Caves: A Unique and Fragile Environment (1993)
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PLEASE NOTICE:

DO NOT ENTER THIS CAVE.

The Virginia Big-Eared Bat, an Endangered Species, utilizes this cave for raising young during the summer months and is sensitive to disturbance. If disturbed when newborn flightless young are present, the panicked parents may drop their young which they are unable to recover from the cave floor. The number of Virginia Big-Eared Bats has declined drastically over the past several years and disturbance of nursery colonies has been a contributing factor. All bats in the United States are insect eaters, beneficial to man, and deserve protection.

The gate is to provide seclusion for Virginia Big-Eared Bats during a critical period of the year and is the property of the United States Government. Disturbance of the bats during the above described period of closure, constitutes a violation of the Federal Endangered Species Act and is punishable by fines of up to $20,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year.

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HOUSE BILL
No. 974  Session of 1989

INTRODUCED BY HAYES, WAMBAUGH, RUDY, BRANDT, HASAY, ARGALL AND MARSHALL, APRIL 4, 1989

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, APRIL 4, 1989

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irreplaceable if destroyed. Also irreplaceable are the
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rare and endangered species; and that caves are a natural
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pollution, thus having far-reaching effects transcending man's
property boundaries. It is therefore declared to be the policy
of the General Assembly and the intent of this act to protect
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SENATE BILL
No. 867  Session of 1989

INTRODUCED BY ARMSTRONG, APRIL 25, 1989

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, APRIL 25, 1989

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