

No. 53

AN ACT

SB 108

Authorizing the Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor and the Historical and Museum Commission, to transfer Valley Forge State Park to the United States of America.

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

Section 1. The Department of Property and Supplies, with the approval of the Governor and the Historical and Museum Commission, is hereby authorized on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to convey to the United States of America title to a certain tract of land, situate in the Counties of Chester and Montgomery of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, known as Valley Forge State Park, for a consideration of \$1. The description of the property conveyed shall be such as the proper officials of the Commonwealth and the United States Government may agree upon.

Section 2. The deed of conveyance shall limit the use of the land to recreational and historical purposes only, specifically excluding use as a National Cemetery shall be approved by the Department of Justice and shall be executed by the Secretary of Property and Supplies in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 3. Exclusive jurisdiction in and over the aforesaid lands, when acquired by the United States is hereby ceded to the United States by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, provided that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall retain concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over the lands and buildings aforesaid, in so far that civil processes as may issue under the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania against anyone charged with crime committed outside said land, may be executed thereon in the same manner as if jurisdiction had not been ceded.

Section 4. The jurisdiction ceded to the United States shall be upon the further condition that the Commonwealth reserves to itself and its political subdivisions whatever power of taxation it may constitutionally reserve, to levy and collect all taxes now or hereafter imposed by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions upon property and persons within the boundaries so ceded.

Section 5. The conveyance shall be made on the further condition and the United States shall expressly affirm by resolution of the agency accepting the conveyance, that if, as and when the premises are no longer used for recreational and historical purposes, the title and right of possession thereto shall immediately revert to and revest in the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and its assigns, and further that the United States if, as and when the property above described is no longer used for such purposes, it shall surrender and vacate the premises immediately notifying the Department of Property and Supplies or its successor in function of its action, and execute and acknowledge a good and proper deed conveying the premises to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, as well as recording the same, all at the cost of the United States.

Section 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of July, A. D. 1975.

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