

No. 2002-63

AN ACT

HB 1356

Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the composition of the State Armory Board and for the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund.

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

Section 1. Section 1501 of Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 1501. Composition and general functions.

The State Armory Board shall consist of the Adjutant General, who shall act as chairman, and [~~five~~] *eight* members appointed by the Adjutant General. Three of the members of the State Armory Board appointed by the Adjutant General shall be members of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The State Armory Board shall exercise the powers, duties and provisions of this chapter. The board shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the board. It shall provide, equip, maintain, manage and regulate armories for the use of the Pennsylvania military forces. It may, with the approval of the Governor, accept gifts of land, with or without buildings thereon, to be used for military purposes. The title to all such land shall be taken in the name of the Commonwealth. It may also employ funds appropriated to it to purchase, for armory purposes, any suitable buildings or sites.

Section 2. Section 1905(b) of Title 51 is amended to read:

§ 1905. Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund.

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(b) Purpose.—The moneys in the fund shall be used for the selection, design [~~and~~], construction, *operation and maintenance* of an appropriate physical monument on the grounds of the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and other costs incidental thereto.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect as follows:

- (1) The amendment of 51 Pa.C.S. § 1501 shall take effect in 60 days.
- (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 19th day of June, A.D. 2002.

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