

## No. 290

## AN ACT

## HB 2572

Amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177), entitled "An act providing for and reorganizing the conduct of the executive and administrative work of the Commonwealth by the Executive Department thereof and the administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers thereof, including the boards of trustees of State Normal Schools, or Teachers Colleges; abolishing, creating, reorganizing or authorizing the reorganization of certain administrative departments, boards, and commissions; defining the powers and duties of the Governor and other executive and administrative officers, and of the several administrative departments, boards, commissions, and officers; fixing the salaries of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and certain other executive and administrative officers; providing for the appointment of certain administrative officers, and of all deputies and other assistants and employes in certain departments, boards, and commissions; and prescribing the manner in which the number and compensation of the deputies and all other assistants and employes of certain departments, boards and commissions shall be determined," further regulating the price to be paid for State forest lands.

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

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 1802, act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177), known as "The Administrative Code of 1929," amended April 14, 1961 (P.L.90), is amended to read:

Section 1802. Forest Powers and Duties.—The Department of Forests and Waters shall have the power, and its duty shall be:

(a) With the approval of the State Forest Commission, to acquire, in the name of the Commonwealth, by purchase, gift, lease, or condemnation, and hold as State forests, subject to the conditions of any such lease, and subject to such reservations, if any, of mineral rights, stumpage rights, rights of way, or other encumbrances, as the department and the State Forest Commission deem to be consistent with such holding, any lands, including tax delinquent lands, which, in the judgment of the department, the Commonwealth should hold, manage, control, protect, maintain, utilize, and regulate, as State forests or for reforestation, and adding to and extending the existing State forests for the purpose of lessening soil erosion and silting up of reservoirs; control the flow of streams and extinguish interior holdings; or for the establishment and maintenance of fire observation towers and stations, and such adjoining lands as may be deemed necessary to control, maintain, and develop such towers and stations, and to furnish access to them. The purchase price of any such lands shall not exceed ten dollars per acre, except such as are acquired for fire observation tower and station purposes, except **[the price paid for interior holdings and farms and marginal farms along State forest lands, which shall not exceed twenty dollars per acre]** *for the price paid for lands approved by the State Forest Commission as essential to*

*consolidate existing State forest lands in the interest of sound and economical management practices by eliminating interior holdings and marginal tracts which are deeply indented into State forests, which shall not exceed one hundred dollars per acre and which moneys shall come only from a restricted receipts fund, resulting from the sale of State forest land as provided for in sections 1 through 5 of the act of May 5, 1921 (P.L.418), entitled "An act authorizing the State Forest Commission to exchange or sell certain portions of the State forest land, and providing for the procedure."* The amount expended for the acquisition of lands for State forest purposes, in any annual appropriation period, shall not exceed the appropriation for that purpose for such period, and the amount expended for other land acquisitions shall not exceed appropriations made for such purposes, *except as hereinbefore provided;*

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APPROVED—The 10th day of December, A. D. 1970.

RAYMOND P. SHAFER

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of Act of the General Assembly No. 290.

  
Secretary of the Commonwealth.