

No. 2004-203

AN ACT

SB 798

Establishing the Capitol Centennial Commission; providing for the commission's powers and duties; imposing a penalty; and providing for funding.

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

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Capitol Centennial Commission Act.

Section 2. Declaration of policy.

The General Assembly finds and declares as follows:

(1) The new Pennsylvania State Capitol building was dedicated on October 4, 1906.

(2) President Theodore Roosevelt was the orator of the day and declared it the "most handsome State Capitol I have ever seen."

(3) The Pennsylvania State Capitol was created by architect Joseph M. Huston and was built and furnished at a cost of \$13,000,000.

(4) The Pennsylvania State Capitol represents classic Renaissance style, making it a timeless architectural treasure.

(5) Over the years the Pennsylvania State Capitol has seen many changes and improvements.

(6) The Pennsylvania State Capitol serves as an icon of the Commonwealth, representing history and government.

(7) October 4, 2006, will mark the centennial anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Capitol.

Section 3. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Commission." The Capitol Centennial Commission established in section 4.

Section 4. Commission.

(a) Establishment.—The Capitol Centennial Commission is hereby established. The commission shall consist of the following members:

(1) The Governor or a designee.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor or a designee.

(3) The President pro tempore of the Senate or a designee.

(4) The Majority Leader of the Senate or a designee.

(5) The Minority Leader of the Senate or a designee.

(6) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or a designee.

(7) The Majority Leader of the House of Representatives or a designee.

(8) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or a designee.

(9) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania or a designee.

(10) The chairman of the Capitol Preservation Committee or a designee.

(b) Cochairpersons.—The following are appointed as cochairpersons of the commission:

(1) The Lieutenant Governor.

(2) The President pro tempore of the Senate.

(3) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(c) Meetings.—Meetings of the commission shall be called by the cochairpersons.

(d) Director.—The cochairpersons of the commission shall appoint a director or codirectors.

Section 5. Powers and duties.

(a) General rule.—The commission shall make determinations regarding celebratory events, materials, information and other matters that occur in conjunction with the centennial anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Capitol and concomitant celebration.

(b) Events.—Only those events designated by the commission as part of the Capitol Centennial Celebration shall be officially sanctioned events.

(c) Authorization.—The terms “Capitol Centennial” and “Capitol Centennial Celebration” shall be authorized by the commission for use in officially sanctioned events.

Section 6. Violation.

The use of the term “Capitol Centennial” or “Capitol Centennial Celebration” in an advertisement designed to attract the general public to an event is prohibited unless authorized by the commission. A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor of the third degree and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.

Section 7. Funding.

Moneys appropriated under the act of July 4, 2004 (P.L.1837, No.7A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2004, by the General Assembly for use in the Centennial of the Capitol shall be used exclusively by the commission.

Section 8. Expiration.

The commission shall expire on June 30, 2008.

Section 9. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of November, A.D. 2004.

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