

No. 2003-8

AN ACT

HB 1105

Amending Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the composition and expiration of the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Commission and for the administration of the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund.

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

Section 1. Title 51 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 710. Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund.

(a) Administration.—The separate fund in the State Treasury known as the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund shall be administered by the State Veterans' Commission, and all moneys in the fund are appropriated to the State Veterans' Commission on a continuing basis.

(b) Purpose.—The moneys in the fund shall be used for the operation and maintenance of the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial on the grounds of the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery and other costs incidental thereto as approved by the department. Moneys in the fund may be used to pay any construction costs which have not been paid on the effective date of this section.

(c) Contributions and solicitation of funds.—

(1) The State Veterans' Commission is authorized:

(i) To accept, on behalf of the Commonwealth, gifts, donations, legacies and usages of money from individuals, organizations, public or private corporations and other similar entities.

(ii) To solicit and raise moneys from public and private sources.

(2) All money received or raised under this subsection shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the fund.

Section 2. Section 1903(b) of Title 51 is amended to read:

§ 1903. Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Commission.

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(b) Composition of commission.—The commission shall be composed of the following:

(1) Two members of the Senate to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party, or their designees. Preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans.

(2) Two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one from the majority party

and one from the minority party, *or their designees*. Preference shall be given to honorably discharged veterans.

(3) The Secretary of General Services, or a designee.

(4) The Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, or a designee.

(5) One member, appointed by the Governor, who must be an architect.

(6) Five members, appointed by the Governor, who must be Pennsylvania veterans. At least one of these members must be a woman.

(7) The Commander of the Pennsylvania War Veteran's Council, or a designee.

(8) The State Adjutant of the Pennsylvania Veterans of Foreign Wars, or a designee.

(9) The Pennsylvania State Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, or a designee.

(10) The State Adjutant of the Pennsylvania American Legion, or a designee.

(11) The Adjutant General of the Department of Military Affairs, or a designee.

(12) The Director of the Bureau of Veterans Affairs in the Department of Military Affairs.

(13) One member, appointed by the Governor, who must be a certified public accountant.

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Section 3. Section 1906 of Title 51 is amended to read:

§ 1906. Expiration [of chapter].

[This] *Sections 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904 of this chapter* shall expire June 30, [2003] 2005.

Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

(1) The addition of 51 Pa.C.S. § 710 shall take effect June 30, 2005.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A.D. 2003.

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