
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 200 Session of
1989

INTRODUCED BY OLIVER, BUNT, DeWEESE, MILLER, SCHULER, BISHOP,
DONATUCCI, RIEGER, BATTISTO AND HAYDEN, FEBRUARY 1, 1989

SENATOR RHOADES, STATE GOVERNMENT, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, JUNE 27, 1990

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the song "Pennsylvania," lyrics and music
2 by Eddie Khoury and Ronnie Bonner, as the State song of the
3 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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

6 Section 1. Official State song.

7 The song "Pennsylvania," lyrics and music by Eddie Khoury and
8 Ronnie Bonner, is hereby adopted as the State song of
9 Pennsylvania and shall be the official song for all public
10 purposes. The lyrics of the song are as follows:

11 "PENNSYLVANIA"

12 Verse 1

13 Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,

14 Mighty is your name,

15 Steeped in glory and tradition,

16 Object of acclaim.

17 Where brave men fought the foe of freedom,

1 Tyranny decried,
2 'Til the bell of independence
3 filled the countryside.

4 Chorus

5 Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
6 May your future be,
7 filled with honor everlasting
8 as your history.

9 Verse 2

10 Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
11 Blessed by God's own hand,
12 Birthplace of a mighty nation,
13 Keystone of the land.
14 Where first our country's flag unfolded,
15 Freedom to proclaim,
16 May the voices of tomorrow
17 glorify your name.

18 Chorus

19 Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
20 May your future be,
21 filled with honor everlasting
22 as your history.

23 ~~Section 2. Effective date.~~ <—

24 ~~This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

25 SECTION 2. ASSIGNMENT OF COPYRIGHT. <—

26 (A) THIS ACT SHALL NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL THE OWNER OF THE
27 COPYRIGHT ASSIGNS ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE
28 COPYRIGHT TO THIS SONG TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

29 (B) NO PAYMENTS OR OTHER CONSIDERATIONS SHALL BE PAID ANYONE
30 WHOMSOEVER FOR SUCH ASSIGNMENT.

1 (C) THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA SHALL NOT CHARGE ANYONE
2 FOR THE REPRODUCTION OR USE OF THE SONG.