

No. 83

AN ACT

SB 260

Authorizing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission to acquire, by gift on behalf of the Commonwealth, certain properties related to development of historic sites and museums; to manage, administer and develop the properties; and to provide a research center for certain collections.

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

Section 1. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is hereby authorized and empowered to accept as a gift on behalf of the Commonwealth free and clear of all liens and encumbrances the real property known as the Village of Eckley in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

Section 2. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is hereby authorized to accept as a gift on behalf of the Commonwealth free and clear of all liens and encumbrances a tract of land in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania, suitable as the site for a museum to relate the story of the role of ethnic groups in the coal regions and of labor in the anthracite coal industry.

Section 3. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is hereby authorized to accept as a gift on behalf of the Commonwealth free and clear of all liens and encumbrances a tract of land in Ashland, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, suitable as the site for a museum to relate the story of the geology of the anthracite region and of the mechanical and technological changes in that industry from the earliest times to the present.

Section 4. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is hereby authorized to accept as a gift on behalf of the Commonwealth free and clear of all liens and encumbrances a tract of land in Wyoming Borough, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, suitable as the site for a Documents Repository, Northeast Region and for the preservation of documentary and official archival materials of the northeastern area of the State, and to provide an adequate historical research center for collections pertaining to the anthracite industry and the general history of the State.

Section 5. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission is hereby authorized to accept as a gift on behalf of the Commonwealth free and clear of all liens and encumbrances a tract of land in Coal Township, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania suitable as a site for an Historical Center for the preservation for research and study documentary, photographic, archival and artifact materials related to the history of industry, transportation, and other aspects of the history of the region and to arrange for suitable displays based upon these materials which will be educational in nature and of interest to those who visit the region.

Section 6. Upon acquiring the property aforesaid, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall have full control and management of the same and is empowered to adopt and carry into effect plans for restoration and such rules and regulations as shall be necessary to the management of the aforesaid properties and visitation thereof by the public. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall have the authority to enter into agreements with responsible local historical, development, and tourist associations to aid in the development and use of the same.

APPROVED—The 1st day of August, A. D. 1969.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 83.



Secretary of the Commonwealth.