



## SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

### Senate Bill 170 Printer's No. 1304

Prime Sponsor: Senator Browne  
Committee: State Government

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#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Establishes the Pennsylvania Museum Preservation Act.

#### **SUMMARY:**

Requires the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission to create a grant program to provide state funds to eligible museums. The Commission is responsible for creating guidelines and program standards.

Grant limits are as follows:

- An eligible museum with an operating budget of more than \$100,000 may apply for grants equal to 15% of its operating budget.
- A museum with the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) accreditation may receive an additional grant of up to 1% of its operating budget.
- Grants cannot exceed a total of \$500,000.

The funds for the grant program will be transferred from the inheritance tax to the newly created Pennsylvania Museum Preservation Fund. The amount transferred will be 1.5% of the inheritance tax or about \$15 million.

Effective Date: 60 Days.

#### **Amendment A08220**

Amends the legislation to receive funding from the state sales tax and not the inheritance tax. Additionally, it is a flat amount of \$15 million and not a percentage.

#### **BILL HISTORY:**

Referred to Senate State Government on October 7, 2015

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