

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1823 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY THOMAS, AUGUST 31, 2021

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

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:

14 \* \* \*

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 (A) TRANSFERS.--ALL OF THE POWERS, DUTIES, FUNCTIONS, FUNDS, <--  
15 ASSETS, BOOKS, RECORDS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AND REAL AND  
16 PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE COMMISSION DEDICATED OR ASSOCIATED WITH  
17 THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WASHINGTON CROSSING ARE  
18 TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL  
19 RESOURCES.

20 (B) OPERATIONS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL  
21 RESOURCES SHALL OPERATE WASHINGTON CROSSING HISTORIC PARK. THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL MANAGE  
23 THE VISITOR CENTER AND ADJOINING BUILDINGS OF WASHINGTON  
24 CROSSING HISTORIC PARK.

25 Section 3. The amendment or addition of 37 Pa.C.S. §§  
26 702(62) and ~~704.1~~ 704.1(B) shall be retroactive to June 28, <--  
27 2019.

28 Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.