
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **397** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MR. KELLER (By Request), MARCH 13, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT,
MARCH 13, 1961.

AN ACT

Declaring and adopting the song "A Mighty Commonwealth Is Ours"

written by a Pennsylvanian Joanne Harvey as the State song
of the Commonwealth

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows

- 1 Section 1 The song "A Mighty Commonwealth Is Ours" written
- 2 by a Pennsylvanian Joanne Harvey is hereby adopted as the State song
- 3 of Pennsylvania and shall be the official song for all public purposes
- 4 The words of said song are as follows

EXPLANATION—CAPITAL LETTERS indicate new matter added to bill. Matter stricken through is to be omitted from bill. Underlining indicates new matter added to existing law. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

1 A mighty Commonwealth is ours

2 With fertile vallies smiling

3 Embraced by gentle wooded hills

4 And mountains upward piling

5 Where we aspire to trace

6 Our destiny with grace

7 Using our lives to find

8 A pattern for Mankind

9 Of true felicity

10 A mighty Commonwealth is ours

11 Great rivers swiftly flowing

12 By cities with their lifting towers

13 Through fields with sweet winds blowing

14 Give power we harness high

15 To stride across the sky

16 Brightening like day the night

17 Making our labor light

18 Lifting our drudgery

19 A mighty Commonwealth is ours

20 Enriched beyond all knowing

1 By gracious God's Almighty powers

2 His hand our wealth bestowing

3 His cattle on the thousand hills

4 His veins provide the mines and mills

5 His kingdom be our common weal

6 That we may for our brothers feel

7 Always humanity

8 Section 2 This act shall take effect immediately

We certify that this bill has passed the Senate and the House of Representatives.

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Chief Clerk, Senate

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President pro tempore, Senate

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Speaker, House of Representatives

Approved The day of A. D. 1961.

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Governor