
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, FEBRUARY 8, 2013

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 13, 1907 (P.L.560, No.373), entitled
2 "An act designating the official flag of the Commonwealth of
3 Pennsylvania, and describing the same; providing for the
4 carrying of such flag by the regiments of the National Guard
5 of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Secretary of the
6 Commonwealth to provide, and have deposited in the office of
7 Secretary of the Commonwealth, a model of said flag, and
8 making an appropriation therefor," further providing for
9 specifications for the official flag of the Commonwealth and
10 for the duties of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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

13 Section 1. Sections 1 and 3 of the act of June 13, 1907
14 (P.L.560, No.373), entitled "An act designating the official
15 flag of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and describing the
16 same; providing for the carrying of such flag by the regiments
17 of the National Guard of Pennsylvania; authorizing the Secretary
18 of the Commonwealth to provide, and have deposited in the office
19 of Secretary of the Commonwealth, a model of said flag, and
20 making an appropriation therefor," are amended to read:

21 Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the flag to be known as

1 the official flag of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall be
2 of blue, same color as the blue field in the flag of the United
3 States, and of the following dimensions and design; to wit, The
4 length, or heighth, of the staff to be nine feet, including
5 brass spear-head and ferrule; the fly of the said flag to be six
6 feet two inches, and to be four feet six inches on the staff; in
7 the center of the flag there shall be embroidered in silk the
8 same on both sides of the flag the coat of arms of the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in proportionate size; the edges
10 to be trimmed with knotted fringe of yellow silk, two and one-
11 half inches wide; a cord, with tassels, to be attached to the
12 staff at the spear-head, to be eight feet six inches long, and
13 composed of white and blue silk strands[.]; the word
14 "Pennsylvania" to be embroidered upon the flag in yellow silk
15 and to be centered within a symmetrical red festoon, similar to
16 that containing the State motto; and the festoon to be centered
17 above the bald eagle on the coat of arms.

18 Section 3. The [Secretary of the Commonwealth is hereby
19 directed to provide a] Pennsylvania Historical and Museum
20 Commission shall:

21 (1) redesign the flag, in accordance with the description
22 given in the first section of this act[, and keep the same
23 deposited in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as
24 a model; the cost of said flag to be paid by warrant of the
25 Auditor General upon the State Treasurer; and for this purpose
26 the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as
27 may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated, out of
28 any moneys in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated.];

29 (2) place the original redesigned flag and model thereof in
30 the Pennsylvania State Archives, as the official repository of

1 the redesigned flag; and

2 (3) publish the specifications for and a copy of the
3 redesigned flag in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the
4 commission's Internet website.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.