

No. 160.

AN ACT

Creating a commission to select an historic spot as a cemetery for the burial of bodies of soldiers, sailors, marines, war nurses, and members of the National Guard; defining the powers and duties of the commission; and making an appropriation.

State military
cemetery.
Commission.

Selection of site.

Who may be bur-
ied therein.

Acceptance of do-
nated land.

Procuring option
on land.

Report to Legisla-
ture.

Burial of soldiers,
etc., in cemetery.

Compensation of
commission.

Appropriation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That a commission is hereby created, which shall be composed of five citizens of the Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor. It shall be the duty of the commission to select and to make arrangements to have set apart, in some historic spot in the Commonwealth, an appropriate space for use as a cemetery for the burial of the bodies of soldiers, sailors, marines, and war nurses, who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during times of war, who died while in active service or after an honorable discharge, and who entered such service while residents of Pennsylvania, as well as the bodies of members of the National Guard of Pennsylvania who died while members of the National Guard or after an honorable discharge therefrom.

Section 2. The members of said commission shall have power, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to accept the dedication of any lands in an historic spot for use as a cemetery as provided in section one. In case no such dedication is made, the commission shall select an appropriate place, and secure an option for the purchase of the necessary lands by the Commonwealth.

Section 3. The commission shall make a report of its work to the General Assembly of one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and shall include in such report a statement of the appropriation necessary to secure lands for such cemetery.

Section 4. When any such cemetery shall be located and established, the friends and relatives of any such deceased soldier, sailor, marine, war nurse, or member of the National Guard, may convey his or her body to such cemetery, and cause the same to be buried, after having obtained the permission of the Adjutant General of the Commonwealth. The Adjutant General shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary to regulate such burials and to provide for the care and maintenance of such cemetery.

Section 5. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation, but shall be allowed all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties. The sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby specifically appropriated to the commission to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

APPROVED—The 26th day of April, A. D. 1921.

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