



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 1484
Printer's Number 2097

Prime Sponsor: Representative Gillen
Committee: State Government

SYNOPSIS:

Amends Act 75 of 1987 regarding the duties of the Department of General Services (DGS) towards the preservation and construction of "Soldiers' Grove" and of the Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens.

SUMMARY:

Requires DGS to arrange: for the fabrication of an additional bronze plaque in honor of any war or armed conflict officially engaged in by the United States after the Vietnam Conflict; for the placement of permanent low-lying decorative chain barriers within the Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens at the end of each concrete arc representing the "Tides of War;" to have signs placed conspicuously around "Soldiers' Grove" stating "At All Times, Please Remember This Memorial Is Hallowed Ground" to remind people to respect the Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens; for the appropriate preservation of "Soldiers' Grove" according to the third recommendation on page 18 of the report relating to the concept of erecting "Pillars of Time" pursuant to House Resolution 331.

Because "Soldiers' Grove" and the Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens have run out of space, action is needed to empower DGS to continue to honor these heroes.

Nothing in this act is to be construed to limit the authority of DGS to comply with the provisions of this act while conforming to the original design of the Medal of Honor Memorial Gardens to the greatest extent possible.

Effective immediately.

BILL HISTORY:

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