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At 2:55 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, June 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 3:02 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 the House reconvened briefly and now stands adjourned until Monday, June 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

June 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 (*Note: the House will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday through Friday for session days scheduled in June*)

Senate

June 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

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AROUND THE ROTUNDA

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AUDITOR GENERAL LAUNCHES REVIEW OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICING

By Derek Snyder, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | June 13, 2018

Auditor General Eugene DePasquale held a press conference Wednesday in the Media Center with a bipartisan group of lawmakers to launch a review of practices by pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) in negotiating prescription prices with insurers and drug companies.

DePasquale discussed how the Department of Human Services (DHS) has zero oversight of these PBMs, even though all four major PBMs in Pennsylvania receive both state and federal funding through subcontracts originated in DHS. These four companies include CVS/Caremark, Perform Rx, Optum Rx, and ESI. “The problem in a nutshell is that Pennsylvania and many other states are just beginning to understand the ramifications of relinquishing the PBMs the power to set drug reimbursement rates for pharmacies,” said DePasquale.

Furthermore, DePasquale expressed the state is unable to access data about pharmaceutical prices being charged. DePasquale noted two major ramifications being Pennsylvania paid \$3.4 billion to the PBMs in 2017, which was up from \$1.8 billion in 2013, as well as complaints from small community pharmacies asserting PBMs have cut their reimbursement rates. “In some cases, PBMs have cut the reimbursement rate to below what it costs the pharmacist to purchase the drug. That is not the way this process was supposed to work,” said DePasquale, who noted small community pharmacies may be forced out of business which would further restrict people’s access to prescriptions. Because there is minimal oversight at the state and federal levels, DePasquale said his review will provide transparency and accountability to prescription drug pricing and he wants to make sure all pharmacies throughout the state are being treated equally by PBMs. The review will include regional hearings throughout the state with pharmacists, PBMs, insurance companies, and health care providers and look at the following questions:

- How much does the state spend on pharmacy benefit managers?
- How do PBMs bill insurance companies for a drug?
- How do PBMs determine the drug reimbursement rate for pharmacies and are those rates consistent across different types of pharmacies?
- Do PBMs pass along savings from rebates and price cuts they get from drug manufacturers?
- Why is drug pricing information kept private when taxpayers are footing the bill?
- What is DHS doing about contracts that involve PBMs?
- Are any Pennsylvania pharmacies subject to gag orders?
- How can Pennsylvania ensure transparency and fairness in pharmacy pricing for consumers?

Rep. Kathy Rapp (R-Warren) expressed that many legislators have met with community pharmacies within their constituencies and realized these concerns with PBMs are issues faced throughout Pennsylvania. Because of this, Rep. Rapp explained the House Health Committee unanimously passed HB [2211](#) and [2212](#) and she believes both bills will receive a majority vote when voted on the House floor. “We are very pleased that the Auditor General is looking at this issue,” said Rep. Rapp, before inviting DePasquale to visit with

rural pharmacies from her area. Rep. Rapp echoed legislators want to make sure everybody in Pennsylvania is paying a fair price for pharmaceuticals.

Sen. Thomas McGarrigle (R-Delaware) opened saying “the availability of medications that relieve pain, manic chronic illness, and improve the quality of life is one of the most significant developments of modern times. However, if these drugs are priced in such a way to make access a financial burden on the average citizen, that significant development is diminished.” Sen. McGarrigle discussed how PBMs have great impact on prescription drug pricing, even though oversight of what they do is nonexistent. “There is no transparency, and there is no accountability,” said Sen. McGarrigle, noting Pennsylvania spends more than \$3 billion on those prescriptions without any oversight.

“This issue is about fairness. It’s about an even playing field. It’s about patients and taxpayers being ripped off and mom and pop stores being forced out of business,” said Rep. Robert Matzie (D-Beaver). PBMs forbid local pharmacists from telling people how to save money on their medicines, added Rep. Matzie, who expressed that these pharmacies get shorted on their payments from PBMs as well while chain pharmacies continue to receive full payments. Rep. Matzie suggested “we’ve entrusted these companies with an enormous responsibility, one that which it appears they are at best not meeting, and at worst are abusing. This must be stopped.”

Rep. Seth Grove (R-York) described the issue as one of ethical fair-business practices. Rep. Grove suggested his hope to come up with new oversight and a solution, without needing to create any new laws, “ensures that we have community pharmacies, we have fair business practices, and we prevent this from moving forward.”

Rep. Judy Ward (R-Blair) outlined her bill, HB 2211, which would take on gag clauses some PBMs try to contractually enforce upon pharmacies which disallow them from telling customers about cheaper available drugs. Rep. Ward echoed her support for DePasquale and Rep. Rapp on the issue, as well as her bill.

Rep. Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon) discussed his bill, HB 2212, which would increase oversight and allow DHS to have access to reimbursement rates from PBMs. Rep. Heffley added he was made aware from some of his local pharmacies they were being reimbursed at below cost for prescriptions they were filling. “Our independent pharmacies, our small pharmacies, provide a vital health care need across this commonwealth, and if folks don’t have those local pharmacies to go to they could be traveling up to 45 minutes to an hour to get prescriptions filled,” concluded Rep. Heffley.



PHCA, SPEAKER TURZAI ADDRESS SENIOR FACILITY CONCERNS

Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services, June 13, 2018,

The Pennsylvania Health Care Association (PHCA) held a press conference advocating for a Medicaid funding increase in the state budget. Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny) joined PHCA to urge for immediate passage of [HB 1037](#), which would provide tort reform in Pennsylvania.

Sean Buckman, owner of Carbondale Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Lackawanna County, thanked those who met with legislators about issues surrounding skilled nursing facilities, assisted living residences and personal care homes. “Today was an important step in our sector’s fight to be heard,” Buckman said.

Addressing the long-term care providers in attendance, Russell McDaid, President and CEO of PHCA, said dedicated caregivers provide high quality care to seniors and the disabled. Due to providers’ advocacy on behalf of their patients, McDaid called caregivers heroes, but claimed their ability to provide care is getting more difficult because of underfunding by the state legislature. “Every year it gets harder and harder to maintain quality care when state Medicaid payments slip further and further behind the real cost of providing care,” McDaid said, adding, that annually the Pennsylvania Medicaid reimbursement is \$17,000 less than the cost of providing care for an individual. McDaid indicated, although funding rates have not decreased, inflation costs have increased, imposing lower wages on caregivers to provide for the expenditures.

According to McDaid, in the last few years, more than 130 nursing facilities have changed ownership, reorganized or declared bankruptcy. “Soon, I assure you, doors will close and this time they won’t reopen,” McDaid said. “This sector is in need of help.” McDaid demanded for the General Assembly to increase funding by 2.6 percent to keep up with inflation and a \$17 million payment, matched by federal funds, for Medicaid nursing facilities. McDaid stated Gov. Tom Wolf and the General Assembly have not provided an increase in the last few years. “Gov. Wolf has been 0-3 in the last three budgets,” McDaid said. “We are looking whether we can get the legislature to go 1-4 over the last four years.”

McDaid said that PHCA is also here to rally for support in HB 1037, which would limit litigation against senior health care providers, saving Medicaid millions in settlements. “For too long, predatory out-of-state law firms set up shop here in Pennsylvania,” McDaid said, claiming that firms place advertisements attacking senior facilities, resulting in civil lawsuits and settlements. “The threat of a jackpot communitive damage award is just too much risk for any of the companies represented here today to bear.” According McDaid, senior care providers spend more in legal protection than food for residents. “These predatory attorneys from Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi...know Pennsylvania doesn’t have the kind protection and law to keep them from doing this and there hasn’t been any stop to it,” McDaid said. “Until now.” McDaid said that House Bill 1037 would provide tort reform, which would result in increased funding for direct patient care because of protections against litigation.

David Ferraro, Chief Operating Office for Quality Life Services, said dedicated caregivers provide services because of compassion, not money. Ferraro stated long-term care providers do not want these increases, they need them. On House Bill 1037, Ferraro said, “We need to tell predatory law firms to get the heck out of our state and steal someone else’s money.” Ferraro indicated that it is time for caregivers to stand up to the legislature for their concerns. “Please support our bills, please give us additional funding,” he added.

Rep. Turzai thanked caregivers for the services they provide to seniors. “If you weren’t there, there would be a real void for those seniors in the twilight years,” Rep. Turzai said. According to the House Speaker, HB 1037 would protect senior care facilities from litigation, which he called common sense reform.



COMMITTEE NEWS

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House Appropriations Committee

6/13/18, 11:30 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 899 Oberlander, Donna](#) - (PN 1021) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for compensable services and items by allowing anti-obesity drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration to be considered a compensable item under the medical assistance program; and abrogating a related regulation. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman Joseph Markosek (D-Allegheny) noted that the fiscal note puts the cost of the legislation at \$30 million. “At some point in time the legislature is going to have to find the money to pay for some of these programs,” he stated.

[HB 1514 Rapp, Kathy](#) - (PN 1939) The Early Childhood Vision Care Education Act requires the Department of Health to establish the Early Childhood Vision Care Education Program to promote public awareness of the need for vision care for young children and the value of early detection, diagnosis and treatment of vision disorders and eye diseases. The bill also provides for evaluation of the program by the department, who shall share its evaluation with the General Assembly. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1810 Heffley, Doyle](#) - (PN 3569) Amends Title 48 (Lodging and Housing), in lodging, providing for hosting platforms

requiring a hosting platform to register with the Department of Revenue. A hosting platform may not facilitate the booking of lodging reservations with a host or hotel in the Commonwealth until the platform is registered with the department. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2603) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman Markosek said the fiscal note states that “additional revenues may be realized” but does not give a specific figure. He questioned if the potential revenues will go to the state or counties/ municipalities. House Appropriations Republican Deputy Executive Director Ritchie LaFaver explained that some of the “hosting platforms” currently collect the tax and some do not. “There is a good likelihood that these ones that are not in compliance will come into compliance and generate additional revenues through the hotel occupancy for the commonwealth and through the hotel room rental tax for the counties,” he stated.

[HB 1987 Barbin, Bryan](#) - (PN 3554) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act providing that fentanyl and fentanyl derivatives shall only be dispensed to a patient who is being treated on an inpatient basis or remains in observation status, or during a surgery that takes place in a health care facility; for use in palliative or hospice care; for use in the management of pain associated with cancer; or to a patient whose treatment is associated with a medical emergency as documented in the individual’s medical record. Further provides in instances where, in the professional medical judgment of prescriber, fentanyl is required to stabilize an individual’s acute medical condition, the prescriber may prescribe no more than a seven-day supply of fentanyl. Also provides the Department of Health, in consultation with the State Police, shall issue an annual report to the General Assembly regarding fentanyl overdoses and dispensing data. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2849) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 172 Argall, David](#) - (PN 1238) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new section establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system in work zones on state highways. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enforce section 3362 (relating to maximum speed limits) by recording violations using an automated speed enforcement system approved by the department. The new section shall only be applicable on Federal aid highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike in areas agreed upon by the system administrator and the secretary of Transportation. Further provides for owner liability, penalties, liability, limitations, and for a system administrator. Also provides for a pilot program for automated enforcement on Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia. The new section shall expire five years from its effective date. Effective in 120 days. Portions are effective 60 days after publication of notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and the remainder is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 148, 1067) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.



House Labor and Industry Committee

6/13/18, 9:00 a.m., 60 East Wing

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a hearing on [HB 861 Grove, Seth](#) - (PN 967) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) adding a new section prohibiting any municipality from regulating employer policies or practices or enforcing any mandate regarding employer policies or practices. This prohibition shall not apply to a mandate enacted by a municipality affecting an employee or class of employees of the municipality itself. Provides for effect; relief; reasonable expenses; and definitions. Effective immediately.

Rep. Grove stated the bill is a preemption law that would bar local governments from passing labor law policies on private sector employees, but does not apply to a mandate affecting employees of a municipality itself. He said the scope of the bill is to ensure local governments focus private safety, planning and zoning. Entering labor law policies creates inconsistent patchwork that stops economic growth and businesses suffer, Rep. Grove said. He explained the scope of the bill is to provide consistent regulatory throughout Pennsylvania and provide a place that welcomes businesses.

[Jennifer White](#), Director of Training and Development, The Briad Group, explained the company operates a group of Wendy’s restaurants in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. She said she works with 22 Wendy’s restaurants in New York City that are required to comply with New York City’s Predictable Scheduling Laws. White said since the laws have gone into effect her team has been tasked with managing documentation required to stay compliant with the laws, which includes reviewing each restaurant’s schedule from the day before and comparing it to the time clock records. White noted among the 22 restaurants, the team finds about 165 inconsistencies a day. The team then collects documentation from

every manager for each instance which is required by law, White said.

White continued that there is also a full time document manager and at the rate they are going year-to-date, they will spend over \$100,000 in processing documentation to remain compliant with the laws and over 1,400 labor hours have been dedicated so far to managing the documentation. She commented these laws have put strain on the relationship between employee and manager and the new scheduling practices have made it so that some employees who work more than one job are no longer able to coordinate the two jobs' schedules together. White said she hopes by supporting this bill she can have an impact on her teams in Pennsylvania.

[Xavier Veliz](#), general manager, Wendy's Restaurant, The Briad Group, noted his restaurant is located in Queens Village, New York. He explained he has faced many challenges regarding the new restrictive scheduling law such as flexibility of scheduling, employee and management moral, family culture being destroyed, employee turnover increase, excessive paperwork, and working in a tense atmosphere. Veliz stated flexible scheduling in a family environment boosts morale and limits turnover. He said he has difficulties hiring part-time college or high school students because of the lack of flexibility. The work environment is no longer a family fun place to work and there is so much paperwork that has to be done on a day to day basis, Veliz said. He commented he believes that business will not survive with the new restrictive law and crew members will seek other employment.

[Rebecca Oyler](#), Legislative Director, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB) Pennsylvania, stated NFIB in Pennsylvania represents 14,000 small and independent businesses in the commonwealth and about 325,000 nationwide. A typical member employs five or fewer workers and generates gross sales of about \$400,000 per year, Oyler said. She stated the NFIB believes the bill would prevent local micromanagement of labor laws to the detriment of business and economic development in Pennsylvania. Oyler commented local labor mandates create an uneven playing field and stack the deck against the businesses located inside affected municipalities. She explained outside of those covered by federal law, labor rules are the purview of state government and should be debated within the halls of the Capitol by elected representatives and approved by the governor so that they apply equally to all workers in the state.

Oyler added it is impractical to expect Pennsylvania's over 2,500 municipal governments to have the expertise to research and evaluate the full impact of labor ordinances will have on their local business and economies. Small businesses are especially vulnerable to the impact of local mandates as small business owners typically have no administrative staff, little human resources experience, and certainly no regular access to legal counsel, Oyler said. She stated according to the Small Business Administration, workplace compliance costs small businesses 36 percent more per employee than it costs large businesses.

NFIB believes the bill will prevent the balkanization of state labor laws and preclude municipalities from imposing additional layers of regulation on overly-burdened small businesses, Oyler said. She noted Pennsylvania has not fared well in economic competition among the states and passing the bill to signal that the state is not amendable to becoming a complex burdensome patchwork of local labor ordinances is an important step in the right direction.

Rep. Grove questioned if NFIB has looked at the cost now compared to prior to the new paperwork and the cost to taxpayers. Oyler replied she does not have a specific number, but there is overlapping areas in paperwork and bureaucracy that increase costs, result in higher prices, and fewer jobs. Rep. Grove asked Veliz if he had to hire someone to do the paperwork and if he spends more time doing paperwork. Veliz said his organization has someone special for that but it is hard for him to come to work every day with so much paperwork. White added in a typical restaurant they may need an extra shift supervisor to work the floor and one to have more administrative duties.

Rep. Krueger-Braneky commented it seems as if there is difficulty with paperwork but wondered why the proposed solution is to preempt all local labor laws. White stated they are reacting to what they are seeing with their own restaurants in Philadelphia as it is difficult to have employees go from one location to the other when needed. Rep. Krueger-Braneky noted 200,000 people will lose paid sick leave. She asked what the policy is for their restaurants. White replied employees do not come in sick as there are policies against that but she is unsure if there is paid sick leave.

Rep. Krueger-Braneky inquired if this is in compliance with the constitution. Oyler responded she does not have any information to say otherwise. She said NFIB believes in consistency of labor laws across the state as it is important in

predicting business climate and managing the multitude of regulations. Rep. Krueger-Braneky commented there are a number of places the state is failing workers such as equal pay, benefits, paid sick leave and the local government has the ability to come up with solutions.

Rep. Nelson asked what are some challenges regarding employees crossing county lines. White stated often times crew members or managers want to pick up a shift but if the laws do not match from one restaurant location to the other then it will make it harder to manage the paperwork. Rep. Nelson inquired if a documentation manager in one county and another will have impact on pricing. White said she imagines it would. Oyler added managing the inconsistencies in regulation is a problem especially for businesses that cross boundaries.

Rep. Keller questioned when opening another restaurant if the company moves employees for training purposes to help the new store get up and running. White said all the time. Rep. Keller asked if having different laws from one county to another is a problem for doing that. White replied it would be discouraging. Rep. Keller inquired if that would discourage from opening up a restaurant in another area. White said yes.

Rep. Keller asked what businesses have seen since the soda tax in Philadelphia. Oyler explained businesses have left Philadelphia to go outside the city to purchase soda and sweetened drinks. Rep. Keller noted when municipalities make individual mandates it makes competition between municipalities.

Rep. Donatucci stated she is the chair of the Philadelphia Delegation and not one person has come to talk to her about this. She questioned if this legislation would preempt discrimination laws for local government. Chairman Kauffman stated it grandfathers in anything from January 1, 2015.

Rep. Delozier questioned if there are more full-time or part-time employees. White replied it is an even split. Rep. Delozier stated there are concerns with more administrative work regarding moving employees around from location to location. Rep. Delozier asked if it is hard for someone to get more hours because they cannot go across the border of a county. White replied there is a good faith estimate that if decided at the time of hire how many hours will be worked and it cannot be deviated from more than 20 percent. Rep. Delozier commented young people in part-time positions trying to earn money can only work in one store and that one store may not need them for more than the hours they are scheduled. She said it is holding people back on earning capabilities for people trying to help families out. Oyler added the flexibility benefit would be helpful to not only workers but small businesses that may need to move employees around.

Rep. Cephas commented one size does not fit all because of the different racial makeup, property taxes, crimes rates, and more. She said it is like education funding and the state realizing one size does not fit all. The preemption bill will impact many issues such as family sick leave, the opportunity to negotiate a living wage, and sexual harassment or discrimination laws, Rep. Cephas said. She asked if there has been a full examination of the series of laws that will be impacted. Chairman Kauffman stated they worked very hard to try to get people who oppose the bill to come and talk.

[Gerard Oleksiak](#), Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry, explained it is important to understand how state preemption efforts can stall progress and harm workers. He stated Pennsylvania's Minimum Wage Act was amended to include a preemption clause that prevents local municipalities from raising the minimum wage above the statewide level and Pennsylvania has the lowest allowable rate nationwide. Gov. Wolf strongly supports an increase in the minimum wage to \$12 an hour because of this, Oleksiak said. He stated the bill goes further than minimum wage preemption by preventing local governments from regulating any employer practices or procedures. Oleksiak commented the department is concerned that if passed, it would have far-reaching implications on not only workers and businesses, but overall economic and job growth.

Oleksiak continued that the bill would roll back many local protections that already exist in Pennsylvania and could drive away family-sustaining jobs. A common argument is that so-called patchwork employment rules are a burden on businesses, but businesses have long operated under a system in which rules differ across towns, cities, and states, Oleksiak said. He noted if the bill passes nearly 200,000 workers may be stripped of paid sick leave, and rollbacks of local leave time measures would be particularly hard on low-wage workers, because access to paid sick leave is not evenly distributed across the income scale.

In addition, regrettably Pennsylvania has no statewide LGBT anti-discrimination laws and the bill would roll back many

existing workplace anti-discrimination ordinance and prevent new ones, Oleksiak said. He gave the examples of North Carolina that lost plans with PayPal because of legislation that discriminated against LGBT citizens and Texas that lost dozens of companies because of a “bathroom bill.” By stripping municipalities of the ability to protect workers, the bill may undercut Pennsylvania’s ability to recruit top companies from around the world, Oleksiak said. He urged the committee to carefully consider the implications of this bill.

[Amal Bass](#), staff attorney, Women’s Law Project, stated the Women’s Law Project strongly opposes HB 861 because it would prohibit local governments from passing laws to meet the needs of their communities and would decrease the quality of life for working people and their families. Bass said the legislation would retroactively strip workers of their right to paid sick days. She explained the benefits of sick leave are clear as it not only gives workers the ability to take care of themselves and their families, but it also helps businesses by improving employee morale, increasing productivity, and reducing turnover at work. The American Public Health Association estimates 7 million influenza infections and 1,500 deaths during the 2009 to 2010 H1N1 pandemic were the result of people working while sick, Bass said.

Bass noted paid sick leave disproportionately harms low-wage women workers and people of color. She said if passed, the bill will force Philadelphia’s workers to work while sick, to pass contagious illnesses to co-workers and customers, to forego necessary relief to address domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to skip health screenings and medical appointments, and to sacrifice taking care of their sick loved ones who need them. It also threatens local efforts to implement laws related to wage equity, fair work scheduling, and anything else related to the workplace, not only in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh but in municipalities across the commonwealth, Bass said. She stated the legislation would undo and prohibit progress at the local level, taking rights away from the citizens of Pennsylvania without filling the void with statewide legislation.

Rep. Neilson said people say the different labor laws in municipalities are hurting businesses growth. He asked if there is a problem with taxing as there are different taxes in every municipality and township. Bass stated she does not hear from businesses complaining about different regulations as a lot of different laws have always been around and taxes are one of them. She said she hears from employees who need the laws that Philadelphia has. Rep. Neilson inquired if this is a slippery slope for Pennsylvania to take. Oleksiak responded that it is a slippery slope, and North Carolina and Texas are cautionary tales. Rep. Neilson asked if this could hurt the chances of getting Amazon in Pennsylvania. Oleksiak said yes which can be seen through the examples of other states.

Rep. Grove inquired what the economic growth of North Carolina compare to Pennsylvania is. Oleksiak stated he could not answer at this time. Rep. Grove asked for a comparison of Iowa, Michigan, Indiana, Kansas, Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida who all have broad preemption laws, to Pennsylvania regarding economic growth and job growth. He also asked for Wisconsin, Ohio, Montana Kentucky, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Georgia who have less broad but still broad preemption laws. Rep. Grove commented North Carolina and Texas have seen huge population job growth and are even gaining a congressional seat while Pennsylvania is losing a seat.

Rep. Donatucci commented she does not want the flu served with her meal in a restaurant and if someone has a life changing disease a few days of sick leave can keep them from sinking. She stated that is something everyone needs to think about. Discrimination is protected in Philadelphia because of the grandfather clause, Rep. Donatucci said, but asked if the bill would allow for this to be amended. Bass replied it is such a broad preemption bill it would make it near impossible to amend. Oleksiak added he has a list of ordinances that could have an impact that he would be happy to share with the committee.

Rep. Cephas noted the nation is grappling with a lot of issues on how it treats workers and citizens. She gave the example of five African-American women who were discriminated against in a golf course in York County and if the bill is to pass York County would not have the power to deal with that. Rep. Cephas said before the committee moves forward with this, there should be an effort to take a deeper dive into the counties to see how they would be impacted. Oleksiak responded that he is part of task force that looked at what barrier there are to entering the middle class and the issues being talked about were what came up from people around the commonwealth. He added what was learned from that group of people is a lot of what the governor is proposing in his budget.

Rep. McNeill said one of her concerns is that her own county recently passed an anti-discrimination law and with this

legislation her county would be going backward.

Written testimony was submitted by:

- [Pennsylvania Municipal League](#)
- [MomsRising](#)
- [PathWays PA](#)
- [Institute for Women's Policy Research](#)
- [Pennsylvania AFL-CIO](#)
- [The LGBT Center of Greater Reading](#)
- [Pittsburgh United](#)
- [City of Philadelphia](#)
- [Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association](#)
- [Community Legal Services of Pennsylvania](#)
- [Equality PA](#)



House Rules Committee

6/13/18, 11:15 a.m., Room 245 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider [HB 1531 Christiana, Jim](#) - (PN 1978) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers) requiring notification of agency business to be made available to the public, as specified, prior to taking official action on a matter. The bill provides an exception. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.



Senate Appropriations Committee

6/13/18, 11:35 a.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 780 Vogel, Jr., Elder](#) - (PN 1709) The Telemedicine Act authorizes the practice of telemedicine by health care providers. Requires each licensure board to promulgate regulations within 24 months of the effective date and provides for the publishing temporary regulations within 60 days. Further provides for evaluation and treatment; insurance coverage; and Medicaid program reimbursement. The provisions regarding insurance coverage and Medicaid program reimbursement shall take effect in 90 days and the remainder shall take effect immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1001, 1448) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 819 Aument, Ryan](#) - (PN 1778) Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law further providing for definitions and for purchase of agricultural conservation easements by establishing "agritourism activity" as farm-related tourism or farm-related entertainment activity. Further provides an agricultural conservation easement shall not prevent an agritourism activity that is incidental to a farm's agricultural use, does not render a portion of the restricted land incapable of being immediately converted to agriculture use, and has been deemed to be an agritourism activity by a county board. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1139) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 934 Baker, Lisa](#) - (PN 1826) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry, its departmental administrative and advisory boards and departmental administrative officers, eliminating the Elevator Advisory Board and establishing the Elevator Safety Board to recommend regulations to the Secretary of Labor and Industry relating to construction, maintenance and inspection of elevators and safe operation of elevators, review any International Code Council code being reviewed by the Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council, and grant exceptions and variances from the requirements of applicable codes and standards. Portions are effective upon the first

meeting and the remainder is effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1300) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 994 Grove, Seth](#) - (PN 2909) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in gross receipts tax, adjusting the definition of “taxes” under Article 11 Section 1101 to mirror that used in the Sales and Use Tax. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1155) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1659 Tobash, Mike](#) - (PN 3461) Amends the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties, providing for work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by establishing the department may not apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of requirements established under section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 without prior approval of the General Assembly and requiring adult recipients to comply with and submit proof of compliance with various work requirements as a condition of participation and continuing eligibility for food assistance. The work requirements shall only apply to Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs). Requires the Department of Human Services to provide notice to adult recipients on the date of annual renewal that eligibility will be terminated if the recipient fails to meet the requirements and locations where assistance to meet the requirements is available. Also requires the department to provide a form notice to county assistance offices that eligibility for SNAP shall be terminated three months after the notice if the recipient fails to comply with the work, community service or education requirements. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2227, 3351) - The bill was **reported as committed** with the Democrats voting in the negative.

Minority Chairman Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia) expressed concern with the potential loss of federal funds and loss of services for people truly in need. He said the Democrats are going to reserve most of their comments for the floor. Chairman Hughes encouraged the committee members on both sides of the aisle to vote against the legislation.

[HB 1677 Ortitay, Jason](#) - (PN 2736) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for meeting special needs and work supports and incentives; in departmental powers and duties as to supervision, further providing for definitions; and, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for definitions. The bill changes references to child day care by removing “day.” Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2246) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1979 Schemel, Paul](#) - (PN 2837) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in limitation of time, further providing for twenty year limitation instruments under seal by repealing the June 27, 2018, expiration of the subsection. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 2238 Ortitay, Jason](#) - - The bill was **reported as committed** with the committee Democrats voting in the negative.

Chairman Hughes again urged a negative vote on this particular bill. He said he expects his caucus to “express our full throttle opinion on the matter once we’re on the floor.”



Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

6/13/18, 10:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

Video: [\(click here\)](#)

The committee met to consider two nominees to the Milk Marketing Board (MMB), [Robert Barley](#) of Millersville and [Carol Hardbarger](#) of Newport. Both nominees were unanimously **reported** for consideration by the Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

Sen. Scott Martin (R-Lancaster) introduced Barley to the committee, noting he has been farming in the county since 1987 and is heavily involved in agricultural issues. He said Barley has the respect of his peers and opined he “totally understands the industry.” He was pleased with Barley’s willingness to serve, “especially considering” current issues facing the industry.

Sen. John DiSanto (R-Dauphin) introduced Hardbarger to the committee, highlighting her career as a public school teacher

and earning her doctoral degree. He noted she has authored more than 40 publications, including many research papers.

Barley thanked the committee for considering his nomination and said he is looking for a fair playing field for all parties involved in milk production as well as communicating issues back to the legislature.

Hardbarger remarked on the large role of the dairy industry in agriculture in Pennsylvania and noted that as the consumer member of the MMB she will take her responsibilities “very seriously.”

Minority Chairman Judy Schwank (D-Berks) mentioned a meeting she held in her district at which Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding said the name “Milk Marketing Board” is a misnomer and she asked the nominees what they view the role of the board to be and what their roles will be. Barley responded the secretary “is not altogether wrong” because the board has the job to make sure the farmer is being paid, make sure the milk is measured correctly, make sure all players are bonded, make sure dealers are licensed, and make sure pricing at the retail level is accurate. He added, however, there is an opportunity in the position to show some leadership and communicate with farmers, who are not happy right now because prices are so low. Barley assured members that he will answer questions brought to him and will not “beat around the bush.” Hardbarger agreed the MMB offers an opportunity for a holistic look at fixing the problem. She said problems are systemic and will require systemic solutions. She said she wants to involve all the constituent groups and be a problem-solver for them, while ensuring any decisions made are in the interest of all involved and based on good facts.

Sen. Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming) said he often hears from school districts and pointed out the consumption of milk in public schools dropped after skim milk was required. He suggested even just switching to one percent milk would increase consumption, noting that one percent is available in chocolate but skim is not. Hardbarger remarked “we desperately need some consumer education” and said this is one example of how people will take one piece of research to get the answer they are looking for, but ignoring the rest. She said research actually shows that whole milk is better for growing children than skim milk, but acknowledged skim may make kids skinnier. She attributed that to a need for greater action such as increased exercise. She was “100-percent behind” getting whole milk, drinkable yogurt, and other dairy products into schools. Barley added there’s probably not a whole lot MMB can do, “but we can be advocates for the industry.” He was hopeful the board can communicate on issues like that to legislators and noted Sen. Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster) has introduced a resolution to encourage federal action on dairy issues.

Sen. Sharif Street (D-Philadelphia) said it is important for the board it raise its voice on issues like the waiver. He pointed out that providing one carton of milk to every Philadelphia student would be 40 million cartons of milk per year, something he said would be significant to the industry and also be nutritionally beneficial. He also asked the members to advocate for additional dairy processing plants and noted issues of what to do with wastewater. Lastly, he asked for thoughts about the distribution of the surplus when there are multi-state collaboratives. Barley called that the “over order premium” and said while there have been discussions about it for some time and there is agreement that it occurs, there is no measure of it. He said he would like to begin the process to evaluate that, but was unsure if that can be done at the board-level or if the legislature would have to take action. “That question should be answered,” he added, because it is difficult for folks in the industry. He confirmed it can be a negative for farmers, depending on how much it is. Sen. Street was hopeful that the nominees will help grow the industry in Pennsylvania. Hardbarger added that she just became aware of the issue of stranded costs and indicated it should be looked at to ensure it is not hurting farmers.

Chairman Elder Vogel (R-Beaver) commented that drinking more milk will not solve the problem because more processing plants are needed, among other issues. He then asked Hardbarger about her work with a lobbying firm. She confirmed she will no longer work for them, noting she had done “a small amount of work for them” on some research. Chairman Vogel recalled a conversation he had with Barley and appreciated that he is moving forward and will represent all dairy farmers and not just certain special interests. Barley confirmed he has resigned from D-PAC (dairy political action committee) and is no longer active with that.

Chairman Schwank commented it is “common knowledge” that stores are in favor of minimum pricing in order to minimize loss leaders, but asked the nominees their thoughts on maintaining a minimum price. Barley commented his opinion “has gone up and down” and concluded at this point he doesn’t have enough information to decide. He pointed out it is in statute but said there is some room in the percentage of how much goes back to the different parties. He did not foresee changes in that, but noted he has mentioned to some senators the idea of ratcheting back in times where there is a large amount of

excess. He suggested the minimum price has provided some stability for the industry, however. Barley assured members he is not assuming the position with the idea that he will change the minimum pricing. Chairman Schwank asked them to take a conservative approach and Barley agreed, emphasizing the goal of working within the current statute to help farmers and communicating the need for change, if that's found necessary in time.

Chairman Schwank asked the nominees their position of the over order premium. Barley said it has been helpful, but may be in need of reevaluation. He said he has no desire to get rid of it, but it should be evaluated on an ongoing basis. Bardbarger said she is still looking at how milk prices are calculated, but at this point it makes sense to do that. Regarding minimum pricing, she opined milk is not a very elastic commodity in the marketplace. She noted it can be frozen and cooked with, but did not think today's consumers would do that. Chairman Schwank agreed. She also commented that she drinks "ultra-filtered skim milk" and suggested there is a market for such a product.



Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

6/13/18, 11:55 a.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SR 382 Aument, Ryan](#) - (PN 1836) Resolution urging the Federal Food and Drug Administration to enforce existing guidelines establishing a clear standard of identity for milk. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Sen. Ryan Aument (R-Lancaster) explained he met with a number of dairy farmers who raised the issue of Food and Drug Administration (FDA) enforcement of labelling, for example whether almond milk is milk or flavored water, and that meeting was the genesis of this resolution.

Sen. Andy Dinniman (D-Chester) said it is a good idea and opined it is a way to help dairy farmers who are having a hard time.

Sen. Sharif Street (D-Philadelphia) asked if the goal is for proper labelling but not to block the industry. Sen. Aument confirmed this.

[SR 384 Schwank, Judy](#) - (PN 1839) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report making recommendations for initiatives to assist dairy producers in this Commonwealth. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman Judy Schwank (D-Berks) explained her resolution would direct a study of a number of issues, including identifying measures that the Milk Marketing Board could take to assist dairy farmers, examining statutes and best practices in other states, identify factors contributing to the decrease in dairy consumption and prices, and looking at processing and alternative products in Pennsylvania. "There's [all kinds of things](#) on the dairy shelves now that are coming from other states," she said, and indicated this study will help determine which opportunities are the best ones for Pennsylvania and its dairy farmers.



Senate Banking and Insurance Committee

6/13/18, 9:30 a.m., 461 Main Capitol

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 190 McGarrigle, Thomas](#) - (PN 179) Amends the Insurance Department Act adding an article providing for self-service storage facility insurance. The Insurance Department may issue a self-service storage agent license to an owner that has complied with the requirements of the bill authorizing the owner to offer or to sell the kinds of insurance prescribed in this section in connection with and incidental to the rental of space at a self-service storage facility. The bill provides for application, sale of insurance, requirements, training, exclusions, and promotions. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A07484](#) by McGarrigle, makes numerous changes, including adding a definition of "limited line self-storage insurance," changing references to "agent" to "producer," and adding disclosure requirements. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[SB 1205 Laughlin, Daniel \(F\)](#) - (PN 1848) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for corporate governance annual disclosure (CGAD). The bill establishes beginning January 1, 2020, a domestic insurer or an insurer that is a member of an insurance group of which this Commonwealth is the lead state shall submit to the department a CGAD no later than June 1 of each calendar year. If a domestic insurer is a member of an insurance group of which this Commonwealth is not the lead state, the insurer shall submit the report required by to the commissioner of the lead state for the insurance group in accordance with the laws of the lead state. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1800 Nelson, Eric](#) - (PN 3224) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for medication synchronization. The bill establishes no individual or group health insurance plan providing prescription drug coverage shall deny coverage for the dispensing of a medication that is dispensed by a network pharmacy on the basis that the dispensing is for a partial supply if the prescriber or pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of medication synchronization. Effective in 365 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A07409](#) by White, makes technical changes. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.



Senate Finance Committee

6/13/18, 12:20 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider [HB 939 Farry, Frank](#) - (PN 2955) Amends the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act defining "benefits administrator" and further providing for the definition of "crimes related to public office or public employment," for disqualification and forfeiture of benefits and for restitution for monetary loss. The benefits shall be immediately forfeited upon the public official's or public employee's entry of a plea of guilty or no contest or upon initial entry of a jury verdict or judicial order of guilty, with respect to any crimes related to public office or public employment. Until restitution is determined by a court, the appropriate benefits administrator shall not make payment of any refund of contributions applied for after the date of such finding or entry to the public official or public employee until the court notifies the appropriate benefits administrator that no restitution is due. The bill provides for change in plea, with no retroactivity component. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1095, 1498) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango) noted the bill is similar to a Senate bill that previously passed the committee.



Senate Judiciary Committee

6/13/18, 9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A East Wing

By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

Video:  [\(click here\)](#)

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 2050 Turzai, Mike](#) - (PN 3034) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in abortion, defining “Down syndrome” and further providing for medical consultation and judgment by stipulating that no abortion shall be deemed necessary if sought exclusively for either or both of the following reasons: (1) The sex of the unborn child; and (2) A prenatal diagnosis of, or belief that the unborn child has, Down syndrome. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed** with Democrats voting in the negative.

Chairman Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montgomery) explained the United States Supreme Court has made it clear viability is the standard for preventing abortions and the state may not impose an undue burden before then. He elaborated court decisions ask if the state has placed a substantial obstacle on getting an abortion of a nonviable fetus, opining this bill does not place an undue burden or a substantial obstacle as conversations would occur between the doctor and the woman focusing on “every factor relevant to the woman’s wellbeing.” Chairman Greenleaf added “because the bill leaves all these reasons for an abortion on the table before viability I suppose it does not violate the constitution.” He also highlighted the intent is to prevent a situation where society is choosing who should live and who should not based on certain classifications, especially considering incorrect diagnoses of Down syndrome.

Sen. Scott Martin (R-Lancaster), prime sponsor of companion bill [SB 1050](#), explained his bill looks to afford the same prohibition on gender-based abortion for a Down syndrome diagnosis. He agreed tests are many times faulty and making abortion decisions based on classes of individuals should be a worry for society, especially when it comes to disabled children. Sen. Martin focused on the successes of individuals living with Down syndrome to emphasize his belief that eugenics must be fought against instead of choosing which children have the right to life based on certain conditions.

Minority Chairman Daylin Leach (D-Montgomery) voiced concern with enforcement of the laws, wondering how the state would know the abortion is based on a Down syndrome diagnosis and how the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) would relate to disclosure of the medical information. Sen. Martin replied the conversation is between the doctor and patient such as in Chloe’s Law and admitted he does not foresee that anyone would tell or anyone would know if the decision was made on that basis, but noted current law addresses this matter with respect to gender. Chairman Leach clarified if a woman gets a Down syndrome diagnosis, and next week goes to get an abortion, there is not a requirement to disclose the condition. Sen. Martin indicated the bill would prevent abortion solely based on a Down syndrome diagnosis and maintained doctors are currently sometimes encouraging women to get an abortion based on Down syndrome potential. He agreed there would be no way for the clinic to know if there was a diagnosis and that was the reason for the abortion, as currently is the law for gender, and there would be no further enforcement after that point.

Chairman Leach next wondered what would happen if the woman disclosed a Down syndrome diagnosis but was getting the abortion for economic reasons. Sen. Martin said he does not know specifically what would happen but reiterated the bill would state a person cannot get an abortion solely based on a Down syndrome diagnosis, and the woman would have to disclose that is the reason for the abortion for the law to be applicable. Chairman Leach summarized “voluntary self-disclosure” would be the only way the law is enforceable.

Chairman Leach also wondered how a child is tested for Down syndrome. Sen. Martin explained the testing could include amniocentesis or blood testing. Chairman Leach subsequently asked if there are other reasons besides a Down syndrome diagnosis a woman would have that test, and if the law could potentially discourage those tests from happening. Sen. Martin denied this effect, noting it would still be the woman’s decision.

Chairman Leach then outlined a “limiting principle” to ask why other diseases are not included in the ban. Sen. Martin mentioned abortion due to Down syndrome is “prevalent” and can be determined with non-invasive testing, revisiting his belief society is headed towards more genetic testing and choosing life based on certain categories, which he put in the same category of aborting based on race, predisposition to cancer or addiction, or more arbitrary factors like male-pattern

baldness. He elaborated he does not want a society searching for the “perfect human being” that does not exist. Chairman Leach wondered if more bills like this will be coming for other conditions such as hydrocephalus. Sen. Martin observed as technology develops there will be practices developed where parents can choose which babies they want, which will continue the issue in society and “we have a moral obligation to address it.” He drew on Iceland claiming to cure Down syndrome, which he offered was instead “eliminating people and calling that a cure,” and also emphasized the successes those living with Down syndrome have achieved to say the bill is a disability rights issue.

Chairman Leach asserted the bill is instead about reducing abortion access generally, not about Down syndrome, and wondered if there have been any court cases which upheld a ban on abortion in the first trimester for any reason, which he said the bill would do. He mentioned courts struck down “this specific law” in Indiana because in the first trimester the woman has complete discretion. Sen. Martin added there are some challenges in progress but regardless, the issue should be addressed by Pennsylvania even if there will be legal challenges.

Sen. Larry Farnese (D-Philadelphia) stated he understands the motivation that people with disabilities should have a chance to live full active lives but wondered if there is anything in the bill which enhances their lives, such as additional funding or services, after birth. He commented this bill could be an opportunity to create universal health care so women aren’t concerned about costs for the tests, and could be used to expand health care coverage. Sen. Martin replied the bill is related to Title 18 which prevents health care issues from being added, which Sen. Farnese disputed saying many things have been added in similar bills in the past. Sen. Martin mentioned there are many federal entitlement funds and those with disabilities have proved the lives they can live, but this bill does “not do anything to enhance” that. He opined other House action such as employment opportunities for the disabled have demonstrated that is a bipartisan priority.

Sen. Farnese also questioned if the intent of the bill is to prevent discrimination against people based on characteristics. Sen. Martin confirmed this, saying the ultimate form of discrimination is denying the right to live based on a potential diagnosis and it is a slippery slope to allow that. He indicated the bill mirrors current law preventing gender-based abortion, also mentioning worldwide 90 percent of children who tested positive for Down syndrome were aborted and in the United States that number is between 60 and 65 percent. “That is wrong,” he asserted, stating they deserve the same protections as everyone else. Sen. Farnese wondered about after the child is born, asking if discrimination at that point is more permissible or legal and voicing concern with whether they would be treated free of discrimination based on their life choices after being born. Sen. Martin reiterated he hopes to prevent discrimination based on a Down syndrome diagnosis in the womb.

Sen. Art Haywood (D-Montgomery) commented there is no court decision upholding such a ban and asked if anyone knows of a court which confirmed the Down syndrome ban as constitutional, which received no response. He opined a judiciary committee should be more concerned with passing laws that are “clearly unconstitutional.”

Chairman Leach discussed the potential of quality of life, saying there are certain conditions now testable where they are likely to die in a few years and be “profoundly challenged.” He wondered if in cases like that, where there is not a high prospect for quality life, if abortion is justified there. Sen. Martin replied he is pro-life and believes every life is worth giving a shot and the right to life. Chairman Leach wondered if quality of life is a relevant distinction considering Sen. Martin’s belief that abortion is not justified in any case.

Chairman Leach summarized there is “strange logic” to protecting Down syndrome lives because they can lead decent lives, which he agreed with, but said children without medical conditions can live successful lives also, which would lead to the conclusion that no abortion is justified. He relayed his belief the decision should be up to the family to make that decision and they should have the right to weigh in on their own. Chairman Leach described the law as “completely unenforceable” as the women is not required to reveal the diagnosis, and even if they do, an abortion can happen for an alternative reason. He also reiterated there are no cases where a first trimester ban has been upheld in court, wondering why this bill would be passed considering that and each legislator’s oath to uphold the constitution.



Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee

6/13/18, 10:30 a.m., 461 Main Capitol

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1499 Keller, Mark](#) - (PN 1919) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in management of the condominium, further providing for powers of unit owners' association, for executive board members and officers and for conveyance or encumbrance of common elements; in protection of purchasers, further providing for release of liens and for warranty against structural defects; in management of cooperatives, further providing for powers of association, for executive board members and officers and for conveyance or encumbrance of cooperative; in protection of cooperative interest purchasers, further providing for release of liens and for implied warranty against structural defects; in general provisions relating to planned communities, further providing for definitions; in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for construction and validity of declaration and bylaws and for contents of declaration and all planned communities; in management of planned community, further providing for power of unit owners' association, for executive board members and officers and for conveyance or encumbrance of common facilities; and, in protection of purchasers, further providing for release of liens and for warranty against structural defects. The bill establishes the association may, for any period during which assessments are delinquent or violations of the declaration, bylaws and rules and regulations remain uncured, suspend unit owners' rights, including, without limitation, the right to vote, the right to serve on the board or committees and the right of access to common elements, recreational facilities or amenities. Also, in the event that the election of the executive board by the unit owners fails to take place not later than the termination of a period of declarant control, then a special meeting of the unit owners may be called for such purpose by any member of the executive board elected by the unit owners or, if there is no such member of the executive board, the unit owners entitled to cast at least 10 percent of the votes in the association. An interest in common facilities that is subject to the declaration prior to conveyance or encumbrance shall remain subject to the provisions of the declaration following the conveyance or encumbrance, unless the deed or agreement to convey the common facilities or subject them to a security interest specifically provides otherwise. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

Rep. Mark Keller (R-Perry) noted the bill was a cleanup measure for Title 68 and acknowledged the amendments being offered to the bill make it better.

[A07535](#) by McGarrigle, adds clarifying language that the statute of limitations will not begin until the commonly held property is transferred to the board elected by unit owners. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[A07458](#) by Fontana, is a technical amendment. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.



Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee

6/13/18, 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing

By Nicole Trayer, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

Video:  [\(click here\)](#)

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 1019 Vulakovich, Randy](#) - (PN 1411) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) rewriting the emergency management sections. Further provides for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the powers and duties of political subdivisions. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A07527](#) by Vulakovich, establishes the Office of Homeland Security, clarifies the definition of "Chief Elected Officer," ensures pharmaceutical and medical supply companies can deliver lifesaving medicine and medical supplies in the event of a state of emergency, ensures consistency between "political subdivision" and "municipality," adds the Director of Homeland Security to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, re-orders the various entities the governor can appoint as non-voting members to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, requires the Pennsylvania Emergency

Management Agency (PEMA) to provide guidance to correctional facilities in regards to radiation and provides protections for volunteers. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[A07528](#) by Baker, provides for Senate confirmation of the PEMA director effective January 1, 2020. The amendment was **adopted** with Democrats voting in the negative.

Sen. Lisa Baker (R-Luzerne) said the update of Title 35 is something she has been interested in and worked on as the prior chair of this committee. She noted the importance and elevated role that this position has and said it is her belief that the director of PEMA should have Senate confirmation.

Minority Chairman Jay Costa (D-Allegheny) asked his colleagues to consider a negative vote on this amendment. He said at this point it is more appropriate for that position to be appointed by the Governor's Office rather than a political body. He expressed concerns that this amendment would jeopardize the passage of the legislation and result in the governor vetoing the bill.

Sen. Andrew Dinniman (D-Chester) said he will follow Chairman Costa's request, but is tempted to vote for this amendment as a protest to the gas lines going through his district. He noted that the pipeline runs adjacent to the two largest school districts, West Chester and Downingtown, with 40 other school districts statewide in the blast zone. He expressed concerns regarding the lack of protocol provided to school districts on what they are to do in the event of a leak. "This is intolerable," he said. "This has to stop."

Sen. Mike Regan (R-Cumberland) thanked Sen. Baker for bringing forth this amendment and said it is important for this position to not be a "purely political appointment."

Sen. Baker pointed out that the amendment would make this effective on January 1, 2020, and would not affect the next governor's appointee in any way. She added that she wanted to have the homeland security director go through Senate confirmation as well, but did not include it because she views that position as one that should be of the governor's appointment.

Chairman Costa responded that he recognizes the amendment would not take effect until another governor and that this is a position Gov. Tom Wolf believes is "appropriate" regardless of whomever the governor may be in the future. He also addressed Sen. Regan's comments and said he does not view any of the previous PEMA directors as "political hacks" nor would that be the intent of any governor going forward.

Chairman Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny) said he is supportive of this amendment and thinks it's important. "I really don't think it's a big deal as far as being an impediment to getting a good person," he said.

Sen. Regan said if someone is qualified they will not have a problem getting through confirmation.

[A07529](#) by Hutchinson, would repeal the prohibition on firearm sales during an emergency declaration. The amendment was **adopted** with Democrats voting in the negative.

Sen. Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango) said this amendment is something he has been working on for several sessions as a standalone piece of legislation and that he does not think the commonwealth should be allowed to limit the sale, dispensing or transportation of firearms during an emergency declaration. He noted that his standalone legislation goes much further than the language in this amendment.

Chairman Costa asked for a negative vote on the amendment and expressed concerns that Gov. Wolf would be against this provision. He added that at some point in this session the Senate will hopefully be considering [SB 1001](#) to address the specific issue Sen. Hutchinson is raising with regard to firearm sales in the Commonwealth.

Sen. Dinniman asked Sen. Hutchinson to explain why he feels so strongly on this issue. Sen. Hutchinson said an individual's right to procure firearms to protect themselves and their families is a "bedrock right" and should not be suspended in any way. He added that if a law-abiding citizen wants to get a firearm to protect their family then they should be permitted to do so. Sen. Dinniman asked for the position of other organizations such as the police or National Rifle Association (NRA) on this amendment. Sen. Hutchinson said he has not seen any. Chairman Vulakovich said they have not provided one and

often the bill needs to be put out before positions are taken.

Chairman Vulakovich said he supports this amendment for the same reasons that Sen. Hutchinson explained.

Chairman Costa clarified that current law under an emergency declaration does not allow the government to seize anyone's weapons or deny the ability to carry a concealed weapon if an individual has the permit to do so. He pointed out that the only things disallowed under the declaration would be to open carry and the sale of weapons.

Sen. Hutchinson said this amendment corrects the "serious scenario" regarding the ability of a law-abiding person who does not have a firearm to get one in the event of an emergency declaration.

Sen. Dinniman asked if Chairman Costa believes this amendment would also subject the bill to a possible veto. Chairman Costa said he does. Sen. Dinniman said there may be another opportunity for Sen. Hutchinson to get this done, but right now the goal is to get SB 1019 through.

[A07530](#) by Vulakovich, makes the State Fire Commissioner a voting member of the 911 Advisory Board, adds the Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Council of Governments as non-voting members, permits PEMA to purchase a system for individuals to list their phone numbers with information about their disabilities for 911 call centers and requires the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to make recommendations on the 911 law by 2020 while also extending the law to June 30, 2021. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[A07531](#) by Brooks, makes clarifications regarding online training for both career and volunteer firefighters and requires the fire commissioner to issue guidelines for online training. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Sen. Michelle Brooks (R-Mercer) thanked the chairman and Nathan Silcox, committee executive director, for working with her on this amendment. She expressed hope that this amendment will help ease the burdens on firefighters.

[A07445](#) by Costa, gives the Department of Health (DOH) the ability to declare public health emergencies in the case of several types of events. The amendment was **withdrawn**.

Chairman Costa said he recognizes that there are some technical changes that need to be made prior to offering the amendment. Chairman Vulakovich added that Chairman Costa also has a piece of legislation and will decide whether he wants to follow through with the amendment or his legislation instead.

[A07363](#) by Hutchinson makes volunteer fire companies eligible for fire and emergency medical services (EMS) grants this year if they submitted their applications late and if any remaining funds are still available. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Sen. Hutchinson said this is a flexibility measure that allows eligibility to get the grant if there are funds remaining after the application process.

Chairman Vulakovich commented that there have been discussions with Gov. Wolf's administration on this and that there should be some ramifications if companies do not comply within a certain period of time. He noted that there are other "strong issues" that will be addressed through [SR 60](#) and [SR 6](#) to help volunteer fire and EMS companies. He asked for an affirmative vote on the amendment.

Sen. Dinniman said length of service awards programs (LOSAP) are a top priority for volunteer fire companies in terms of recruitment and that he does not understand why anyone would oppose efforts to provide those rewards. He commended Chairman Vulakovich for being a hero to the police, fire and EMS companies in Pennsylvania.



Senate Transportation Committee

6/13/18, 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A East Wing

By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a public hearing on automated work zone vehicles and platooning as provided in SB 1096 and HB 1958.

[SB 1096 Browne, Patrick](#) - (PN 1613) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, defining “highly automated work zone vehicle” and “platoon”; in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for autonomous vehicles. The bills states that nonlead vehicles in a platoon shall not be subject to the provisions of section 3310 (relating to following too closely) and all platooning motor carrier vehicles must be marked with a visual identifier on the power unit. The department or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle. When operating in an active work zone, a highly automated work zone vehicle does not require a human operator. Effective in 90 days.

[HB 1958 Rothman, Greg](#) - (PN 2916) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for autonomous vehicles. The bill states that nonlead vehicles in a platoon shall not be subject to the provisions of section 3310 (relating to following too closely). Allows the Turnpike Commission to restrict platooning during inclement weather. It also states the department or the commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2794)

Rep. Greg Rothman (R-Cumberland), prime sponsor of HB 1958, commented on the legislation, saying it is an opportunity to save lives. He noted 97 percent of all accidents are human error and from 2015 to 2017, 73 work zone vehicles equipped with truck mounted attenuators, which are the safety vehicles at the back of work zone areas, were struck and 785 work zone traffic accidents occurred with seven traveler deaths. He said automated work zone vehicles can eliminate danger in the profession and drew on recent work on State Route 283 where there were more than 30 accidents in the first 30 days. Rep. Rothman stated the bills would allow safety vehicles at the back of the work zones to move fully autonomously and would also address platooning, where tractor trailers use automated technology to travel closer together. He added autonomous technology is already here in planes and computers and technology can help save lives, while platooning also saves energy and boosts safety with high grade technology. He opined platooning would help cut out dependence on foreign oil, reduce emissions, and reduce congestion on roadways, also noting HB 1958 passed the House unanimously.

Chairman Rafferty commented it is his intention to run the bills.

[Fred Bergstresser](#), government account manager, Royal Truck & Equipment, discussed his company’s role in producing autonomous truck mounted attenuators (ATMAs) and their impact on highway work zone safety. He summarized the vehicle protects work crews from being hit from the rear by highway traffic, but currently the vehicle must have someone driving it who is at risk of being hit. In summation, Bergstresser showed a video highlighting the dangers of high-speed accidents that can occur with a driver inside the vehicle, emphasizing the benefits of automation as removing the driver from harm’s way, removing errant human instinct in the case of accidents, and removing human error with maintaining gap distance. He also highlighted the precision ATMAs operate with by using GPS and real time kinematics communication from the manned lead vehicle to the unmanned following vehicle about position, speed, and heading.

Chairman Rafferty wondered if ATMAs are signed properly with things like flashing lights and designation signs. Bergstresser confirmed they have lights and signage as required.

[Steve Boyd](#), co-founder and vice president of external affairs, Peloton Technology, focused on platooning and the technology his company has developed. He offered a video demonstrating how tractor trailers can platoon including communication via truck radio, automated technology to maintain a designated distance between trucks and maintain proper speed, detection and braking for any vehicles that may attempt to come in between, and successful disengagement. Boyd summarized the technology does not alter responsibility for the vehicle from current law but can unleash efficiency and safety benefits. He also mentioned 17 states have explicitly authorized truck platooning.

Sen. Brewster wondered about the cost of the technology and how many vehicles would use the system in Pennsylvania. Boyd explained the technology is integrated with truck-makers in new trucks but is not retrofitted. He described the

technology as a “package deal” with a one-year payback time, although the price point will vary. He lastly mentioned gradual introduction such as in Texas which took several years after it was authorized.

Chairman Sabatina wondered how closely the trucks travel while platooning. Boyd replied it is a range based on weight and braking ability, but generally between 50 and 80 feet. He maintained overweight, over-dimension, and hazardous material trucks are not included and the heavier truck is always in front.

Sen. Yudichak wondered what prevents trucks from using the technology now in Pennsylvania. Boyd explained the law calls for a “reasonable and prudent” following distance and dialogue with agencies revealed it would be helpful to clarify in the vehicle code that platooning is allowed.

[Mark Kopko](#), manager of advanced vehicle technology, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), stated “automated vehicle technology holds tremendous potential for improving safety and mobility on Pennsylvania roadways.” He said passage of legislation for ATMAS is critical for safety, and also relayed the opportunity platooning presents for Pennsylvania due to high freight traffic. He indicated the department understands limitations and concerns with platooning and ATMAS, but added the oversight awarded to the department would ensure public safety and operational concerns go addressed while also allowing the use of advanced technology.

Chairman Rafferty asked for numbers on freight traffic picking up. Kopko indicated there is an expected 45 percent increase in the next 20 years according to the U.S. Department of Transportation and a “dramatic increase on Pennsylvania’s highways.” He said he would provide more detailed information.

[Dan Farley](#), chief of traffic, operations deployment and maintenance, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, was also present.

[Tim Scanlon](#), director of traffic engineering and operations, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, said there has been a “significant amount” of improvements over the past 30 years but since 2015 there has been more than 90 truck mount attenuator impacts on the turnpike. He emphasized road workers expose themselves to danger every day and the bills are an opportunity to take drivers out of harm’s way as well as protect drivers.

[Michael Kates](#), equipment operator 2, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, outlined his experience working on the road where he said he has been hit while driving the truck twice. He said the first collision he should not have lived as a tractor trailer hit him at 65 miles per hour and the second he should have broken his neck when a Jeep collided with his truck. He also discussed how his partner in the first accident had to have two serious back operations, will not come back to work, and cannot do the things he used to do. Kates agreed taking the worker out of the last truck and instead placing them in front with automated or remote control of an ATMA is “the way to go” and is critical to keep lives safe.

[Major James Basinger](#), director of patrol, Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), indicated “platooning is important for highway safety.” He stated highway safety is a core function of PSP but currently there are no laws that enable, prohibit or regulate platooning on commonwealth highways. “The absence of legislation creates an enforcement void that our existing statutes do not address,” Basinger added. “Establishing a legal framework is necessary for the safe and responsible practice of platooning on our highways both now and into the future.” He recognized the safety issues platooning addresses, as well as the efficiencies it creates, and recommended the power units of the platooning vehicles be labelled or marked with lettering and other indicators which would be clearly visible to law enforcement officers conducting traffic enforcement. He also mentioned the need to account for Pennsylvania’s varying topography and the ultimate goal of public safety when enacting legislation.

Chairman Rafferty revisited the markings on the platooning vehicles, noting he wanted a hearing on automation to gather accurate information on safety and protections especially in the face of recent automated vehicle accidents involving Uber. He maintained the information gathered would be helpful for moving the bill forward which for the committee is “on top of the agenda.”



LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

HB 84 Lawrence, John (R)

(PN 3553) Amends the Vital Statistics Law, in registration district administration, providing that local registrars may issue certified copies of birth records, and retain the percentage allocated under section 403(e) (4) for each certificate issued. Caps annual compensation for fees receives or collected at \$60,000, with any additional moneys to be transmitted to the General Fund. Provides for disbursement of certificate fees. Further provides for the distribution of the funds from the fees charged by the Department Health for certified copies of health records. Requires the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to produce and present a study on the process of issuing birth certificates in the commonwealth within one year of the effective date. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3137)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-3 Floor amendment(s) adopted

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Rereferred to House Appropriations

HB 152 Quinn, Marguerite (R)

(PN 3556) Amends The Insurance Company Law, in life insurance, further providing for surplus or safety fund and providing for contact information and for life policy locator service; and, in suitability of annuity transactions, further providing for definitions, for applicability and scope of article and for duties of insurers and insurance producers, providing for insurance producer training, further providing for mitigation of responsibility and for recordkeeping and providing for regulations. The intent is to align the bill in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) model act and repeal a surplus cap imposed on domestic mutual life insurance companies. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 116, 145, 399)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Final Passage by a vote of 49 YEAS 0 NAYS

HB 899 Oberlander, Donna (R)

(PN 1021) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for compensable services and items by allowing anti-obesity drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration to be considered a compensable item under the medical assistance program; and abrogating a related regulation. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as committed from House Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Final Passage by a vote of 193 YEAS 0 NAYS

HB 939 Farry, Frank (R)

(PN 2955) Amends the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act defining "benefits administrator" and further providing for the definition of "crimes related to public office or public employment," for disqualification and forfeiture of benefits and for restitution for monetary loss. The benefits shall be immediately forfeited upon the public official's or public employee's entry of a plea of guilty or no contest or upon initial entry of a jury verdict or judicial order of guilty, with respect to any crimes related to public office or public employment. Until restitution is determined by a court, the appropriate benefits administrator shall not make payment of any refund of contributions applied for after the date of such finding or entry to the public official or public employee until the court notifies the appropriate benefits administrator that no restitution is due. The bill provides for change in plea, with no retroactivity component. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1095, 1498)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Finance

HB 994 Grove, Seth (R)

(PN 2909) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in gross receipts tax, adjusting the definition of "taxes" under Article 11 Section 1101 to mirror that used in the Sales and Use Tax. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1155)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

HB 1037 Kampf, Warren (R)

(PN 1201) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act, in medical professional liability, further providing for punitive damages by adding that except in cases where the trier of fact finds that an officer, employee or agent of an entity acted with intent to harm, punitive damages against any of the following shall not exceed 250% of the compensatory damages awarded: (1) A personal care home or an assisted living residence, licensed by the Department of Human Services under the Human Services Code; (2) A long-term care nursing facility licensed by the Department of Health under the Health Care Facilities Act; or (3) An officer, employee or agent of such an entity while acting in the course and scope of employment. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Press conference held

HB 1499 Keller, Mark (R)

(PN 1919) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in management of the condominium, further providing for powers of unit owners' association, for executive board members and officers and for conveyance or encumbrance of common elements; in protection of purchasers, further providing for release of liens and for warranty against structural defects; in management of cooperatives, further providing for powers of association, for executive board members and officers and for conveyance or encumbrance of cooperative; in protection of cooperative interest purchasers, further providing for release of liens and for implied warranty against structural defects; in general provisions relating to planned communities, further providing for definitions; in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, further providing for construction and validity of declaration and bylaws and for contents of declaration and all planned communities; in management of planned community, further providing for power of unit owners' association, for executive board members and officers and for conveyance or encumbrance of common facilities; and, in protection of purchasers, further providing for release of liens and for warranty against structural defects. The bill establishes the association may, for any period during which assessments are delinquent or violations of the declaration, bylaws and rules and regulations remain uncured, suspend unit owners' rights, including, without limitation, the right to vote, the right to serve on the board or committees and the right of access to common elements, recreational facilities or amenities. Also, in the event that the election of the executive board by the unit owners fails to take place not later than the termination of a period of declarant control, then a special meeting of the unit owners may be called for such purpose by any member of the executive board elected by the unit owners or, if there is no such member of the executive board, the unit owners entitled to cast at least 10 percent of the votes in the association. An interest in common facilities that is subject to the declaration prior to conveyance or encumbrance shall remain subject to the provisions of the declaration following the conveyance or encumbrance, unless the deed or agreement to convey the common facilities or subject them to a security interest specifically provides otherwise. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as amended Senate Urban Affairs and Housing

HB 1514 Rapp, Kathy (R)

(PN 1939) The Early Childhood Vision Care Education Act requires the Department of Health to establish the Early Childhood Vision Care Education Program to promote public awareness of the need for vision care for young children and the value of early detection, diagnosis and treatment of vision disorders and eye diseases. The bill also provides for evaluation of the program by the department, who shall share its evaluation with the General Assembly. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as committed from House Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Final Passage by a vote of 192 YEAS 0 NAYS

HB 1531 Christiana, Jim (R)

(PN 1978) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers) requiring notification of agency business to be made available to the public, as specified, prior to taking official action on a matter. The bill provides an exception. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as committed from House Rules

HB 1641 Cutler, Bryan (R)

(PN 2734) The Employment First Act provides for competitive integrated employment in state and county agencies and any entity providing publicly funded education, training, employment and related services and long-term services and supports for working-age Pennsylvanians with a disability; establishes Employment First, the Governor's Cabinet for People with Disabilities and the Employment First Oversight Commission and provides for their powers and duties; and confers powers and imposes duties on the Governor and the Office of the Governor. The bill establishes that it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth that competitive integrated employment shall be the preferred outcome for all individuals with a disability eligible to work under federal or state law, regardless of severity of disability and assistance required and work-based learning experiences for all youth with a disability in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Industry. Employment services and opportunities must be offered to all individuals with a disability receiving publicly funded services, regardless of whether they live in their own home or in a residential setting. The Office of the Governor shall develop an initial three-year plan based upon information provided by the state agencies for implementing Employment First for submission to the General Assembly. The plan shall identify the specific policies and implementation dates for state agency compliance. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2192)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Signed in the House

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Signed in the Senate

HB 1659 Tobash, Mike (R)

(PN 3461) Amends the Human Services Code, in general powers and duties, providing for work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by establishing the department may not apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of requirements established under section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 without prior approval of the General Assembly and requiring adult recipients to comply with and submit proof of compliance with various work requirements as a condition of participation and continuing eligibility for food assistance. The work requirements shall only apply to Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs). Requires the Department of Human Services to provide notice to adult recipients on the date of annual renewal that eligibility will be terminated if the recipient fails to meet the requirements and locations where assistance to meet the requirements is available. Also requires the department to provide a form notice to county assistance offices that eligibility for SNAP shall be terminated three months after the notice if the recipient fails to comply with the work, community service or education requirements. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2227, 3351)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

HB 1677 Ortity, Jason (R)

(PN 2736) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for meeting special needs and work supports and incentives; in departmental powers and duties as to supervision, further providing for definitions; and, in departmental powers and duties as to licensing, further providing for definitions. The bill changes references to child day care by removing "day." Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2246)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

HB 1800 Nelson, Eric (R)

(PN 3224) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for medication synchronization. The bill establishes no individual or group health insurance plan providing prescription drug coverage shall deny coverage for the dispensing of a medication that is dispensed by a network pharmacy on the basis that the dispensing is for a partial supply if the prescriber or pharmacist determines the fill or refill to be in the best interest of the patient and the patient requests or agrees to a partial supply for the purpose of medication synchronization. Effective in 365 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as amended Senate Banking and Insurance

HB 1810 Heffley, Doyle (R)

(PN 3569) Amends Title 48 (Lodging and Housing), in lodging, providing for hosting platforms requiring a hosting platform to register with the Department of Revenue. A hosting platform may not facilitate the booking of lodging reservations with a host or hotel in the Commonwealth until the platform is registered with the department. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2603)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as committed from House Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - H-House Reed motion to proceed with the immediate consideration of HB 1810 by a vote of 176 YEAS 15 NAYS

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Final Passage by a vote of 177 YEAS 14 NAYS

HB 1898 Santora, James (R)

(PN 2814) Amends the Board of Vehicles Act further providing for definitions; providing for vehicle recalls by adding a manufacturer shall compensate its new vehicle dealers for all labor and parts required by the manufacturer to perform recall repairs; and further providing for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors, for application for license and for licensing cost. The bill's stated intent is to require dealer disclosure of vehicles with open, unremedied recalls at time of sale. If a "stop sale" or "do not drive" order has been issued by a vehicle manufacturer on a used vehicle and a recall remedy or repair parts are unavailable to the dealer, after 15 days from the issuance of the order the manufacturer will be required to compensate their franchisee dealers at a rate of 1.5 percent of the value of the in-brand vehicle per month beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the stop-sale or do-not-drive order was provided to the dealer, until the earlier of the date the recall or remedy parts are made available or the date the dealer sells, trades or otherwise disposes of the affected used vehicle. Also prohibits vehicle manufacturers from requiring their franchisee dealers to significantly modify their dealership facilities within ten years after the construction or major renovation of the facility and establishes a temporary provisional license available to new vehicle dealers for operation for sixty days from the date of their application to the Department of State for a new vehicle dealer license. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

HB 1979 Schemel, Paul (R)

(PN 2837) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in limitation of time, further providing for twenty year limitation instruments under seal by repealing the June 27, 2018, expiration of the subsection. Effective immediately.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

HB 1987 Barbin, Bryan (D)

(PN 3554) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act providing that fentanyl and fentanyl derivatives shall only be dispensed to a patient who is being treated on an inpatient basis or remains in observation status, or during a surgery that takes place in a health care facility; for use in palliative or hospice care; for use in the management of pain associated with cancer; or to a patient whose treatment is associated with a medical emergency as documented in the individual's medical record. Further provides in instances where, in the professional medical judgment of prescriber, fentanyl is required to stabilize an individual's acute medical condition, the prescriber may prescribe no more than a seven-day supply of fentanyl. Also provides the Department of Health, in consultation with the State Police, shall issue an annual report to the General Assembly regarding fentanyl overdoses and dispensing data. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2849)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as committed from House Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - H-House Reed motion to proceed for the immediate consideration of HB 1987 by a vote of 176 YEAS 15 NAYS

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Final Passage by a vote of 191 YEAS 0 NAYS

HB 2050 Turzai, Mike (R)

(PN 3034) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in abortion, defining "Down syndrome" and further providing for medical consultation and judgment by stipulating that no abortion shall be deemed necessary if sought exclusively for either or both of the following reasons: (1) The sex of the unborn child; and (2) A prenatal diagnosis of, or belief that the unborn child has, Down syndrome. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Judiciary

HB 2138 Dowling, Matthew (F) (R)

(PN 3328) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for work requirements. The bill requires the secretary to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a demonstration program under section 1115 of the Social Security Act in order to institute a work requirement for a Medicaid enrollee who meets certain criteria. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3158)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

HB 2211 Ward, Judith (R)

(PN 3578) The Consumer Prescription Drug Pricing Disclosure Act provides for consumer prescription drug pricing disclosure by stating a pharmacy or pharmacist shall have the right to provide a covered individual with all available information concerning the cost of a prescription drug, including, but not limited to, the individual's cost share; and neither a pharmacy, a pharmacist nor its contracting agent shall be prohibited from or penalized by a pharmacy benefits manager for discussing the information, disclosing the availability of any therapeutically equivalent alternative medications or selling to the covered individual a more affordable alternative if an affordable alternative is available. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Press conference held

HB 2212 Heffley, Doyle (R)

(PN 3642) Amends the Human Services Code, in public assistance, providing for financial disclosures for pharmacy services by prohibiting any pharmacy benefits manager that contracts with a medical assistance managed care organization under contract with the department from utilizing any confidentiality provisions which would in effect prohibit disclosure of information to the medical assistance managed care association and the department upon its request. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Press conference held

SB 172 Argall, David (R)

(PN 1238) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new section establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system in work zones on state highways. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enforce section 3362 (relating to maximum speed limits) by recording violations using an automated speed enforcement system approved by the department. The new section shall only be applicable on Federal aid highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike in areas agreed upon by the system administrator and the secretary of Transportation. Further provides for owner liability, penalties, liability, limitations, and for a system administrator. Also provides for a pilot program for automated enforcement on Roosevelt Boulevard in Philadelphia. The new section shall expire five years from its effective date. Effective in 120 days. Portions are effective 60 days after publication of notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and the remainder is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 148, 1067)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as committed from House Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - H-House Reed motion to proceed with the immediate consideration of SB 172 by a vote of 176 YEAS 15 NAYS

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Final Passage by a vote of 166 YEAS 25 NAYS

SB 190 McGarrigle, Thomas (R)

(PN 179) Amends the Insurance Department Act adding an article providing for self-service storage facility insurance. The Insurance Department may issue a self-service storage agent license to an owner that has complied with the requirements of the bill authorizing the owner to offer or to sell the kinds of insurance prescribed in this section in connection with and incidental to the rental of space at a self-service storage facility. The bill provides for application, sale of insurance, requirements, training, exclusions, and promotions. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as amended Senate Banking and Insurance

SB 564 Yaw, Gene (R)

(PN 610) The Bridge Fencing Safety Act provides for installation of protective fencing on certain state-owned bridges and for powers and duties of the Department of Transportation. When a bridge is built with a sidewalk or a concrete barrier is installed, modified or rehabilitated on a bridge with a sidewalk over an interstate or other limited access highway, the department shall install protective fencing. When a bridge is built without a sidewalk or a concrete barrier is installed, modified or rehabilitated on a bridge without a sidewalk over an interstate or other limited access highway, the department, as part of its preliminary design process, shall consider installation of protective fencing at certain locations near schools, playgrounds and urban areas; where otherwise deemed necessary; or where there have been incidents of objects being dropped or thrown from the overpass. The department shall consider installation of protective fencing at similar locations on bridges over nonlimited access highways. Effective immediately.

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as amended House Transportation

SB 667 Stefano, Patrick (R)

(PN 1794) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) relating to land banks. Add a new subsection providing a land bank jurisdiction located in the county of the second A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh or eighth class may, by ordinance, designate a redevelopment authority as land bank for the jurisdiction. Provides an authority designated as a land bank shall exercise the powers of land bank subject to certain limitations. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 786, 888)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Senate concurred in House amendments by a vote of 49 YEAS 0 NAYS

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Signed in the House

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Signed in the Senate

SB 689 Eichelberger, John (R)

(PN 847) Amends the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act further providing for definitions of "certified Pennsylvania evaluator" and "professional member"; and for State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers by requiring 10 commonwealth resident members (changed from eight), six of whom shall be persons who are State-certified real estate appraisers, two shall be certified Pennsylvania evaluators, and two shall be public members. The Governor shall nominate one certified Pennsylvania evaluator to serve a two-year term and one certified Pennsylvania evaluator to serve a four-year term within 90 days of the effective date. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

SB 780 Vogel, Jr., Elder (R)

(PN 1709) The Telemedicine Act authorizes the practice of telemedicine by health care providers. Requires each licensure board to promulgate regulations within 24 months of the effective date and provides for the publishing temporary regulations within 60 days. Further provides for evaluation and treatment; insurance coverage; and Medicaid program reimbursement. The provisions regarding insurance coverage and Medicaid program reimbursement shall take effect in 90 days and the remainder shall take effect immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1001, 1448)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Final Passage by a vote of 49 YEAS 0 NAYS

SB 819 Aument, Ryan (R)

(PN 1778) Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law further providing for definitions and for purchase of agricultural conservation easements by establishing "agritourism activity" as farm-related tourism or farm-related entertainment activity. Further provides an agricultural conservation easement shall not prevent an agritourism activity that is incidental to a farm's agricultural use, does not render a portion of the restricted land incapable of being immediately converted to agriculture use, and has been deemed to be an agritourism activity by a county board. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1139)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

SB 832 Eichelberger, John (R)

(PN 1101) Amends the Assessors Certification Act clarifying that revaluation company personnel who are directly responsible for the valuation of real property must be certified as a Certified Pennsylvania Evaluator (CPE). Requires an individual who is employed by a revaluation company and is directly responsible for the development of a property valuation model to meet the educational requirements of the Act and be certified as a CPE. Also requires the completion of a basic course of study that includes instruction on the judicial interpretation of the Pennsylvania Constitution's uniformity clause. Makes other technical and clarifying changes to the Act. Effective in 180 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

SB 835 Dinniman, Andrew (D)

(PN 1130) Amends the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; in application of act and penalties, further providing for unlawful to conduct business without license or registration certificate, for criminal penalties and for exclusions; in powers and duties of the State Real Estate Commission in general, further providing for administration and enforcement; adding provisions relating to land agent registration certificates; and, in duties of licensees, further providing for prohibited acts. The bill adds land agents to the scope of the act and adds a subchapter providing for land agent registration certificates. Effective in 60 days.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

SB 892 Reschenthaler, Guy (R)

(PN 1533) Amends the Chiropractic Practice Act, in licensure and regulation, further providing for license required. The bill establishes that this section does not apply to a student enrolled in a chiropractic education program at a chiropractic college approved by the board provided the student is conducting chiropractic activities as part of the curriculum established by the chiropractic college and the student is under the direct, immediate and personal supervision of a chiropractor licensed by the board. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1195 1259)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Rereferred to House Appropriations

SB 934 Baker, Lisa (R)

(PN 1826) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry, its departmental administrative and advisory boards and departmental administrative officers, eliminating the Elevator Advisory Board and establishing the Elevator Safety Board to recommend regulations to the Secretary of Labor and Industry relating to construction, maintenance and inspection of elevators and safe operation of elevators, review any International Code Council code being reviewed by the Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council, and grant exceptions and variances from the requirements of applicable codes and standards. Portions are effective upon the first meeting and the remainder is effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1300)

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Final Passage by a vote of 49 YEAS 0 NAYS

SB 1019 Vulakovich, Randy (R)

(PN 1411) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) rewriting the emergency management sections. Further provides for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the powers and duties of political subdivisions. Effective immediately.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as amended Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

SB 1087 Baker, Lisa (R)

(PN 1544) The Interbranch Commission on the Child-Welfare System Act establishes a joint legislative, executive and judicial commission to investigate and issue recommendations regarding the child-welfare system. This act shall expire two years from the effective date of this section. Effective immediately.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Third consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Final Passage by a vote of 49 YEAS 0 NAYS

SB 1101 Stefano, Patrick (R)

(PN 1719) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for content and effect of certificate of title and for theft vehicles. If the cost of repairs is more than 50 percent of the replacement value of the vehicle and more than 50 percent of the cost of repairs is due to damage that affects the safe operation of the vehicle, the owner shall apply for a certificate of title branded recovered-theft vehicle. If the insurer is a self-insurer, the assessment of damage shall be completed by a licensed physical damage appraiser who is not affiliated with or employed by the self-insurer. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1624)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-Reported as amended House Transportation

SB 1181 Reschenthaler, Guy (R)

(PN 1803) Amends the Public School Code, in school health services, providing for early intervention depression screening for students in grades 6 onward. Effective August 1, 2018.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

SB 1189 Baker, Lisa (R)

(PN 1812) The Delaware River Basin Commission Eminent Domain Activity Act provides that a ban as described under section 4 (relating to designation of condemnation) shall constitute a taking by the Delaware River Basin Commission of the property of the owners of the oil and gas estates in the impacted counties and the owners shall be entitled to be paid appropriate and just compensation by the commission, in accordance with law, as a remedy for the taking. Effective immediately.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Second consideration

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

SB 1205 Laughlin, Daniel (F) (R)

(PN 1848) Amends Title 40 (Insurance), in regulation of insurers and related persons generally, providing for corporate governance annual disclosure (CGAD). The bill establishes beginning January 1, 2020, a domestic insurer or an insurer that is a member of an insurance group of which this Commonwealth is the lead state shall submit to the department a CGAD no later than June 1 of each calendar year. If a domestic insurer is a member of an insurance group of which this Commonwealth is not the lead state, the insurer shall submit the report required by to the commissioner of the lead state for the insurance group in accordance with the laws of the lead state. Effective immediately.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Banking and Insurance

SR 382 Aument, Ryan (R)

(PN 1836) Resolution urging the Federal Food and Drug Administration to enforce existing guidelines establishing a clear standard of identity for milk.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs

SR 384 Schwank, Judy (D)

(PN 1839) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report making recommendations for initiatives to assist dairy producers in this Commonwealth.

Jun 13, 2018 - S-Reported as committed from Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs

EXECUTIVE ACTIONS

HB 1641 Cutler, Bryan (R)

(PN 2734) The Employment First Act provides for competitive integrated employment in state and county agencies and any entity providing publicly funded education, training, employment and related services and long-term services and supports for working-age Pennsylvanians with a disability; establishes Employment First, the Governor's Cabinet for People with Disabilities and the Employment First Oversight Commission and provides for their powers and duties; and confers powers and imposes duties on the Governor and the Office of the Governor. The bill establishes that it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth that competitive integrated employment shall be the preferred outcome for all individuals with a disability eligible to work under federal or state law, regardless of severity of disability and assistance required and work-based learning experiences for all youth with a disability in collaboration with the Department of Labor and Industry. Employment services and opportunities must be offered to all individuals with a disability receiving publicly funded services, regardless of whether they live in their own home or in a residential setting. The Office of the Governor shall develop an initial three-year plan based upon information provided by the state agencies for implementing Employment First for submission to the General Assembly. The plan shall identify the specific policies and implementation dates for state agency compliance. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2192)

Jun 13, 2018 - H-In the hands of the Governor

Jun 23, 2018 - H-Last day for Governor's actio

UPCOMING MEETINGS

THURSDAY - 6/14/18

House Appropriations

9:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

Informational meeting on Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017

House Game and Fisheries

10:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on chronic wasting disease

MONDAY - 6/18/18

House Finance Subcommittee on Tax Modernization and Reform

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on Local Tax Assessment Reform

House State Government

10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: [SB 748](#) Argall, David Act re Public Safety Facilities

Senate Urban Affairs and Housing and Senate Republican Policy Committee

10:30 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

Joint workshop on historic preservation tax credits

House Consumer Affairs

11:00 a.m., Room B31, Main Capitol

Public hearing on competitive energy supplier sales and marketing practices

TUESDAY - 6/19/18

House Children and Youth

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: [HB 1311](#) Petri, Scott (Re Amends Title 23 re Child Advocate

House Finance

9:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Informational meeting on: [HB 1289](#) Metcalfe, Daryl Amends Tax Reform Code re stock ownership

*****House Judiciary (New)**

9:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

Agenda TBA

House Urban Affairs

9:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 2488](#) Helm, Susan Act re Juneteenth National Freedom Day [SB 919](#) Haywood, Arthur Amends Housing Authorities Law re pub. housing

*****House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness (New)**

9:15 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 1470](#) Christiana, Jim Amends County Code re veteran grave decoration [HB 1471](#) Christiana, Jim Amends 2nd Class County Code re veteran graves [HB 1473](#) Christiana, Jim Amends Act re veteran grave decorations [HR 604](#) Gillen, Mark Concurrent Resolution re sea grave protection

*****Senate Local Government (New)**

9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

Public hearing on: [SB 1099](#) Martin, Scott (F Amends Local Tax Collection re local option

*****House State Government (New)**

Off the Floor, Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 1569](#) O'Brien, Michael Act re Delaware River bed land conveyances [HB 2101](#) Grove, Seth Amends Title 71 re Office of Mgmt & Budget [HB 2102](#) Ryan, Frank (F) Amends Title 71 re tourism & workforce [HB 2103](#) Dowling, Matthew Amends Title 71 re local gov. & community [HB 2104](#) Bloom, Stephen Amends Title 71 re health & human services [HB 2105](#) Fritz, Jonathan Act re state government reinvention [HB 2319](#) Barrar, Stephen Amends PA Election Code re signers [SB 1037](#) Folmer, Mike Amends Title 71 re civil service reform

WEDNESDAY - 6/20/18

*****House Aging and Older Adult Services (New)**

9:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Informational meeting on: [HB 2291](#) Evankovich, Eli Amends Human Services Code re senior living

*****House Local Government (New)**

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [SB 1005](#) Eichelberger, Jo Amends County Code re extensive revisions [SB 771](#) McGarrigle, Thom Amends Title 8 and 11 re Elected Officials [SB 772](#) McGarrigle, Thom Amends First Class Twp. Code re Financial [SB 773](#) McGarrigle, Thom Amends Election Act re Mayoral Elections [SB 947](#) Hutchinson, Scot Amends Titles 8 & 11 re city property [SB 948](#) Hutchinson, Scot Amends First Class Twp Code re property [SB 949](#) Hutchinson, Scot Amends Incorporated Towns re convey [HB 2265](#) Maloney, David Amends PA Municipalities Planning Code



House Finance

9:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 406](#) Cox, Jim Amends Taxpayer Relief Act re family members [HB 968](#) Masser, Kurt Amends Taxpayer Relief Act re civil service [HB 2303](#) Corr, Michael (F Amends Tax Reform Code re income tax reporting [HB 2312](#) Delozier, Sheryl Amends Taxpayer Relief Act re rent rebate

THURSDAY - 6/21/18

House Transportation

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: [SB 888](#) Rafferty, John Amends Title 75 re disabled parking laws

*****House Health (New)**

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 2460](#) Murt, Thomas Amends Title 18 re female mutilation

*****House Human Services (New)**

9:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Agenda TBA

THURSDAY - 6/28/18

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 14 Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

To consider: Pennsylvania State Police #17-85: Procedures & Specifications for Firearm Record Forms Under the Uniform Firearms Act 3170 Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board #54-91: Return of Liquor 3173 Environmental Quality Board #7-492: Control of VOC Emissions from Industrial Cleaning Solvents; General Provisions; Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework; Additional RACT Requirements for Major Sources of NOx & VOCs 3177 Environmental Quality Board #7-521: Safe Drinking Water; General Update and Fees 3200 Department of Transportation #18-479: Access to and Occupancy of Highways by Driveways and Local Roads

THURSDAY - 7/19/18

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

To consider the following regulation: Reg. No. 3156 Department of Community and Economic Development #4-97: Local Earned Income Tax



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