
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. **398** Session of
1961

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. KESSLER AND STIEFEL,
MARCH 13, 1961.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL PRESERVATION,
MARCH 13, 1961.

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 9 1929 (P L 177) entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments boards commissions and officers thereof including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools or Teachers Colleges abolishing creating reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments boards and commissions defining the powers

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.

and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers and of the several administrative departments boards commissions and officers fixing the salaries of the Governor Lieutenant Governor and certain other executive and administrative officers providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments boards and commissions and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments boards and commissions shall be determined" authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to promote and encourage fine arts

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

- 1 Section 1 Clauses (a) (h) and (w) of section 1801-A act of April 9
- 2 1920 (P L 177) known as "The Administrative Code of 1929" clause
- 3 (a) amended June 14 1947 (P L 604) clause (h) added June 6 1945
- 4 (P L 1398) and clause (w) added May 11 1949 (P L 1145) are amended
- 5 to read

1 Section 2801-A Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

2 Subject to any inconsistent provisions in this act contained the Penn-
3 sylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall have the power and
4 its duties shall be

5 (a) To exercise the powers and perform the duties heretofore by
6 law vested in and imposed upon the Pennsylvania Historical Commission
7 and any officer or member thereof and to serve as the official agency of
8 the Commonwealth for the conservation of Pennsylvania's historic
9 heritage and the preservation of public records historic documents and
10 objects of historic and artistic interest Any power or duty heretofore
11 vested in or imposed upon the chairman of the Pennsylvania Historical
12 Commission is herein vested in and imposed upon the chairman of this
13 commission and any power or duty heretofore vested in or imposed upon
14 the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission is herein
15 vested in and imposed upon the executive director of this Commission

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17 (h) To receive for and on behalf of the Commonwealth gifts or
18 bequests of relics or objects of art or other articles of historical or
19 artistic interest which shall be deposited in the State Museum or at

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1 the discretion of the commission in or on historic properties or shrines
2 committed to its custody

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4 (w) With the approval of the Governor to lend to any other
5 museum archival depository historical society or other reliable organized
6 group of an educational nature any relics articles of historical or artistic
7 interest manuscripts documents or other material committed to its
8 custody under rules and regulations adopted by the Commission to pro-
9 vide adequate security for the safe return of said material which rules
10 and regulations shall include provision for full insurance protection of
11 any material loaned and also with the approval of the Governor to
12 exchange material with other museums archival depositories historical
13 societies or other reliable organized group of an educational nature
14 Provided That no unique relic article manuscript document or other
15 material which is of special significance to the history of Pennsylvania
16 shall be exchanged in this manner

17 Section 2 Section 2801-A of the act added June 6 1945 (P L 1398)
18 is amended by adding at the end thereof a new clause to read

19 Section 2801-A Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission
20 Subject to any inconsistent provisions in this act contained the Penn-

1 sylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall have the power and
2 its duties shall be

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4 (x) To promote and encourage participation in and appreciation of
5 artistic and cultural activities including but not limited to music theatre
6 dance painting sculpture architecture and allied arts and crafts either
7 upon its own initiative or in cooperation with reputable societies or
8 organizations and to consult and procure the advice of such experts in
9 such artistic and cultural activities as it shall deem it advisable to consult
10 and to compensate them for their services

11 Section 3 This act shall take effect immediately

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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