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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1823 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, AUGUST 31, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 31, 2021

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 37 (Historical and Museums) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, in historic properties, further  
3 providing for powers over certain historic property and  
4 providing for Washington Crossing Historic Park.

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

7 Section 1. Section 702(62) of Title 37 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

9 § 702. Powers over certain historic property.

10 In addition to all other powers vested in the commission by  
11 this title or other statute, the commission shall exercise all  
12 powers conferred on it by law with respect to the historic  
13 properties known as:

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15 (62) Washington Crossing Historic Park in accordance  
16 with section 704.1 (relating to Washington Crossing Historic  
17 Park).

18 Section 2. Title 37 is amended by adding a section to read:

19 § 704.1. Washington Crossing Historic Park.

1       The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall  
2 operate Washington Crossing Historic Park. Nothing in this  
3 section shall be construed to prohibit the Department of  
4 Conservation and Natural Resources from entering into an  
5 agreement with the commission to provide a historical  
6 interpretation of the visitor center and the adjacent historical  
7 buildings of Washington Crossing Historic Park. The Department  
8 of Conservation and Natural Resources shall manage the visitor  
9 center and adjoining buildings of Washington Crossing Historic  
10 Park. The commission shall consult with the Department of  
11 Conservation and Natural Resources regarding the historical  
12 interpretation and preservation of Washington Crossing Historic  
13 Park as required by this title.

14       Section 3. The amendment or addition of 37 Pa.C.S. §§  
15 702(62) and 704.1 shall be retroactive to June 28, 2019.

16       Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.