State parks.

25 (5) Take such action as is necessary to obtain a license
26 for the use of the name Arnold Palmer in connection with the
27 operation of golf courses at select State parks and the
28 program.

29 (6) Segregate the expenditures for the program from all
30 other expenditures of the department in the department's

1 annual budget request submitted to the Secretary of the
2 Budget as required by law.

3 (7) Annually prepare and submit to the Appropriations
4 Committee of the Senate and the Appropriations Committee of
5 the House of Representatives a report on the status and
6 administration of the program.

7 (8) To the extent necessary, solicit and accept money
8 from any person or entity for the administration of the
9 program.

10 (9) Establish reasonable fees for playing golf or
11 participating in other recreational activities offered at the
12 golf courses of the select State parks.

13 Section 5. Program funding.

14 The department shall administer the program by using the
15 following sources of funding:

16 (1) Fifty percent of all revenue obtained from
17 nonsurface impact leases entered into by the Commonwealth on
18 land in State parks and State forests.

19 (2) Money appropriated or otherwise made available to
20 the department for the program or any other purpose.

21 (3) Money solicited and accepted under section 4(8).

22 Section 6. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect in 30 days.