

No. 542

AN ACT

Supplementing the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws, seventy-nine); and authorizing the Governor, directly or through such agency as he may designate, to provide, plan, prepare, supervise, and carry out a suitable program, within and without Pennsylvania, for the commemoration by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania of the three hundredth anniversary of the earliest settlement, the first courts of law, and the first capital within what is now Pennsylvania; and making an appropriation therefor out of the General Fund.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly by the act, approved the twenty-eighth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws, seventy-nine), authorized and directed the Pennsylvania Historical Commission of the Department of Public Instruction to set, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in arranging a suitable commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the ships Kalmar Nyckel and Fogel Grip on the Delaware in March, one thousand six hundred and thirty-eight, and the establishment of the colony of New Sweden, as well as the coming of the first Dutch, English, German, Welsh, Irish, and other settlers by whom were established the earliest settlements, the first courts of law, and the first capital within what is now Pennsylvania; and

Preamble.

WHEREAS, This General Assembly being mindful of the character and qualities of our founders and forefathers and of their achievement in establishing the colony of New Sweden, and of maintaining and preserving peaceful and harmonious relations with the Indians and the neighboring colonies, thereby laying the foundations for the subsequent colony of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and enabling it to develop quickly into the greatest, richest, and most populous province among the Original Thirteen Colonies, and making possible Philadelphia's rise as the greatest city of Colonial America, and the establishment of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as the Keystone in the great arch of states, and this General Assembly being mindful, also, that such character, qualities, pioneering, efforts, and achievements were the foundations upon which our Pennsylvania civilization is based, and being mindful of the honorable pride and great interest of our citizens therein, desires to make said tercentenary celebration an occasion of State, National, and world-wide reunion, to commemorate those inspiring and momentous events; and

WHEREAS, The said tercentenary anniversary celebration will arouse, stimulate, and encourage the interest

of all of our citizens and the citizens of other states and countries, young and old, in a knowledge and study of the inspiring history of the founding, establishing, and development of this Commonwealth, and will interpret and emphasize the spiritual and educational forces of the past; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that the said commemoration will bring to the Commonwealth a great influx of visitors from the nation and the entire world, who will learn of the historical, agricultural, commercial, and industrial values and attractions here to be found, and resulting in aid and stimulation of the general business improvement of the State, thereby increasing the State revenues derived from the gasoline and other taxes; and

WHEREAS, The Governments of Sweden and Finland have accepted invitations to participate in the said Tercentenary celebrations; and

WHEREAS, The President and Congress of the United States of America have appointed a Delaware Valley Tercentenary Commission to participate in the said celebration in behalf of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, The Government of Sweden has created a Swedish-American Tercentenary Commission to cooperate with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Distinguished representatives of the Swedish Government and its Tercentenary Commission are perfecting arrangements to pay an official visit to this Commonwealth in one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight; therefore,

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niversary.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the Governor, directly or through such agency as he may designate, is authorized and directed to make, supervise, execute, and carry out such plans and preparations as may be necessary for the proper celebration of the said tercentenary anniversary; to cooperate with the United States Delaware Valley Tercentenary Commission, with the Commission of Sweden, Finland, and other countries, the Tercentenary Commission of the States of Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland, the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, the Swedish Colonial Society, the American Swedish Historical Museum, and other historical associations and county, municipal, and other authorities, committees, or commissions now existing, or hereafter to be appointed; to send a representative or representatives to Sweden, there, in the city of Gothenberg of Gotenborg, to dedicate a tablet or memorial in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the sailing of the ships Kalmar Nyckel and Fogel Grip, in November, one thousand six hundred and thirty-seven, or to any other country or countries

from which the earliest settlers came to our shores, prior to the advent of William Penn; to buy from the United States, sell, distribute, and present commemorative coins; and to create such offices and to select such assistants and personnel, and to pay such reasonable and fair compensation therefor, as in its judgment may be proper and necessary.

Section 2. In executing and carrying out the provisions of this act the Governor shall have authority to incur costs and expenses, and to expend the appropriation herewith authorized for the formulation and execution of plans, the organization and presentation of pageants and parades, the organizing, operating, and conducting of declamatory, essay, oratorical, and history contests in any or all schools located within this Commonwealth, and the award of prizes, medals, and certificates therefor, the arranging and holding of receptions in honor of the representatives of Sweden, Finland, and other mother countries, officials of the Government of the United States, the Governors of other states, the Mayors of Philadelphia and Chester, and other distinguished guests, cooperation and participation in local and county events in this Commonwealth, the cost of designing, constructing, erecting, and dedicating historic memorial tablets, markers, or monuments, the costs of research into and of translating, publishing, and distributing historic documents or records based upon the history of New Sweden and the early history of Pennsylvania, whether such historic records exist within or without the Commonwealth or abroad, the costs of advertising, printing, and publishing, including the costs of advertising and publishing within and without the Commonwealth the historical, agricultural, commercial, and industrial values and attractions of Pennsylvania, of renting, equipping and furnishing offices and office supplies and materials, of designating, manufacturing, and presenting souvenir medals, badges, and other emblems, of traveling and other costs within and without the Commonwealth, and other expenses and costs as the Governor in his discretion may deem necessary for the proper conduct and operation of the said celebration.

Authority to incur costs and expenses.

Section 3. The Governor in his discretion may contract* with the American Swedish Historical Museum, now established in Philadelphia, for the constructing, equipping, and setting up of a room in the said museum to be known as "The Pennsylvania Room," which room shall be under the control of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission or such other agency as the Governor may designate, and in which articles or historic relics connected with the dawn of history in New

Contracts.

* "contact" in the original.

Sweden or Pennsylvania, or other objects relevant in connection therewith, may be displayed, such contract, however, to be in such legal form as meets the requirements and approval of the Department of Justice.

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appropriated.

Section 4. The sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) is hereby specifically appropriated out of the General Fund to the Governor, to be paid out by the Auditor General on the requisitions of the said commission, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

When effective.

Section 5. This act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment, and the appropriation made by this act shall be available for expenditure from said effective date until the close of the fiscal period ending May thirty-first, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-nine.

APPROVED—The 2d day of July, A. D. 1937.

GEORGE H. EARLE

No. 543

AN ACT

Supplementing the act of July twenty-second, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws, seventy); and authorizing the Governor, directly or through such agency as he may designate, to provide, plan, prepare, supervise, and carry out, a suitable program, throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and elsewhere, for the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Framing, the Signing, the Ratification by Pennsylvania, and the Final Adoption and Establishment of the Constitution of the United States, during the years 1937-38-39; and making an appropriation.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly by the act, approved the twenty-second day of July, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-six (Pamphlet Laws, seventy), authorized and directed the Pennsylvania Historical Commission of the Department of Public Instruction, for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to arrange for the participation of the Commonwealth in a national Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Framing, the Signing, the Ratification by Pennsylvania, and the Final Adoption and Establishment of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is more deeply concerned in the proper observance of the Anniversary of the Framing, the Signing, the Ratification, and the Establishment of the Constitution of the United States and of the Establishment of the United States of America under the said Constitution on her soil, than any other state, and it is desired to make said celebration a memorable oc-