
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1684 Session of
2019

INTRODUCED BY KORTZ, CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS AND NEILSON,
JUNE 27, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 27, 2019

AN ACT

1 Declaring and adopting the poem "Pennsylvania," by Rich
2 Saporito, as the State poem of the Commonwealth of
3 Pennsylvania.

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

6 Section 1. Official State poem.

7 The poem entitled "Pennsylvania," by Rich Saporito, is hereby
8 adopted as the State poem of the Commonwealth and shall be the
9 official State poem for all public purposes. The poem is as
10 follows:

11 "PENNSYLVANIA"

12 Pennsylvania is home to me, it's where I always been,
13 It's where I always want to be, right next to my kin.
14 Rolling hills and mountains, that reach up in the sky,
15 Crystal lakes and fountains, I'll never say goodbye.

16 To Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, you're the land for me.

17 In Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, is where I wanna be.

18 Steel mills and coal mines, surround the cities and towns,

1 Farm lands and rail lines, and valleys so far down.
2 From Mason Dixon to Bradford, and Pittsburgh to Philly,
3 Rows of corn and cattle herds, as far as you can see.

4 Oh Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, you're the land for me.

5 In Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, is where I wanna be.

6 Ruffed grouse picks all around, under the Hemlock tree,

7 And Mountain Laurel it abounds, for everyone to see.

8 The Great Dane dog rises up, at least four foot high,

9 The Amish win a ribbon prize, for their shoo fly pie.

10 Oh Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, you're the land for me.

11 In Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, is where I wanna be.

12 Fireflies light up the night, and crickets sing their song,

13 Birds chirp in the morning light, as white tails run along.

14 Trout are swimming up the creek, and salmon make their run,

15 Cruises and fairs throughout the week, we're gonna have some

16 fun.

17 In Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, you're the land for me.

18 In Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, is where I wanna be.

19 Section 2. Assignment of copyright.

20 (a) Assignment.--This act shall not be effective until the
21 owner of the copyright assigns all rights, title and interest in
22 the copyright to this poem to the Commonwealth.

23 (b) Payment.--No payment or other considerations shall be
24 paid to any person for the assignment under subsection (a).

25 (c) Reproduction of use.--The Commonwealth may not charge
26 anyone for the reproduction or use of this poem.

27 Section 3. Notice and publication.

28 Upon the assignment of all rights, title and interest in the
29 copyright to this poem by the owner of the copyright, the
30 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall transmit notice of the

1 assignment to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication
2 in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

3 Section 4. Effective date.

4 This act shall take effect upon the publication in the
5 Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice under section 3 of this act.