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Pennsylvania's House Republican Caucus is committed to our state's residents and taxpayers. Constantly striving to strengthen economic opportunities for all, enact commonsense public policy, and provide a government that is both efficient and effective, the Pennsylvania House Republican Caucus is out front, fighting to make Pennsylvania the best place to live, work and raise a family – equally, for every Pennsylvanian.

By working together, we have accomplished much and have shown we stand by our commitments to our constituents.

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Budget Highlights



2020-2021 Budget

Faced with the economic uncertainty created by the COVID-19 epidemic, the delaying of filing taxes and a potential \$5 billion shortfall, House Republicans responsibly advanced an initial 5-month budget until the necessary data on revenue sources is made available.

This stabilizing budget at approximately \$25.8 billion includes fully funding education and health care programs while providing the legislature time to rely upon real data to make the best decisions on the remainder of the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

With the exception to education funding, the budget freezes funding for all state programs. Before the pandemic hit, the economy was growing steadily and tax revenues were coming in higher than estimates and unemployment was at historic lows.



Signed in Law:

- **Act 1A of 2020** (formerly HB 2387, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Provides for the General Appropriations Act for the 2020-21 fiscal year. (103-99).
- **Act 2A of 2020** (formerly SB 1108, Sen. Patrick Browne, R-Lehigh): A Supplement to the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.839, No. 1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2019, adding Federal appropriations to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. The bill provides federal supplemental appropriations incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. (202-0).
- **Act 3A of 2020** (formerly HB 2441, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes nonpreferred appropriations to the Pennsylvania State University for the 2020-21 fiscal year. (198-4).
- **Act 4A of 2020** (formerly HB 2442, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes nonpreferred appropriations to the University of Pittsburgh for the 2020-21 fiscal year. (198-4).
- **Act 5A of 2020** (formerly HB 2443, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes nonpreferred appropriations to Temple University for the 2020-21 fiscal year. (198-4).
- **Act 6A of 2020** (formerly HB 2444, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes nonpreferred appropriations Lincoln University for the 2020-21 fiscal year. (200-2).
- **Act 7A of 2020** (formerly HB 2445, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes nonpreferred appropriations to the

- University of Pennsylvania for the 2020-21 fiscal year. (198-4).
- **Act 8A of 2020** (formerly HB 2467, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds for the Professional Licensure Augmentation account. (197-5).
 - **Act 9A of 2020** (formerly HB 2468, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds for the Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund. (201-1).
 - **Act 10A of 2020** (formerly HB 2469, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds for the Office of Small Business Advocate. (200-2).
 - **Act 11A of 2020** (formerly HB 2470, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds for the Office of the Consumer Advocate. (200-2).
 - **Act 12A of 2020** (formerly HB 2471, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds to the Public School Employees' Retirement Board. (199-3).
 - **Act 13A of 2020** (formerly HB 2472, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds to the State Employees' Retirement Board. (200-2).
 - **Act 14A of 2020** (formerly HB 2473, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds for the Philadelphia Parking Authority. (200-2).
 - **Act 15A of 2020** (formerly HB 2474, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds for the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. (201-1).
 - **Act 16A of 2020** (formerly HB 2475, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Appropriates funds for the restricted revenue accounts in the State Gaming Fund, Fantasy Contest Fund and Video Gaming Fund. (201-1).
 - **Act 23 of 2020** (formerly HB 1083, Rep. Tommy Sankey, R-Clearfield/Cambria): An amendment to the Fiscal Code to provide budget implementation language. Includes repeals Section 707 of Act 176 of 1929 relating to the Capital Stock & Foreign Franchise (CSFT) tax reports. (196-6).
 - **Act 24 of 2020** (formerly HB 2510, Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny): An Act providing for regional response health collaborations to promote health in facilities by supporting COVID-19 readiness and response and improving the quality of infection prevention; and making emergency appropriations for human services. Also, provides for various fiscal code allocations as part of the 2020-21 fiscal budget (202-0).
 - **Act 25 of 2020** (formerly SB 166, Sen. Vince Hughes, D-Montgomery/Philadelphia): An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and for limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects; and making a related repeal. (202-0).
 - **Act 36 of 2020** (formerly SB 905, Sen. Pat Browne, R-Lehigh): Provides for the itemization of capital projects in several categories, authorizing the projects to be constructed, acquired, assisted or equipped. (194-1).

Bills Awaiting Senate/Further Action:

2019-2020 Budget

Up until COVID-19, thanks to Republican-led budgets, our revenues were up, and were traveling down a path to better protect taxpayers now and in the future.

- This budget put away \$317 million into the Rainy Day Fund.
- We passed legislation to ensure taxpayer dollars are accounted for and the administration can be held accountable for supplemental spending.
- Our record of holding the line on tax increases and spending is proven correct by the increased revenues. This budget continues to build on those ideals:
 - We are strategically investing while also backing up our legislative priorities with the funding to make an impact to attract and grow more job creators and family-sustaining jobs.
 - We are committed to our agricultural and farming community, ensuring the Commonwealth's No.1 industry has what it needs to thrive.
 - We are strengthening victim rights, protecting communities and helping those battling addiction.
 - We remain committed to educating for success. We recognize that students find success in different

ways. School funding is increased, but so is funding to support opportunities for students to thrive in private, charter and online schools.

- Employers are searching for employees with the right skills for the modern workforce. We complement this search by promoting career and technical education expansion ideas so Pennsylvanians can get the training, skills and tools they need to succeed in careers that pay far more than minimum wage.

Signed into Law:

- **Act 1A of 2019** (formerly HB 790, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Provides for the General Appropriations Act for the 2019-20 fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. (140-62).

- **Act 2A of 2019** (formerly HB 1350, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes non-preferred appropriations to the Pennsylvania State University for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (199-2).
- **Act 3A of 2019** (formerly HB 1351, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes non-preferred appropriations to the University of Pittsburgh for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (169-32).
- **Act 4A of 2019** (formerly HB 1352, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes non-preferred appropriations to Temple University for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (198-3).
- **Act 5A of 2019** (formerly HB 1353, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes non-preferred appropriations to Lincoln University for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (201-1).
- **Act 6A of 2019** (formerly HB 1354, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Makes non-preferred appropriations to the University of Pennsylvania for the 2019-20 fiscal year. (196-5).
- **Acts 7A -15A of 2019** (formerly SBs 235-243, Sen. Pat Browne, R-Lehigh): Makes appropriations for the following: Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (201-0); Workmen's Compensation Administration Fund (201-0); Office of Small Business Advocate (201-0); Office of Consumer Advocate (201-0); Public School Employees' Retirement Fund (201-0); State Employees' Retirement Fund (201-0); Philadelphia Parking Authority (161-40); Public Utility Commission (201-0); and State Gaming Fund (201-0).
- **Act 15 of 2019** (formerly HB 1461, Rep. Mindy Fee, R-Lancaster): Allows the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to investigate and combat all avenues of public benefits fraud. Also serves as the Administrative Code bill for the 2019-20 state budget (181-6).
- **Act 20 of 2019** (formerly SB 712, Sen. David Argall, R-Berks/Schuylkill): Updates the Fiscal Code to provide budget implementation language. (125-74).

COVID-19 Pandemic



COVID Response

House Republican members are and have been working to pivot Pennsylvania from keeping Pennsylvanians safe and not overwhelming our health care system into keeping Pennsylvanians safe while reaching for economic recovery.

While working to help mitigate the COVID-19 health crisis, the fact is, the administration's draconian, cookie-cutter approach has created a COVID Economic Crisis throughout the state; leaving **people worried about not having a job, going broke and losing their savings.**

We recognize we are in pandemic and that **everyone** is making sacrifices – but we don't have to trade one pandemic for another – we are acting to find solutions to the long-term impacts – so **we can recover, rebuild and grow Pennsylvania.**

- **HB 2388 (Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Would require the Secretary of DCED to immediately issue a wavier to the Governor's Business Closure Order for the following businesses who can adhere to certain mitigation measures: vehicle dealers, lawn and garden centers; cosmetology salons and barber shops; messenger service and agent service activities; animal grooming services; and manufacturing operations. (123-79).

VETOED by the governor (Veto No. 5, 5/19/20)

- **HB 2412 (Rep. F. Todd Polinchock, R-Bucks):** Would require the Secretary of DCED to immediately issue a wavier to the Governor's Business Closure Order for legal services, residential and commercial real estate related activities. (134-68). **VETOED by the governor (Veto No. 6, 5/19/20)**
- **SB 327 (Sen. David Argall, R-Berks/Schuylkill):** Would amend the Administrative Code to require the Department of General Services (DGS) to conduct an annual survey of state facility usage; and creates four new articles relating to: COVID-19 Emergency Statutory and Regulatory Suspensions and Waivers; COVID-19 Debt Cost Reduction Review; COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force; COVID-19 Emergency Regulatory Tolling; and COVID-19 County Emergency Mitigation Plan for Businesses. (108-94). **VETOED by the governor (Veto No. 7, 5/19/20)**
- **SB 613 (Str. Bob Mensch, R-Berks/Bucks/Montgomery):** Would require the governor to develop and implement a mitigation plan to allow businesses to operate during the disaster emergency, provided business comply with recommendations by the CDC and

CISA. (107-95). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 3, 4/20/20)

- **SB 857 (Sen. Elder Vogel, R-Beaver/Butler/Lawrence):** Would authorize health care providers to use telemedicine; and to require insurers to provide coverage and reimbursement for its appropriate use by participating network providers. (111-77). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 4, 4/29/20)
- **SB 1027 (Sen. John Gordner, R-Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northumberland/Snyder):** Would amend the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) as it relates to the State Geospatial Coordinating Board; extends expiration date for certain temporary regulations; amends process for the issuance of death certificates by a local registrar; requires a report on implementation of 2020 General Primary Election; adds a new article relating to COVID-19 emergency statutory and regulatory suspensions and waivers; adds a new article relating to COVID-19 debt cost reduction review; extends expiration date for certain surcharge and fees; adds a new article pertaining to protected licensed operations during emergency. (109-93). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 8, 5/29/20)



- **HR 867 (Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster):** Would appoint a special committee to monitor the response of the Commonwealth to the COVID-19 emergency. (112-90). *Adopted May 18, 2020.*
- **HR 836 (Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon):** A concurrent resolution that would terminate in part the disaster emergency declaration of March 6, 2020 to the extent the order regulates the conduct of business operations deemed non-life sustaining differently than those deemed life-sustaining under the March 19, 2020 business closure order. (117-85). *The Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling in Wolf v. Scarnati et al., strikes down the bipartisan vote to end the ongoing emergency declaration. The ruling held that Article III, Section 9 (Pennsylvania Constitution) requires all concurrent resolutions be submitted to the governor for his approval or disapproval (July 1, 2020). The resolution was signed and delivered to the Governor (July 7). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 10, 7/14/20). Veto override vote 9/2/20 (118-94).*
- **SB 1166 (Sen. Kim Ward, R-Westmoreland):** Would amend the state Constitution to prohibit denying or abridging equality of rights

because of race or ethnicity; not require concurrent orders and resolutions on questions relating to the termination or extensions of emergency declaration to be presented to the governor before it takes effect; and limit a disaster emergency declaration to be in effect for no more than 21 days, unless extended by concurrent resolution by the Legislature, and prohibit the governor from issuing a new emergency declaration based upon the same circumstances without the approving passage of a concurrent resolution by the legislature. (115-86). *Pamphlets Laws Resolution No. 4* filed July 16, 2020.

Signed in Law:

- **Act 2A of 2020** (formerly SB 1108, *Sen. Patrick Browne, R-Lehigh*): A Supplement to the act of June 28, 2019 (P.L.839, No. 1A), known as the General Appropriation Act of 2019, adding Federal appropriations to the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. The bill provides federal supplemental appropriations incurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. (202-0).
- **Act 9 of 2020** (formerly HB 68, *Rep. Francis Ryan, R-Lebanon*): Updates the state Unemployment compensation law to extend relief to affected employees, and support health care facilities and workers that are treating patients affected by the virus. (198-0).
- **Act 10 of 2020** (formerly HB 1232, *Rep. George Dunbar, R-Westmoreland*): Helps

Pennsylvania's frontline health care facilities by allowing the secretary of the Budget to transfer up to \$50 million to purchase medical equipment and supplies for hospitals, nursing facilities, and emergency medical services to meet patient and staff needs to respond to COVID-19. (198-0).

- **Act 13 of 2020** (formerly SB 751, *Str. Ryan Aument, R-Lancaster*): The emergency Education Code bill, ensures school districts develop a local plan to continue teaching students during the closure of schools, and make their plans available for parents to review. The bill also requires notice be sent to the parents of all special education students for a plan to ensure the students are receiving "free and appropriate public education." The bill further eliminates the 180-day instruction requirement on all public and non-public schools, and allows the state to increase the number of allowable flexible instruction days and waives the timeline regarding those days. The legislation will ensure teachers are paid, as there will be no loss of state funding due to the health care crisis. Finally, the legislation ensures that once the current crisis has ended, school buses will be ready to provide bus service. (198-0).
- **Act 12 of 2020** (formerly SB 422, *Str. Elder Vogel, R-Beaver/Butler/Lawrence*): Delays the state's April 28 primary election until June 2. (198-0).
- **Act 15 of 2020** (formerly, SB 841, *Str. Scott Martin, R-Lancaster*): Provides taxpayer relief by authorizing the governing body of a county or municipality to extend the

discount period to Aug. 31, 2020, and/or waive any penalty or late fee until Dec. 31, 2020, to provide relief for taxpayers; Protect educational opportunities for low-income students; allowing various contracts to be renegotiated for the period of the school closure; allow for remote notarization during the COVID-19 emergency; authorize any agency, department, authority, commission, board, council, governing body, or other entity of a political subdivision to conduct hearings, meetings, proceedings and other business through authorized telecommunication devices for the duration of the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. (202-0).

- **Act 17 of 2020** (formerly HB 1869, Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter): Provides Basic Life Support (BLS) staffing waivers for all counties and creates new Chapters for COVID-19 Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits and COVID-19 Benefits for Members of the Pennsylvania National Guard. (195-0).



- **Act 18 of 2020** (formerly, HB 360, Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton): Sets age 18 as the minimum age for obtaining a marriage license, allows to

applications without in-person appearances during the pandemic if the register of wills is closed, extends deadlines relating to background check recertifications and certifications required under the Child Protection Services Law and extends the time period for certain professions to obtain an FBI background check. (195-0).

- **Act 20 of 2020** (formerly HB 1076, Rep. Tim Hennessey, R-Chester/Montgomery): Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act to allow the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to respond to the impacts of the novel coronavirus: to permit DOR to reimburse a claim for a property tax/rent rebate for 2019 immediately and provides authorization for all public school district to implement a senior tax reduction incentive volunteer exchange program. (202-0).



- **Act 21 of 2020** (formerly HB 327, Rep. Perry Warren, R-Bucks): Amends the Liquor Code to provide for prepared beverages and mixed drinks for off-premise consumption. (193-9).
- **Act 24 of 2020** (formerly HB 2510, Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny): An Act providing for regional response health collaborations to promote health in facilities by supporting

COVID-19 readiness and response and improving the quality of infection prevention; and making emergency appropriations for human services. Also, provides for various fiscal code allocations as part of the 2020-21 fiscal budget (202-0).

- **Act 26 of 2020** (formerly SB 1122, Sen. Joe Pittman, R-Armstrong/Butler/Indiana/Westmoreland): Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to establish the COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program. (202-0).
- **Act 30 of 2020** (formerly HB 1210, Rep. Mike Jones, R-York): Public School Code/repeals outdated provisions. The omnibus school code funding bill also allows the School Safety and Security Fund to accept federal CARES Act funds, provides COVID-19 disaster emergency school health and safety grants for 2020-21 school year, and COVID-19 disaster emergency targeted health and safety grants for 2020-21 school year. (199-3).
- **Act 35 of 2020** (formerly HB 2502, Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington): Requires the Department of State to issue a report on the administration of the 2020 general primary by the Department of State, county boards of elections and voter registration commissions. (201-1).
- **Act 37 of 2020** (formerly HB 2418, Rep. Timothy O'Neal, R-Washington): Amends the Administrative Code to require the identification of and review of all outstanding debt obligations of the Commonwealth and its authorities, commissions, agencies, boards or other State-authorized entities to be

conducted by the Treasury Department. (201-0).

- **Act 70 of 2020** (formerly HB 2455, Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster): Amends the Administrative Code to provide for local health department COVID-19 antibody testing and to add Article XXI-C, COVID-19 Emergency Testing Plan and Reporting and water and sewer authorities in cities of the second class. (197-4).
- **Act 75 of 2020** (formerly SB 1125, Sen. Scott Martin, R-Lancaster): Authorizes school districts to extend the discount period and waive the addition of penalties for payment of school district real estate taxes due for the academic year beginning July 1, 2020. (201-0).
- **Act 77 of 2020** (formerly HB 2463, Rep. Seth Grove, R-York): Amends the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Article relating to Access to Public Records During Disaster Declaration. (202-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate/Further Action:

- **HB 777 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Would amend the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act to provide for the distribution of proceeds for operating expenses for one year after the emergency declaration for COVID-19 expires or the declaration is terminated. (202-0).
- **HB 1189 (Rep. Jerry Knowles, R-Schuylkill/Berks/Carbon):** Would require Department of Health (DOH) demographics report, extends benefits for an employee subject to Act 193 of 1935, commonly referred to as the Enforcement Officer Disability Benefits Law or the Heart

& Lung Act, who contracts or is diagnosed with, or is in quarantine due to exposure to, the novel coronavirus identified in the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, extends the expiration for PennDOT Renewals; and establishes a Volunteer emergency responders employer tax credit. (202-0).

- **HB 1747 (Rep. Matt Dowling, R-Fayette/Somerset):** Would remove restrictions on firearms during an emergency declaration. (127-74).
- **HB 1822 (Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland):** Would provide for changes to the Local Government Capital Project Loan Program, provides employment protections for employees during the pandemic, and provides for restrictions on Special Funds. (105-97).
- **HB 2369 (Rep. Valerie S. Gaydos, R-Allegheny):** Would establish the COVID-19 Grant and Loan Program to assist COVID-19 impacted businesses. (202-0).
- **HB 2370 (Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland):** Would amend Title 57 (Notaries Public) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial procedure) to permit notaries in the Commonwealth to notarize documents electronically via audio-visual communication. (202-0).
- **HB 2376 (Rep. Brad Roae, R-Crawford/Erie):** Would amend Title 35 to include sections relating to retail store closure during the declaration of disaster emergency that allow re-opening of retail stores able to meet certain requirements; and for contactless and curbside business operations for certain

businesses during the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration. (112-90).

- **HB 2392 (Rep. Barbara Gleim, R-Cumberland):** Would require the IFO to include critical risk factors in the assessment of the current and future fiscal conditions of the Commonwealth, and track monies distributed under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. (202-0).
- **HB 2400 (Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny):** Would amend the Administrative Code to add a new Article entitled Emergency COVID-19 provisions to extend the waiver of the Governor's Business Closure Order to all public and private construction activities. (111-91).



- **HB 2408 (Rep. Brandon Markosek, D-Allegheny):** Would amend the Fiscal Code to exempt recovery rebates and Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act from state and local taxation and increase endowment

spending limitations for nonprofit corporations and charitable trusts. (202-0).

- **HB 2413 (Rep. Cris Dush, R-Jefferson/Indiana):** Would amend the Fiscal Code (Act 176 of 1929) to provide assistance for volunteer service organizations to respond to the novel coronavirus identified in the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by the Governor on March 6, 2020. (202-0).
- **HB 2415 (Rep. Andrew Lewis, R-Dauphin):** Would amend the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Article relating to COVID-19 Emergency Statutory and Regulatory Suspensions and Waivers which places notification requirements on the Governor. (128-74).
- **HB 2419 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Would amend the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Article relating to the establishment of the COVID-19 Cost and Recovery Task Force. (109-93).
- **HB 2429 (Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon):** Would amend the Administrative Code of 1929 (Code) to add a new Article relating to Emergency COVID-19 provisions regarding extension of waiver provisions to lawn and garden equipment and supplies stores. (133-69).
- **HB 2433 (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler):** Would amend the Administrative Code to add a new Article relating to Emergency COVID-19 provisions regarding issuance of a waiver to the Governor's Business Closure Order for messenger service and agent service activities. (112-90).

- **HB 2435 (Rep. Bridget Kosierowski, D-Lackawanna):** Would provide for a Food Establishment Pandemic Disease Remediation Cost Reimbursement Grant Program. (202-0).
- **HB 2437 (Rep. Todd Stephens, R-Montgomery):** Should create the Emergency Declaration Data Transparency Act, requiring DOH to publish long term care facility-specific COVID-19 data, report data to appropriate licensing departments, and requires DOH to summarize the infection control measures taken. (202-0).



- **HB 2440 (Rep. William Kortz, R-Allegheny):** Would establish the Hunting, Firearm and Ammunition Life-Sustaining Business Act. (124-78).
- **HB 2459 (Rep. Lori Mizgorski, R-Allegheny):** Would require the Secretary of DCED to immediately issue a waiver to the Governor's Business Closure Order to cosmetology salons and barber shops to provide hair services that can adhere to certain mitigation requirements. (120-82).
- **HB 2477 (Rep. David Rowe, R-Union/Snyder):** Would provide for limited liability for donating food past the labeled date code recommended by the manufacturer. (202-0).

- **HB 2487 (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon):** Would amend the Public Official Compensation Law to apply a freeze to cost-of-living adjustments through 2021. (202-0).
- **HB 2497 (Rep. George Dunbar, R-Westmoreland):** Would exempt a forgiveness of indebtedness granted under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. (201-1).
- **HB 2505 (Rep. Torren Ecker, R-Adams/Cumberland):** Would require records retention for all records in possession of executive agencies, contractors, or their members, employees or officers related to the COVID-19 disaster declaration. (202-0).
- **HB 2506 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union):** Would allow any restaurant, bar or private club which serves food or beverages to reopen for outdoor public patronage in any county designated as “yellow” or “green,” as long as state and federal guidelines are followed. (133-69).
- **HB 2509 (Rep. Gary Day, R-Lehigh/Berks):** Would establish the Long-Term Care Facility Personal Protective Equipment Reimbursement Grant Program. (202-0).
- **HB 2513 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union):** Would allow any restaurant, bar or private club which serves food or beverages to reopen for indoor public patronage in any county designated as “yellow” or “green,” as long as state and federal guidelines are followed. (117-85).
- **HB 2517 (Rep. Craig Staats, R-Bucks):** Would expand DCED waiver exemptions to residential cleaning services. (119-83).

- **HB 2540 (Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster):** Would establish a five-person State Epidemiology Advisory Council specific to the COVID-19 pandemic. (198-3).
- **HB 2541 (Rep. Frank Farry, R-Bucks):** Would allow the governing body of a county, in consultation with specified county offices and officials, to develop and implement a countywide reopening plan for businesses. (114-87).
- **HB 2549 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union):** Would allow a county to pass a resolution to move to the “green plus” phase of reopening after being in the “green” phase of reopening for at least 14 days. (116-85). (116-85).



- **HB 2626 (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams):** Amends the Election Code to make various revisions relating to the election system efficiency, in particular with respect to absentee and mail-in ballots. (112-90).
- **HB 2787 (Rep. Mike Reese, R-Westmoreland/Somerset):** Authorizes a school entity to determine whether to hold sports and other extracurricular activities and spectators in-person. (155-47).
- **HB 2788 (Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton):** Would allow a parent to elect to have a child

repeat a grade level due to a loss of instruction resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The parental election includes participation in all academic or extracurricular activities. (197-5).

Economic Enhancers



#GOODJOBS4PA

House Republicans are looking at new pathways to careers with a greater focus on providing students with job skills *before* they leave high school. Students would benefit from knowing what kind of job or career they are headed for before taking on huge amounts of debt for a college degree they may never use.

While equipping students with workplace skills addresses the needs of one segment of the job-seeking population, our members are also offering solutions for unemployed adults, soon-to-be-released inmates and returning military veterans.

Ultimately building an effective workforce system is essential to economic development. Simply, you need people to be successful as they work in the jobs that are created. Our caucus is working on all sides of the issue, creating a world-class workforce and growing world-leading industries, which will lead to the next generation of great companies and employees calling Pennsylvania home.

- **HB 1100 (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne):** Would create the Energy and Fertilizer Manufacturing Tax Credit. (139-46). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 2, 3/27/20)

Workforce Ready PA

Signed in Law:

- **Act 76 of 2019 (formerly HB 265, Rep. Craig Staats, R-Bucks):** Expands an established



database that allows students and potential students to plan where courses, programs, certificates, diplomas transfer among public schools and institutions of higher education, and contains recommendations from the Select Subcommittee on Technical Education and Career Readiness's Final Report. (197-0).

- **Act 66 of 2020 (formerly HB 732, Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne):** Provides an exclusion from the Realty Transfer Tax for volunteer service providers and establish the Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit. (163-38).
- **Act 68 of 2020 (formerly HB 1437, Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland):** Updates the Rural Jobs and Investment Tax Credit Program. (159-41) (*Included in the Fiscal Code*).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 138 (Rep. Christopher Quinn, R-Delaware):** Would provide further qualifications for license and examinations for physical therapists

and physical therapist assistants. (193-0).

- **HB 280 (Rep. R. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler):** Would increase the periods of time allotted for parties to appeal the determination of an Unemployment Compensation (UC) Service Center and the decision of a UC referee. (193-0).
- **HB 297 (Rep. Zachary Mako, R-Northampton/Lehigh):** Would require the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) to develop materials outlining workforce needs including training opportunities and future earning potential. Also allows for community colleges and other technical and/or trade schools to attend career/college fairs. (193-1).
- **HB 334 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Would require Pennsylvania Department of Education to establish a standard application for schools to seek approval to establish or renew a classification of instructional program. (195-0).
- **HB 393 (Rep. Patrick Harkins, D-Erie):** Would require PDE and the departments of Labor and Industry and Agriculture to develop and maintain a comprehensive online career resource center for students, parents, educators and school officials to provide information on the value and impact of career and technical education (CTE), career pathways, data and statistics on employment opportunities and compensation, postsecondary options, and statewide and regional articulation agreements. (194-0).
- **HB 394 (Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne):** Would require PDE and the Department of Labor and Industry to conduct a complete inventory of existing workforce

development programs at both the secondary and postsecondary levels. (195-0).

- **HB 395 (Rep. James Roebuck Jr., D-Philadelphia):** Would allow CTE programs or a cluster of programs to establish occupational advisory committees at the Intermediate Unit (IU) level to serve multiple school districts or Career and Technical



Centers (CTCs). (194-0).

- **HB 396 (Rep. James Roebuck Jr., D-Philadelphia):** Would require each local Workforce Development Board (WDB) to include in its membership at least one administrator of a Career and Technical Center whose attendance area is covered by the service area of the WDB. (194-0).
- **HB 425 (Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks):** Would create *CareerBound*, a program to strengthen the connection between Pennsylvania's students and the next generation of high-priority careers. (192-1).
- **HB 522 (Rep. Mike Tobash, R-Schuylkill/Dauphin):** Would establish the Career and Technical Education Investment Incentive Program, which would provide tax credits to businesses that contribute

to career and technical partnership organizations. (162-34).

- **HB 796 (Rep. Jared Solomon, D-Philadelphia):** Would create a grant program for apprenticeship programs. (201-0).
- **HB 64 (Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny):** Would amend the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs Act, allowing professionals to carry over accrued continuing education credits for biennial terms. (193-0).
- **HB 1566 (Rep. William Kortz, D-Allegheny):** Would amend Act 48 of 1993 pertaining to the power and duties of boards and commissions within the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. (115-87).

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Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 1104 (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne):** Would require the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to establish a registry for abandoned manufacturing sites across the Commonwealth. (197-2).
- **HB 1105 (Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland):** Would incentivize businesses to remediate Commonwealth lands that pose a current or future risk to the health and safety of our residents. (105-96).

Promoting Confidence Among Consumers and Businesses

Signed in Law:

- **Act 73 of 2019** (formerly HB 318, Rep. Lori Mizgorski, R-Allegheny): Allows consumers to permanently sign up for the state's "do-not-call" list. Currently, those on the list must re-register every five years. This bill removes the time period completely from the current law allowing consumers to register one time for as long as they hold the registered phone number. (174-0).
- **Act 11 of 2020** (formerly HB 1578, Rep. Sue Helm, R-Dauphin/Lebanon): Amends portions of Real and Personal Property law within the Uniform Condominium Act, the Real Estate Cooperative Act and the Uniform Planned Community Act. (199-0).



Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 21** (Rep. Sue Helm, R-Dauphin): Would establish licensure of home inspectors. (176-22).
- **HB 26** (Rep. Pam Snyder, D-Greene/Washington): Would add motorcycles to the state's automobile lemon law. The law requires a manufacturer to fix any default

which substantially impairs the use, value or safety of the vehicle, if the problem occurs in the first year of ownership or 12,000 miles. This legislation would extend those same protections to consumers purchasing new motorcycles. (168-6) .

- **HB 1032** (Rep. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler): Would amend the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act to add certified PA evaluators to the State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers. (200-0).
- **HB 1033** (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams): Would amend the Assessors Certification Act to provide for the qualifications, training and certification of revaluation company personnel. (197-3).
- **HB 1061** (Rep. Meghan Schroeder, R-Bucks): Would amend the Telemarketer Registration Act to require the attorney general to establish ongoing communication with the Department of Aging. (199-0).
- **HB 1511** (Rep. Chris Quinn, R-Delaware): Would codify the Public Utility Commission's 60-day approval for unprotested telecommunication applications. (199-0).
- **HB 1534** (Rep. Robert Matzie, D-Beaver/Allegheny): Would update and clarify the existing anti-pyramid scheme law. (199-0).
- **HB 1563** (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams): Would amend the Municipal Authorities Act to allow

owners of multiple properties or buildings with multiple units that are served by a single meter to request a rate study using a years' worth of usage data to determine if an adjustment is needed in the amount that the property owner pays. (197-4).

- **HB 1647 (Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton):** Would provide a waiver of real estate tax penalty within the first year of ownership if the real estate tax notice was not received. (202-0).

- **HB 2348 (Rep. Marty Causer, R-McKean/Cameron/Potter):** Would create the Underserved High-speed Broadband Funding Grant Program and re-appropriates an existing tax credit of \$5 million. (202-0).

Preserving PA's Agricultural Heritage

- **HB 915 (Rep. Martin Causer, R-McKean/Cameron/Potter):** Would clarify that milk haulers can travel on highways during a declaration of disaster emergency. (136-61). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 2, 7/2/19)



Signed in Law:

- **Act 28 of 2019 (formerly SB 338, Str. Wayne Langerholc, R-Bedford/Cambria/Clearfield):** Increases the maximum width for implements of husbandry to travel on roadways to 18 feet. (200-0).
- **Act 33 of 2019 (formerly HB 370, Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law to provide for restrictions, limitations and subdivision on preserved farmland. (194-0).
- **Act 34 of 2019 (formerly HB 1514, Rep. John Hershey, R-Juniata/Franklin/Mifflin):** Revises and re-establishes the existing Healthy Farms Healthy Schools program into the PA Farm-to-School

Program, to provide grants for improving childhood nutrition while increasing exposure to agriculture for children in Pre-K through fifth grade. (198-0).

- **Act 35 of 2019 (formerly HB 1516, Rep. Martin Causer, R-McKean/Cameron/Potter):** Creates the Pennsylvania Rapid Response Disaster Readiness Account and allocate funding to the Department of Agriculture to facilitate a quick response to agricultural disasters. (198-0).
- **Act 36 of 2019 (formerly HB 1520, Rep. Pam Snyder, D-Greene/Fayette/Washington):** Creates a grant program to reimburse federal meat inspection costs for small or new processors. (199-0).
- **Act 37 of 2019 (formerly HB 1526, Rep. Rich Irvin, R-Huntingdon/Centre/Mifflin):** Re-establishes a low-interest loan program administered by the State Conservation Commission in conjunction with lending institutions for the implementation of agricultural and conservation best management practices. (198-0).
- **Act 38 of 2019 (formerly HB 1590, Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter):** Creates the Dairy Investment Program within the Commonwealth Financing Authority. (199-0).
- **Act 39 of 2019 (formerly SB 634, Sen. Gene Yaw, R-**

Bradford/Lycoming/Sullivan/Susquehanna/Union): Creates the Conservation Excellence Program, granting the State Conservation Commission the authority to prioritize projects and provide technical assistance and funding through a mix of grants, low-interest loans and tax credits to help farmers and landowners implement conservation best management practices. (201-0).

- **Act 40 of 2019** (formerly SB 661, Sen. Judy Ward, R-Blair/Fulton/Cumberland/Franklin/Huntingdon): Provides state-level Specialty Crop Block Grants; establish the Pennsylvania Agricultural Business Development Center to serve as a resource to help every farmer create a business plan, transition plan or succession plan; reestablish a grant program to fund youth organizations that promote development in agriculture, community leadership, vocational training and peer fellowship; and establish an Urban Agricultural Infrastructure Grant Program. (201-0).
- **Act 65 of 2019** (formerly SB 478, Sen. Elder Vogel, R-Beaver/Butler/Lawrence): Establishes the Beginning Farmer Management Tax Credit for existing farmers and landowners who lease or sell their land, buildings and equipment to beginning farmers. (201-0).
- **Act 66 of 2019** (formerly SB 585, Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre/Juniata/Huntingdon/Mifflin): Establishes the Dairy Future Commission in the Agriculture Code. (200-0).



Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 241** (Rep. Tina Pickett, R-Bradford/Sullivan/Susquehanna): Would amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to allow a Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) tax credit be applied to the spouse of an eligible applicant. (200-0). *(Included within Act 13 of 2019).*
- **HB 404** (Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster): Would add the “Tree of Heaven” plant, a favorite food source of the invasive spotted lanternfly, to the list of noxious weeds in Pennsylvania. (194-0). *(implemented by the Controlled Plan and Noxious Weed Committee).*
- **HB 881** (Rep. Mindy Fee, R-Lancaster): Would allow the department to provide for succession planning grants on preserved farms. (202-0). *(included within Act 20 of 2019).*
- **HB 1223** (Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster): Would allow for the creation of Keystone Opportunity Dairy Zones to encourage new or additional processing capacity for Pennsylvania milk. (194-2).
- **HB 1224** (Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster): Would allow

the Milk Marketing Board the ability, but not the requirement, to collect and distribute milk premiums. (196-0).

- **HB 1517 (Rep. David Zimmerman, R-Lancaster):** Would provide the State Conservation Commission with the authority to prioritize projects and provide technical assistance and funding through a mix of grants, low-interest loans and tax credits. (198-0). *(included in Act 39 of 2019)*.
- **HB 1518 (Rep. Pam DeLissio, D-Philadelphia/Montgomery):** Would re-establish the former (expired) Agriculture and Rural Youth Development Program into a new grant program to fund youth organizations that promote development in agriculture, community leadership, vocational training and peer fellowship. (200-0). *(Included within Act 40 of 2019)*.
- **HB 1519 (Rep. Chris Rabb, D-Philadelphia):** Would establish a state-level Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to invest in and encourage farming of high-priority crops like hemp, hops and Department of hardwoods that are not eligible for the federal grants.

(200-0). *(Included within Act 40 of 2019)*.

- **HB 1521 (Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, D-Luzerne):** Would amend the existing PA Preferred agricultural commodities marketing program to bolster enrollment in the veteran farmer Homegrown by Heroes Program. (200-0). *(Included within Act 36 of 2019)*.
- **HB 1523 (Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon):** Would establish the Pennsylvania Agricultural Business Development Center within the Department of Agriculture to serve as a resource to help every farmer create a business plan, transition plan or succession plan. (198-0). *(Included within Act 40 of 2019)*.
- **HB 1983 (Rep. Martin Causer, R-McKean/Cameron/Potter):** Would extend the sunset date of the current funding provision for the Pennsylvania Race Horse Testing Program by two years. (202-0).
- **HB 2149 (Rep. Martin Causer, R-Cameron/McKean/Potter):** Would make updates to the composition of the Hardwoods Development Council. (201-0).

Protecting Pennsylvanians



Protecting Victims

In support of crime victims, House Republicans are out front, taking action to strengthen the protections for victims of crime. Just as those accused of a crime have certain rights, we need to ensure crime victims are treated with dignity and respect throughout the entire criminal justice process.

We support efforts to allow victims of crime to participate in the criminal justice system. Victims and survivors deserve the protection of our criminal justice system and the tools to help them confront and testify against their abusers.

Human trafficking harms adults and children of all ages and demographics. House Republicans have taken action to build upon our groundbreaking laws pertaining to human trafficking to promote measures guaranteeing the safety of victims, protecting their privacy and making it safer for them to testify against their abusers.

Goes Before the Voters via Referendum:

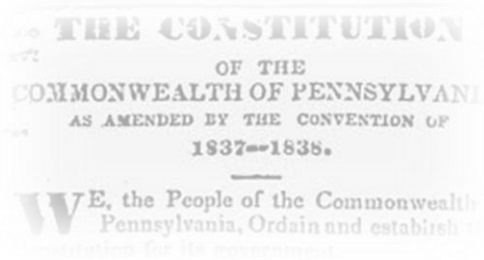
- **HB 276 (Rep. Sheryl DeLozier, R-Cumberland):** Known as Marsy's Law, the bill would add a victim's bill of rights to the Pennsylvania Constitution. (190-8).

Signed into Law:

- **Act 21 of 2019** (formerly HB 315, Rep. Thomas Murt, R-Montgomery/Philadelphia): Establishes the offense of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM). (196-1).
- **Act 23 of 2019** (formerly HB 502, Rep. John Hershey, R-Juniata/Franklin/Mifflin): Grants to crime victims the right to attend any proceeding relating to their cases, unless the court expressly determines that attendance would materially alter the victims' testimony. (197-1).
- **Act 24 of 2019** (formerly HB 504, Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington): Shields rape victims from irrelevant cross examination by ensuring that prior sexual assaults or other prior acts of victimization against a rape victim cannot be used at trial for the purpose of attacking the victim's character. (197-0).
- **Act 29 of 2019** (formerly SB 399, Sen. Wayne Langerholc Jr., R-Bedford/Cambria/Clearfield): Expands the current list of rights for survivors of sexual assault and address anonymous submissions of

sexual assault evidence and submissions for which jurisdiction is unknown. (200-0).

- **Act 30 of 2019** (formerly SB 469, Sen. Daniel Laughlin, R-Erie): Allows out-of-court statements from crime victims with intellectual disabilities or autism under certain circumstances. (178-22).



- **Act 31 of 2019** (formerly SB 479, Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Luzerne/Pike/Susquehanna): Expands the list of offenses in which the courts may admit into evidence an out-of-court statement by a child victim or witness. (199-1).
- **Act 93 of 2019** (formerly HB 97, Rep. Kathy Rapp, R-Warren/Crawford/Forest): Amends the Crimes Code by adding “electronic nicotine delivery systems” (ENDS), or “vaping” devices, to the sections that currently make it illegal to sell tobacco products to minors and, for students, to use tobacco products on school grounds. (196-0).
- **Act 87 of 2019** (formerly HB 962, Rep. Mark Rozzi, D-Berks): Extends the statute of limitations for civil suits for childhood sexual abuse until the victim reaches the age of 55, eliminates the statute of limitations for filing criminal charges, and waives the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity and

governmental immunity related to childhood sexual abuse. (187-5).

- **Act 88 of 2019** (formerly HB 1051, Rep. Todd Stephens, R-Montgomery): Amends the Child Protective Services Law to increase the penalties for mandated reporters who continue to fail to report suspected child abuse and broadens the “continuing course of action” provision. (168-22).
- **Act 89 of 2019** (formerly HB 1171, Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne): Specifies that civil confidentiality agreements do not cover communications with law enforcement. (191-0).
- **Act 1 of 2020** (formerly SB 60, Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York): Increases penalties relating to human trafficking and enhance funding for programs/services for trafficking victims. (183-4).
- **Act 32 of 2020** (formerly SB 275, Sen. Judy Ward, R-Blair/Cumberland/Franklin/Fulton/Huntingdon): Increases the possible criminal penalties for strangulation convictions and permit judges to consider strangulation convictions in child custody proceedings. (202-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 161** (Rep. Barry Jozwiak, R-Berks): Would reclassify the offense of trafficking of infants as a first-degree felony from a first-degree misdemeanor. (187-0).
- **HB 288** (Rep. Justin Simmons, R-Lehigh/Montgomery/Northampton): Known as Caylee’s Law, the bill would increase the penalty for

concealing the death of a child from a first-degree misdemeanor to a third-degree felony, punishable by up to seven years imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$15,000. (197-0).

- **HB 400 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Would amend Crimes Code to expand the criteria for abuse of a care-dependent person. (202-0).
- **HB 503 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union):** Would allow victims and witnesses with intellectual disabilities or autism to submit out-of-court statements rather than face their perpetrators in court. (186-11).
- **HB 505 (Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Franklin):** Would expand the types of crimes in which out-of-court statements by child victims or child witnesses could be admitted by the court, avoiding further trauma for the affected children. (193-4).
- **HB 849 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Would establish the Disclosing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Act, prohibiting employers from requiring employees and prospective employees to sign a nondisclosure agreement related to sexual harassment as a condition of employment. (199-0).
- **HB 854 (Rep. Torren Ecker, R-Adams/Cumberland):** Would ensure that the offense of strangulation is as fully incorporated into our body of laws as other similarly violent and threatening offenses. (188-10).
- **HB 963 (Rep. Jim Gregory, R-Blair):** Would amend Article I, Section 11 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to provide for a two-year window in which civil lawsuits alleging childhood sexual abuse may

be filed in court notwithstanding any otherwise applicable statute of limitations defense. (177-15).

- **HB 991 (Rep. Wendi Thomas, R-Bucks):** Would amend the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act to establish that the provision relating to committing sex offenses applies to all public employees and public officials. (198-0).
- **HB 1290 (Rep. Todd Polinchock, R-Bucks):** Would update child protective services law to require county agencies to include in the required written report of suspected child abuse information pertaining to whether the subject of the report is a service member. (195-0).
- **HB 1363 (Rep. Thomas Murt, R-Montgomery/Philadelphia):** Would establish a Bill of rights for individuals with intellectual disabilities or autism. (202-0).
- **HB 1867 (Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming):** Would amend the Crimes Code to add offense of unregulated transfer of custody of an adopted child. (201-0).
- **HB 1879 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York):** Would amend the aggravated assault statute in order to add “a health care practitioner or technician.” (173-23).



- **HB 1984 (Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre/Mifflin):** Would amend the Adoption Act so that victims of

rape can terminate parental rights of the rapist without having to re-marry. (202-0).

- **HB 2056 (Rep. Jim Struzzi, R-Indiana):** Would provide that a person is guilty of aggravated assault if he causes bodily injury to an individual with a physical or intellectual disability. (167-35).
- **HB 2174 (Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Would prohibit defendants from introducing evidence of a human trafficking victim's past sexual victimization and allegations of past sexual victimization in any prosecution related to human trafficking. (187-0).
- **HB 2175 (Rep. Meghan Schroeder, R-Bucks):** Would expand the list of sexual offenses whereby an expert may testify in sexual assault cases. (187-0).
- **HB 2176 (Rep. Marci Mustello, R-Butler):** Would add certain prohibited activities that, if committed, constitute the crime of unlawful contact with a minor. (187-0).
- **HB 2177 (Rep. Valerie Gaydos, R-Allegheny):** Would expand the list of sexual offenses that require offenders to attend and participate in a Department of Corrections

program of counseling and therapy designed for incarcerated sex offenders. (187-0).

- **HB 2178 (Rep. David Rowe, R-Union/Snyder):** Would amend Pennsylvania's child custody statute to require that a court consider whether a party or member of that party's household has been convicted of human trafficking prior to awarding child custody to that party. (187-0).
- **HB 2342 (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter):** Would increase the age for admissible out-of-court statements made by a child victim or witness from 12 to 16 years of age for certain offenses. (162-39).
- **HB 2503 (Rep. Brett Miller, R-Lancaster):** Would allow certain employers to hire employees on a provisional basis, pending the completion of all submitted background checks. (201-0).

Addiction and Substance Use Disorder

Signed into Law:

- **Act 112 of 2019** (formerly SB 572, Sen. Ryan Aument, R-Lancaster): Requires providers to follow a set protocol when prescribing opioids, including drug tests, agreements for treatment, and providing specific information about risks of opioids and alternative methods to treat pain. (117-79).
- **Act 8 of 2020** (formerly SB 432, Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York): Amends the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions program to allow Medicaid Managed Care Organizations to query the system. (119-77).



Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 137 (Rep. Chris Quinn, R-Delaware)**: Would provide immunity to any individual who experiences an overdose event only if the individual obtains a screening and referral for treatment. (122-72).
- **HB 596 (Rep. Doyle Heffley, R-Carbon)**: Would establish a Detoxification and Addiction Treatment Bed Registry to be administered by the Department of

Drug and Alcohol Programs. (200-0).

- **HB 616 (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter)**: Would place the drug carfentanil, a fentanyl analogue, in Schedule II of the Controlled Substances, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act. (195-0).
- **HB 1005 (Rep. Jim Cox, R-Berks/Lancaster)**: Would amend the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act to include the administration of naloxone in a patient's record on the ABC-MAP database. (110-89).
- **HB 1052 (Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland)**: Would amend the administrative code to provide for duties of the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs with respect to persons who leave addiction treatment against medical advice. (188-0).
- **HB 1325 (Rep. Jason Ortity, R-Allegheny/Washington)**: Would update sentencing provisions when an individual is convicted of trespass resulting from a violation of state casino or video gaming terminal self-exclusion list. (196-0).
- **HB 1662 (Rep. Gene DiGirolamo, R-Bucks)**: Would amend and rename the Methadone Death and Incident Review Act to include deaths and incidents attributable to the use and misuse of buprenorphine. (199-0).

Emergency Responders

Signed into Law:

- **Act 17 of 2019** (formerly SB 127, Sen. Mike Regan, R-Cumberland/York): Reauthorizes the 911 statute. (197-2).
- **Act 49 of 2019** (formerly HB 448, Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne): Adds additional members to the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial. (201-0).
- **Act 83 of 2019** (formerly HB 859, Rep. Stephen Barrar, R-Delaware/Chester): Extends the 911 statute (\$1.65 surcharge) for another four years, to June 30, 2023. (198-0).
- **Act 106 of 2019** (formerly SB 146, Sen. Michele Brooks, R-Crawford/Erie/Mercer/Warren): Establishes online training programs where applicable for firefighters. (196-0).
- **Act 17 of 2020** (formerly HB 1869, Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter): Provides Basic Life Support (BLS) staffing waivers for all counties. (195-0).
- **Act 22 of 2020** (formerly HB 1522, Rep. Torren Ecker, R-Adams/Cumberland): Amends the Child Labor Act to eliminate the requirement that Junior Firefighters complete Department of Conservation and Natural Resources wildfire training before they can

engage in firefighting activities. (200-1).

- **Act 26 of 2020** (formerly SB 1122, Sen. Joe Pittman, R-Armstrong/Butler/Indiana/Westmoreland): Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to establish the COVID-19 Crisis Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program. (202-0).
- **Act 66 of 2020** (formerly HB 732, Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne): Provides an exclusion from the Realty Transfer Tax for volunteer service providers and establish the Local Resource Manufacturing Tax Credit. (163-38).
- **Act 69 of 2020** (formerly HB 1459, Rep. Michael Schlossberg, D-Lehigh): Creates a mental wellness and stress management program for first responders, including 911 dispatchers and coroners. (198-0).



HELPERS AND HEROES *Bills Awaiting Senate Action:*

- **HB 269** (Rep. Michael Driscoll, D-Philadelphia): Would amend the

Tax Reform Code to provide an exemption from the Realty Transfer Tax for the surviving spouse/children of a first responder. (199-0).



- **HB 1448 (Rep. Mike Sturla, D-Lancaster):** Would add a ballot referendum to expand the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) to include paid (career) fire departments. (195-0).
- **HB 1673 (Rep. Frank Farry, R-Bucks):** Would expand the types of programs that volunteer fire relief monies can fund, such as Length of Service Awards, which are programs that provide tax-deferred income benefits to active volunteers of a fire service. (196-0).
- **HB 1705 (Rep. Matt Gabler, Clearfield/Elk):** Would authorize school districts to offer a property tax credit for volunteer first responders. (200-0).
- **HB 1758 (Rep. Jason Ortitay, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Would exempt volunteer fire and ambulance companies from the vehicle accident report fee. (195-0).
- **HB 1773 (Rep. Jim Struzzi, R-Indiana):** Would establish the Tuition Assistance for Active Volunteers Program. (196-0).
- **HB 1780 (Rep. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler):** Would exempt volunteer fire, rescue and ambulance companies from portions of the Right-to-Know Law. (166-34).
- **HB 1786 (Rep. Chris Sainato, D-Lawrence):** Would establish the First Responder Loan Forgiveness Program under the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency. (196-0).
- **HB 1816 (Rep. Lynda Schlegal Culver, R-Northumberland/Snyder):** Would increase the loan amounts under the Volunteer Loan Assistance Program (VLAP) and add provisions to enhance the program. (196-0).
- **HB 1834 (Rep. Chris Sainato, D-Lawrence):** Would reauthorize the Fire Company and Emergency Medical Service Grant Program. (195-0).
- **HB 1838 (Rep. Martin Causer, R-McKean/Cameron/Potter):** Would increase the funding for and enhance the use of the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund (EMSOF). (195-0).
- **HB 1839 (Rep. Bob Brooks, R-Westmoreland/Allegheny):** Would authorize counties to offer a property tax credit for volunteer first responders. (196-0).
- **HB 2233 (Rep. Keith Greiner, R-Lancaster):** Would allow political subdivisions and volunteer services to share a common bulk storage tank for the storage of tax-exempt motor fuel. (202-0).

Justice Reform

Signed into Law:

- **Act 58 of 2019** (formerly HB 1614, Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Franklin): Provides law enforcement and the attorney general the authority to participate in local, state or federal task forces. This law also provides a two-year pilot program giving the attorney general concurrent jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute gun-related crimes in Philadelphia. (194-3).
- **Act 51 of 2020** (formerly SB 351, Sen. Judy Ward, R-Blair/Cumberland/Franklin/Fulton/Huntingdon): Increases the potential criminal penalties for assaults on health care practitioners and technicians. (180-21).
- **Act 63 of 2020** (formerly HB 256, Rep. Carl Metzgar, R-Somerset/Bedford): Increases penalties for inmates who assault correctional facility employees. (173-28).
- **HB 44** (Rep. Pam Snyder, D-Washington/Fayette): Would require that a corrections officer employed by the Department of Corrections provide a written statement, or testify, regarding whether an inmate should be paroled. (194-0).
- **HB 257** (Rep. Carl Metzgar, R-Somerset/Bedford): Would require any inmate who commits an assault against a detention facility or correctional facility employee that results in serious bodily injury be sentenced to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years' incarceration. (144-53).
- **HB 726** (Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Allegheny): Would amend the Judicial Code to require consecutive mandatory sentences for crimes committed with firearms. (102-91).
- **HB 916** (Rep. Todd Stephens, R-Montgomery): Would require a person arrested for a second or subsequent DUI with a high rate (.10-.159 BAC) or highest rate (.16 or higher BAC) of alcohol within a 10-year period to be fitted with a continuous alcohol monitoring device. (142-51).
- **HB 1538** (Rep. Martina White, R-Philadelphia): Would amend the Prisons and Parole Code to require that sex offenders must wait three years from the date of the current application to reapply for parole. (194-7).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 1781 (Rep. Stephanie Borowicz, R-Clinton/Centre):** Would allow the governing authority of a county to permit its county corrections officers to carry and store a handgun and ammunition in a vehicle at a county correctional institution. (156-40).
- **HB 1827 (Rep. Dawn Keefer, R-York/Cumberland):** Would add sentencing enhancement for a conviction of causing or aiding suicide when the individual who commits suicide is under 18 years old or has an intellectual disability. (188-14).
- **HB 2016 (Rep. Lou Schmitt, R-Blair):** Would create the offense of harassment of law enforcement officer. (170-32).

receive a short sentence and would revise sentencing laws and the direction that the General Assembly gives to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. (167-29).

- **Act 53 of 2020 (formerly SB 637, Sen. John DiSanto, R-Dauphin/Perry):** Provides Commonwealth licensing boards opportunities to issue licenses to individuals with criminal convictions. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 440 (Rep. Tedd Nesbit, R-Butler/Mercer):** Would mandate the expungement of an individual's record if he or she has been pardoned or acquitted of all charges, based on the same conduct or arising from the same alleged criminal episode. (197-0).
- **HB 1477 (Rep. Sheryl Delozier, R-Cumberland):** Would create a fair, modern set of rules for the consideration of criminal records in occupational and professional licensure, which will enable employers to have a new set of skilled, qualified workers. (193-4).
- **HB 1855 (Rep. Aaron Bernstine, R-Lawrence/Beaver/Butler):** Known as Markie's Law, would preclude the parole board from prematurely releasing an inmate at the expiration of his minimum sentence if the inmate was convicted of a violent offense or an obstruction of justice offense while incarcerated. (149-47).

#Smart Justice

Signed into Law:

- **Act 114 of 2019 (formerly SB 500, Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Luzerne/Susquehanna/Wayne/Wyoming):** Creates a County Adult Probation and Parole Advisory Committee. (196-0).
- **Act 115 of 2019 (formerly SB 501, Sen. Tom Killion, R-Chester/Delaware):** Updates the process for paroling people who

#Protect and Serve Initiative

Signed into Law:

- **Act 57 of 2020** (formerly HB 1841, Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny): Requires the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission to maintain a database containing the circumstances surrounding a law enforcement officer's separation from service and to compel law enforcement agencies to disclose such records. (201-0).
- **Act 58 of 2020** (formerly HB 1910, Rep. Dan Williams, D-Chester): Requires municipal police officers receive training in recognizing and reporting child abuse and interacting

with individuals of diverse backgrounds; require that municipal police officers receive mental health evaluations in certain situations; and amend the Judicial Code to provide additional training in child abuse to magisterial district judges. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

Strengthening Communities & Supporting Families

Supporting Families

Signed into Law:

- **Act 7 of 2019** (formerly SB 115, Sen. Tom Killion, R-Chester/Delaware): Enhances CPR training instruction available to students in grades nine through 12.
- **Act 98 of 2019** (formerly HB 1016, Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Allegheny): Provides regulatory oversight of fraternal benefit societies' solvency. (196-0).
- **Act 100 of 2019** (formerly HB 1402,



Rep. Tedd Nesbit, R-Mercer/Butler): Establishes the offense of sexual extortion. (195-0).

- **Act 14 of 2020** (formerly HB 775, Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon): Requires the Department of Aging to cross reference its list of beneficiaries with death records maintained by the Department of Health on a monthly basis. (196-0).
- **Act 18 of 2020** (formerly, HB 360, Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton): Sets age 18 as the minimum age for obtaining a marriage license, allows to applications without in-person

appearances during the pandemic if the register of wills is closed, extends deadlines relating to background check recertifications and certifications required under the Child Protection Services Law and extends the time period for certain professions to obtain an FBI background check. (195-0).

- **Act 62 of 2020** (formerly SB 934, Sen. Daniel Laughlin, R-Erie): Requires the Department of Human Services to include the inspection of all smoke detectors in its annual inspection of childcare facilities. (201-0).
- **Act 65 of 2020** (formerly HB 672, Rep. Jason Ortitay, R-Allegheny/Washington): Provides for parental authority over a minor's mental health treatment. (195-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 296** (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne): Would establish an Adoption and Foster Care Tax Credit for eligible foster parents. (200-0).
- **HB 437** (Rep. Joshua Kail, R-Beaver/Washington): Would amend Title 23 as it relates to contempt powers of the court in custody cases. (202-0).
- **HB 783** (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler): Would establish the infant CPR and Choking Education and Prevention Program. (197-0).
- **HB 858** (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike): Would create the

Incentive Based Savings Program Act to authorize and permit financial institutions to conduct savings promotion programs. (195-0).

- **HB 924 (Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne):** Would prohibit discrimination by a life, accident or health insurer based on an insured's status as a living organ or tissue donor. (195-0).
- **HB 1001 (Rep. Donna Oberlander, R-Clarion/Armstrong/Forest):** Would establish standards for the licensure and regulation of human milk banks in PA. (191-1).

- **HB 1634 (Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming):** Would increase the fee assessed to recipients of child support from \$25 annually to \$35 annually in order to remain in federal compliance. (199-0).



Senior Citizens

Signed into Law:

- **Act 95 of 2019** (formerly HB 754, Rep. Wendi Thomas, R-Bucks): Ensures any individual enrolled in PACE and PACENET as of Dec. 31, 2018, remains eligible if their maximum income limit is exceeded due solely to a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment. Eligibility would expire at the end of 2021. (193-0).
- **Act 97 of 2019** (formerly HB 956, Rep. Thomas Murt, R-Montgomery/Philadelphia): Amends the State Lottery Law to reduce the statutorily mandated rate of return. (188-4).
- **Act 14 of 2020** (formerly HB 775, Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon): Requires the Department of Aging to cross reference its list of beneficiaries with death records maintained by the Department of Health on a monthly basis. (196-0).
- **Act 20 of 2020** (formerly HB 1076, Rep. Tim Hennessey, R-Chester/Montgomery): Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act to allow the

Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to respond to the impacts of the novel coronavirus: to permit DOR to reimburse a claim for a property tax/rent rebate for 2019 immediately and provides authorization for all public school district to implement a senior tax reduction incentive volunteer exchange program. (202-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 684 (Rep. Curt Sonney, R-Erie)**: Would exclude the cashing of savings bonds for seniors age 65 and older from being counted towards income when applying for lottery-funded programs. (193-0).
- **HB 974 (Rep. Michael Peifer, R-Pike/Wayne)**: Would establish the freestanding Senior Citizen Tax Reduction Incentive Act. (201-1).

Health Care that Makes Sense

- **HB 321 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Would amend the Abortion Control Act to prohibit the abortion of any child solely due to a diagnosis of possible Down syndrome. (117-76). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 4, 11/21/19)
- **SB 906 (Sen. John Yudichak, I-Carbon/Luzerne):** Would institute a moratorium on the closure of the Polk and White Haven state centers. (139-55). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 1, 2/12/20)



Signed into Law:

- **Act 19 of 2019 (formerly SB 695, Sen. Michele Brooks, R-Erie/Crawford/Mercer/Warren):** Reauthorizes current human services-related assessments and add studies on two programs with potential fiscal impacts. (198-1).
- **Act 46 of 2019 (formerly HB 195, Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland):** Title 40/medication synchronization. Medication synchronization allows patients to synchronize their medications in order to receive them on the same day each month, instead of having to make multiple visits to the pharmacy. (195-0).
- **Act 54 of 2019 (formerly HB 786, Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster):** Addresses declining outcomes and inequitable funding formulas for trauma centers. (199-0).
- **Act 68 of 2019 (formerly SB 698, Sen. John Gordner, R-Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northumberland/Snyder):** Allows a physician to appoint a designee to assist with the input of information relating to written agreements into the Department of State's new online PALS licensing system as it relates to the medical practice act. (201-0).
- **Act 69 of 2019 (formerly SB 699, Sen. John Gordner, R-Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northumberland/Snyder):** Allows a physician to appoint a designee to assist with the input of information relating to written agreements into the Department of State's new online PALS licensing system as it relates to the Osteopathic Medical Act. (201-0).
- **Act 111 of 2019 (formerly SB 473, Sen. Mario Scavello, R-Monroe/Northampton):** Increases Pennsylvania's minimum legal sales age for tobacco products from 18 years of age to 21 years of age. (111-77).
- **Act 6 of 2020 (formerly HB 427, Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre/Mifflin):** Prohibits health plans covering treatments for Stage IV, metastatic cancers from excluding or limiting drugs for

patients if the drugs are FDA approved and consistent with best practices for Stage IV, metastatic cancer treatment. (192-0).

- **Act 7 of 2020** (formerly HB 1001, Rep. Donna Oberlander, R-Clarion/Armstrong/Forest): Establishes standards for the licensure and regulation of human milk banks in PA. (192-0).
- **Act 19 of 2020** (formerly SB 67, Str. Judy Ward, R-Blair/Cumberland/Franklin/Fulton/Huntingdon): Authorizes PA to enter into Psychological Interjurisdictional Licensure Compact, to regulate the practice of telepsychology. (202-0).
- **Act 54 of 2020** (formerly SB 842, Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York): Removes the requirement for last names to be displayed on health care employees' identification badges. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 81** (Rep. Rob Kauffman, R-Franklin): Would outline certification of central service technicians and surgical technologists. Currently, neither of these professions require certification in Pennsylvania. This bill would require central service technicians and surgical technologists to pass a nationally accredited exam and maintain continuing education requirements. (189-0).
- **HB 295** (Rep. Barry Jozwiak, R-Berks): Would establish an Advisory Council on the Pediatric Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and the

Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS). (142-58).

- **HB 419** (Rep. Maria Donatucci, D-Philadelphia/Delaware): Would amend the PA Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Screening Act to change the age range of the women who are able to access the screening program. (199-0).
- **HB 770** (Rep. Anthony DeLuca, D-Allegheny): Would require pharmacy technicians to be registered with the State Board of Pharmacy. (163-25).
- **HB 1058** (Rep. Kathy Rapp, R-Warren/Crawford/Forest): Would require information to be given to a woman on the option of perinatal hospice care after she is diagnosed with a life-threatening fetal anomaly. (116-76).
- **HB 1890** (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Would create a free-standing act known as the Final Disposition of Fetal Remains Act. (123-76).



- **HB 1895** (Rep. David Rowe, R-Union/Snyder): Would amend the Mental Health Procedures Act to establish persons in treatment have the right to be free from abuse, neglect and exploitation. (202-0).
- **HB 1947** (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne): Would modernize the process by which graduates of

international medical schools become licensed in Pennsylvania. (202-0).

- **HB 2179 (Rep. Ryan Warner, R-Fayette/Westmoreland):** Would amend the Human Services Code to add a subsection 405.3 pertaining to authorized representatives agreeing to the terms, conditions, and responsibilities of the EBT card. (173-29).




#HealthierPA

Signed into Law:

- **Act 42 of 2019** (formerly HB 3, Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster): Creates a PA state-based health insurance exchange and a reinsurance program. (197-0).
- **Act 112 of 2019** (formerly SB 572, Sen. Ryan Aument, R-Lancaster): Requires providers to follow a set protocol when prescribing opioids, including drug tests, agreements for treatment, and providing specific information about risks of opioids and alternative methods to treat pain. (117-79).
- **Act 108 of 2019** (formerly SB 314, Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Luzerne/Pike/Susquehanna): Establishes the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Authority and the Pennsylvania Rural Health Redesign Center Fund.
- **Act 67 of 2020** (formerly HB 943, Rep. Valerie Gaydos, R-Allegheny): Allows pharmacists to disclose information to an insured individual

about the comparative costs of medications. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 410 (Rep. Donna Oberlander, R-Clarion/Armstrong/Forest):** Would allow U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved anti-obesity drugs to be considered a compensable service under our state Medicaid program. (188-0).
 - **HB 533 (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter):** Would provide for the use of certain credentialing applications and credentialing requirements for health insurers. (187-0).
 - **HB 941 (Rep. Doyle Heffley, R-Carbon):** Would require the Department of Human Services to approve the contracts between managed care organizations in the Medicaid program and pharmacy benefit managers and provide for ongoing oversight by allowing the department to collect information about the terms of the contracts. (197-0).
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- A photograph of a man in a suit and tie speaking at a podium in a legislative chamber. He is wearing glasses and has short hair. The background shows other people seated at desks, and the setting appears to be a formal government building.
- **HB 942 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Would update the current membership of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee within the Department of Human Services. (197-0).

- **HB 944 (Rep. Jonathan Fritz, R-Wayne/Susquehanna):** Would allow the Department of the Auditor General to conduct full-scale audits and reviews of pharmacy benefit managers that subcontract with Medical Assistance Managed Care Organizations. (197-0).
- **HB 1024 (Rep. Jack Rader Jr., R-Monroe):** Would specify that a person does not need to test positive for drugs in order to begin addiction treatment. (188-0).
- **HB 1220 (Rep. Angel Cruz, D-Philadelphia):** Would direct the Department of Health to make information regarding Cytomegalovirus (CMV) available on the department's publicly accessible website. (197-0).
- **HB 1880 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York):** Would remove the requirement for last names to be displayed on health care employees' identification badges. (188-0).
- **HB 2351 (Rep. Wendi Thomas, R-Bucks):** Would increase the penalties for making a false claim against the Commonwealth's Medicaid Program. (201-0).

Conservation Efforts to Achieve Results

Signed into Law:

- **Act 74 of 2019** (formerly HB 1557, Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Clearfield/Elk): Amends the Coal Refuse Disposal Control Act (Act 318 of 1968) to address temporary cessation. (192-0).
- **Act 85 of 2019** (formerly SB 694, Sen. Gene Yaw, R-Bradford/Lycoming/Sullivan/Susquehanna/Union): Allows for horizontal drilling on leased units with unconventional gas wells. (197-1).
- **Act 101 of 2019** (formerly HB 1410, Rep. Todd Stephens, R-Montgomery): Amends the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act to create a Military Installation Remediation Program. (144-54).



Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 342** (Rep. Angel Cruz, D-Philadelphia): Would increase fines relating to the disposal of waste tires in cities. (186-0).
- **HB 441** (Rep. Curt Sonney, R-Erie): Would allow wind power generation systems on preserved farmland. (185-9).

- **HB 447** (Rep. Brett Miller, R-Lancaster): Would direct the Department of Transportation to plant vegetation which has been identified by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as being native to Pennsylvania. (191-0).
- **HB 1755** (Rep. David Zimmerman, R-Lancaster): Would require the State Conservation Commission to submit annual reports to the General Assembly. (195-0).
- **HB 1808** (Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Berks/Lehigh): Would classify post-use plastics as raw materials for manufacturing following the use of advanced recycling technologies. (155-46).
- **HB 2025** (Rep. Jim Struzzi, R-Indiana): Would establish the Pennsylvania Carbon Dioxide Cap and Trade Authorization Act. (130-71).
- **HB 2219** (Rep. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler): Would add a member to the Mining and Reclamation Advisory Board. (201-0).
- **SB 790** (Sen. Joseph Scarnati, R-Cameron/Clearfield/Clinton/Elk/Jefferson/McKean/Potter/Tioga): Would establish the Conventional Oil and Gas Wells Act creating a statutory framework for regulating the conventional oil and gas industry. (109-93).

Standing up for Taxpayers



Government Done Right

It's past time to install an update to end the Pennsylvania **Government Dysfunction**.

The status quo is clearly not working.

Having "government done right" means upgrading to a more effective and efficient government while providing core services. From repealing out-of-date laws, to reexamining the effectiveness of some state boards and commissions, the House will give Pennsylvania a much-needed government update.

Each member of the House Republicans Caucus is committed to *upgrading* Pennsylvania's quality of life through safety, prosperity and wellness of its citizens.

- **SB 48 (Sen. John Gordner, R-Snyder/Northumberland/Montour/Columbia/Luzerne):** Would make several changes to the state's Election Code to: prohibit the Commonwealth from decertifying voting systems in 50% or more of the state's counties establish a Voting System Decertification Commission to review and make recommendations regarding the plan to replace voting systems; authorizes the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority to issue bonds to fund county costs associated with replacement of voting systems; extends timelines for making application for, marking and submitting an absentee ballot; eliminates the straight party voting option; and reduces the number of back-up ballots that counties must print for each election. (111-88).

VETOED by the governor (Veto No. 3, 7/5/19)

Signed into Law:

- **Act 1 of 2019 (formerly SB 113, Sen. John DiSanto, R-Perry/Dauphin):** Requires the forfeiture of pension benefits for public employees who are convicted or plead guilty to no contest to any job-related felony offense. Previously, some job-related crimes did not require forfeiture of public pension; this bill closes the loophole. Passed House Tuesday with a 194-1 vote and was concurred by the Senate on Wednesday.
- **Act 12 of 2019 (formerly HB 33, Rep. George Dunbar, R-Westmoreland):** Re-enacts the elimination of the general assistance cash benefit program. The state-only funded program was eliminated as part of a 2012 law, which was recently overturned by the courts on procedural grounds. The bill was amended to also extend the statewide hospital assessment, Philadelphia hospital assessment and the Medical Assistance Day One Incentive payments for non-public nursing homes. (106-95).



- **Act 14 of 2019** (formerly HB 856, Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming): Reenacts and reinstates the extension of permanent legal custodian and adoption assistance subsidies to children from 18 to 21 years of age. (196-0).
- **Act 15 of 2019** (formerly HB 1461, Rep. Mindy Fee, R-Lancaster): Allows the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to investigate and combat all avenues of public benefits fraud. Also serves as the Administrative Code bill for the 2019-20 state budget (181-6).
- **Act 41 of 2019** (formerly HB 1172, Rep. David Hickernell, R-Lancaster/Dauphin): Requires the licensing boards and commissions under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA) to provide licensure by endorsement for applicants who hold similar licenses in other states. (201-0).
- **Act 43 of 2019** (formerly HB 24, Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster): Requires the principal for new issuances of state debt to be repaid in equal amounts over the (generally) 20-year term of the bond. Currently, the state uses a repayment scheme with lower principal payments in the first few years, with much higher principal payments as the loan matures. (197-0).
- **Act 72 of 2019** (formerly SB 724 (Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre/Juniata/Mifflin/Huntington): Makes technical corrections to PSERS and SERS Codes/Act 5 of 2017, PSERS emerging investment manager program and SERS

definition of “enforcement officer.” (201-0).

- **Act 75 of 2019** (formerly HB 1170, Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks): Prohibits the employment of unauthorized employees in the construction industry. (170-28).
- **Act 77 of 2019** (formerly, SB 421, Sen. Lisa Boscola, D-Lehigh/Northampton): Amends the Election Code to eliminate the straight party voting option along with establishing mail-in voting and other election modernization measures. (138-61).
- **Act 84 of 2019** (formerly HB 1085, Rep. Aaron Bernstine, R-Lawrence/Beaver/Butler): Repeals a 1935 law related to personal property tax. (189-1).



- **Act 90 of 2019** (formerly HB 17, Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Requires that the collection of assessed Personal Income Tax (PIT) be made within 10 years from the date the return was first due. (155-31).
- **Act 92 of 2019** (formerly HB 57, Rep. Jonathan Fritz, R-Susquehanna/Wayne): Eliminates the following boards and commissions on basis of being outdated: (114-77).
 - Interstate Rail Passenger Advisory Council
 - Pennsylvania Public

*Television Network
Commission*

- *Industrial Resource Center Strategic Advisory Board*
- *Small Business Advocacy Council*
- *Advisory Committee on Probation*
- *Joint Committee to Review Cost of Living*
- *Legislative Representative for Collective Bargaining*
- *Pennsylvania Quality Leadership Awards Council*
- *Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Committee*
- *The Weather Modification Board*

- **Act 96 of 2019** (formerly HB 917, Rep. Lou Schmitt Jr., R-Blair): Repeals a 1929 law authorizing municipalities other than townships to acquire, maintain and operate a hospital. (199-0).

- **Act 105 of 2019** (formerly HB 1982, Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre/Mifflin): Authorizes the State Employees' Retirement System (SERS) to enter into agreements with employers in SERS to make a lump sum payment of all or a portion of the applicable employer's portion of its future accrued liability contributions. (198-0).

- **Act 118 of 2019** (formerly SB 750, Sen. Joseph Scarnati, R-Cameron/Clearfield/Canton/Elk/Jefferson/McKean/Potter/Tioga): Requires Department of General Services to transfer the authority of the Lieutenant Governor's Mansion to the Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs.
- **Act 10 of 2020** (formerly HB 1232, Rep. George Dunbar, R-Westmoreland): Helps Pennsylvania's frontline health care facilities by allowing the secretary of the Budget to transfer up to \$50 million to purchase medical equipment and supplies for hospitals, nursing facilities, and emergency medical services to meet patient and staff needs to respond to COVID-19. (198-0).
- **Act 23 of 2020** (formerly HB 1083, Rep. Tommy Sankey, R-Clearfield/Cambria): An amendment to the Fiscal Code to provide budget implementation language. Includes repeals Section 707 of Act 176 of 1929 relating to the Capital Stock & Foreign Franchise (CSFT) tax reports. (196-6).
- **Act 25 of 2020** (formerly SB 166, Sen. Vince Hughes, D-Montgomery/Philadelphia): An Act providing for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 and for limitation on redevelopment assistance capital projects; and making a related repeal. (202-0).
- **Act 42 of 2020** (formerly HB 1379, Rep. Jim Rigby, R-Cambria/Somerset): Repeals a 1935 law, which places restrictions to when polo can be played on Sundays. (200-0).
- **Act 43 of 2020** (formerly HB 1405, Rep. John Hershey, R-

Juniata/Franklin/Mifflin): Repeals a 1935 law, which places restrictions to when tennis can be played on Sundays. (200-0).

- **Act 64 of 2020** (formerly *HB 632*, Rep. Greg Rothman, R-Cumberland): Permits the use of electronic power of attorney documents for transferring a vehicle's title to an insurance company. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 60** (Rep. Jim Cox, R-Berks): Would prohibit future Susquehanna River Basic Commission employees from being members of the State Employee Retirement System. (108-81).
- **HB 68** (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Would amend the Unemployment Compensation Law to extend the time period for an employer to request relief from charges from 15 days to 30 days. (193-2).
- **HB 110** (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Would amend the Administrative Code (Act 175 of 1929) to require the Independent Fiscal Office to prepare, upon request, a revenue estimate for a proposed bill or amendment expected to carry a fiscal impact that exceeds \$10 million. (202-0).
- **HB 196** (Rep. Russ Diamond, R-Lebanon): Joint resolution that would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution by creating regional districts from which Supreme Court justices and Superior Court and Commonwealth Court judges would be elected. (102-95).
- **HB 283** (Rep. Justin Simmons, R-Lehigh/Montgomery/Northampton

): Would amend the Right-to-Know Law to permit a state or local agency to charge additional fees for the search, review and duplication of records that have been requested and will be used for a commercial purpose. (177-15).

- **HB 284** (Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R-Butler): Would modernize the state's History Code, allowing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) additional powers in obtaining and recovering relevant state records and property. (193-0).
- **HB 305** (Rep. Pam Snyder, D-Greene/Fayette/Washington): Would create an inventory of all state department, agency, commission or institution-owned communication towers, poles, buildings and facilities to leverage existing state-owned assets to increase the availability of fixed or mobile broadband services.
- **HB 332** (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York): Would authorize "Commerce Court" programs within the Superior Court and county-level Courts of



Common Pleas to decide business-related cases. (125-67).

- **HB 351** (Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton): Would update the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact to provide the governor

with veto power over actions of the commission members of Pennsylvania. New Jersey officials already enacted similar legislation in their state. (175-16).

- **HB 430 (Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre/Mifflin):** Would amend the Regulatory Review Act to further provide for procedures for subsequent review of final-form or final-omitted regulations. (105-90).
- **HB 476 (Rep. Zach Mako, R-Northampton/Lehigh):** Would amend the Solid Waste Management Act (Act 97 of 1980) to address notices of noncompliance. (196-0).



- **HB 509 (Rep. Greg Rothman, R-Cumberland):** Would establish the Permit Administration Act, which would provide tracking, timeline requirements and third-party review powers for permits issued by state agencies. (109-86).
- **HB 633 (Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland):** Would require all candidates and political committees that file campaign finance reports with the secretary of the Commonwealth to file the reports electronically. (195-0).
- **HB 762 (Rep. Tim O'Neal, R-Washington):** Would require each state agency to appoint a regulatory compliance officer. (102-94).

- **HB 806 (Rep. Dawn Keefer, R-York/Cumberland):** Would require the General Assembly to approve by concurrent resolution an economically significant regulation before that regulation can go into effect. (103-91).
- **HB 847 (Rep. Justin Walsh, R-Westmoreland):** Would prohibit the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to purchase tobacco and tobacco products. (154-32).
- **HB 855 (Rep. Jim Struzzi, R-Indiana):** Would require the secretary of the Budget to project revenue shortfalls for the fiscal year starting in December and to put amounts in budgetary reserve equal to any shortfall to balance the budget. (108-90).
- **HB 860 (Rep. Brett Miller, R-Lancaster):** Would amend the Right-to-Know Law to exempt agency financial institution account numbers and information regarding dependents of agency dependents from public access; and to expand the exemption for personal financial information. (191-0).
- **HB 880 (Rep. Andrew Lewis, R-Dauphin):** Would lower the debt ceiling for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) by \$100 million per year, starting in 2022, until the ceiling reaches \$2.65 billion in 2026. (104-92).
- **HB 885 (Rep. Valerie Gaydos, R-Allegheny):** Would amend the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law to tighten the requirements for acceptable financial securities required for projects, and raise the project threshold amount. (198-3).

- **HB 918 (Rep. Lou Schmitt, R-Blair):** Would repeal an 1857 law making an appropriation from the State Treasury to the Farmer's High School, now known as The Pennsylvania State University. (196-0).
- **HB 920 (Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York):** Would update budget procedures related to unspent appropriations and how these amounts are dealt with at the close of a fiscal year. (108-90).
- **HB 921 (Rep. Eric Nelson, R-Westmoreland):** Would require the administration to issue quarterly reports on the amounts committed and awarded from special funds that provide grants and subsidies. (108-90).
- **HB 922 (Rep. Sheryl Delozier, R-Cumberland):** Would require the administration to supply additional information as part of the governor's proposed budget. (109-89).
- **HB 923 (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike):** Would require the governor to explain the reasons for a state supplemental appropriation request and to make recommendations for cost-savings or other reforms which address the cause of the need of a supplemental appropriation. (109-89).
- **HB 985 (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon):** Would clarify which types of audits the Department of the Auditor General shall conduct, and what professional qualifications each department employee shall possess in order to work on these various types of audits. (192-0).
- **HB 1021 (Rep. Torren Ecker, R-Adams/Cumberland):** Would allow either or both chambers of the General Assembly to intervene as a party in a judicial proceeding where a statute is alleged to be unconstitutional. (112-85).
- **HB 1031 (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter):** Would repeal Act 118 of 1893, which authorizes the purchase of land and construction of buildings for the Scotland School for Veterans' Children. (191-0).
- **HB 1045 (Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny):** Would require the Commonwealth Financing Authority board to meet the second Tuesday of every other month. (194-3).
- **HB 1055 (Rep. Kate Klunk, R-York):** Would establish the Independent Office of the Repealer to review statutes and regulations for possible revision/repeal. (103-98).
- **HB 1062 (Rep. Michael Peifer, R-Pike/Wayne):** Would repeal a 1941 law related to 1940s construction regulations in the Pocono Mountains region. (197-0).
- **HB 1069 (Rep. Aaron Bernstine, R-Lawrence/Beaver/Butler):** Would require the posting of agendas by state agencies prior to public meetings wherein official business is conducted. (196-0).
- **HB 1079 (Rep. Jack Rader, R-Monroe):** Would repeal a 1901 law



related to exemption from capital stock tax. (189-1).

- **HB 1080 (Rep. Zach Mako, R-Northampton/Lehigh)** Would repeal a 1927 law related to the capital stock tax. (189-1).
- **HB 1081 (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne)**: Would repeal a 1931 law related to capital stock in corporations. (189-1).
- **HB 1084 (Rep. Keith Greiner, R-Lancaster)**: Would repeal a 1913 law related to personal property tax. (189-1).
- **HB 1086 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York)**: Would repeal a 1937 law related to store and theater tax. (188-1).
- **HB 1092 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York)**: Would repeal Act 577 of 1951, which authorized the construction of toll bridges on the Susquehanna River in Dauphin, Perry, Lancaster and York counties. (197-0).
- **HB 1174 (Rep. Matthew Dowling, R-Fayette/Somerset)**: Would repeal Act 49 of 1933, which “*Prohibits individuals and associations from playing or engaging in baseball or football games before 2 p.m. and after 6 p.m. on Sundays.*” (190-0).
- **HB 1179 (Rep. Jonathan Fritz, R-Susquehanna/Wayne)**: Would repeal laws from 1933 which regulate when music can be played on Sundays. (190-0).
- **HB 1180 (Rep. Jonathan Fritz, R-Susquehanna/Wayne)**: Would repeal laws from 1935 which regulate when movies can be played on Sundays. (190-0).

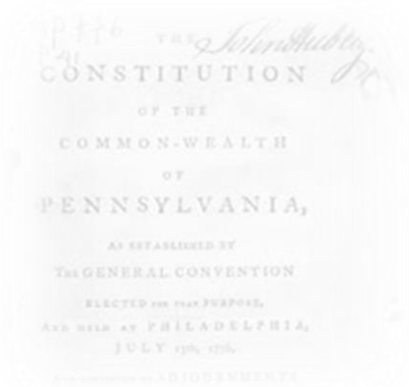
- **HB 1196 (Rep. Patrick Harkins, D-Erie)**: Would amend the Public School Code by updating outdated terminology to conform with modern usage. (190-0).
- **HB 1222 (Rep. Andrew Lewis, R-Dauphin)**: Would consolidate the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act and the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act. (200-0).



- **HB 1277 (Rep. Jason Ortity, R-Allegheny/Washington)**: Would exempt fines, fees and costs under the Dog Law from being transferred to the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account. (196-0).
- **HB 1305 (Rep. Jeff Pyle, R-Armstrong/Butler/Indiana)**: Would repeal Act 14 of 1963, which authorized construction of a highway and bridge. (197-0).
- **HB 1335 (Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Clearfield/Elk)**: Would repeal obsolete portions of the Private Road Law (Act 169 of 1836). (195-0).
- **HB 1403 (Rep. Barbara Gleim, R-Cumberland)**: Would repeal Act 306 of 1901, formally known as “An Act to encourage the planting of trees along the roadsides in the is Commonwealth.” (200-2).
- **HB 1408 (Rep. Andrew Lewis, R-Dauphin)**: Would repeal the Sunday Sports Law which prohibits the playing of football and baseball

during certain hours of the day on Sunday. (196-0).

- **HB 1444 (Rep. Justin Walsh, R-Westmoreland):** Would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to allow the governing body of a local government unit to petition the Court of Common Pleas requesting the removal of a member of the governing body who attends fewer than 50% of all scheduled public meetings in a calendar year. (195-6).



- **HB 1502 (Rep. Seth Grove, R-York):** Would codify the state treasurer's transparency portal, requiring state agencies to post budget documents online. It would also create Commonwealth Financial Watch, which would show the public the top 20 largest cost drivers and 10 agencies with the largest budget appropriations. (200-0).
- **HB 1537 (Rep. Patrick Harkins, D-Erie):** Would provide the Department of Labor and Industry with more flexibility on how they draw down the funding for the modernization of Unemployment Compensation's benefit delivery system. (201-0).
- **HB1803 (Rep. Marcy Toepel, R-Montgomery):** Would require settlements paid as a result of an

action taken by an employee of a Commonwealth agency to be included on PennWATCH. (200-0).

- **HB 1830 (Rep. Mindy Fee, R-Lancaster):** Would repeal a 1978 law establishing the MILRITE council. (196-0).
- **HB 1981 (Rep. Parke Wentling, R-Mercer/Crawford/Erie/Lawrence):** Would consolidate statutory language relating to the PA Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) into the History Code. (192-0).
- **HB2044 (Rep. Kurt Masser, R-Northumberland/Columbia/Montour):** Would repeal Act 120 of 1919, an act that a public dance or public ball cannot be held in a city of the first, second, or third class without a permit from the mayor and paying a fee of \$1 for each event. (202-0).
- **HB 2106 (Rep. Michael Puskaric, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Would repeal the PA Civil Disorder Authority and property insurance assessment to pay for authority bonds. (194-0).
- **HB 2206 (Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks):** Would make repeals in the Administrative Code related to the Department of Banking and Securities. (202-0).
- **HB 2251 (Rep. Timothy O'Neal, R-Washington):** Would amend the Administrative Code (Act 175 of 1929) to repeal provisions relating to the administration of vehicle and tractor codes by the Department of Revenue. (202-0).
- **HB 2258 (Rep. Michael Peifer, R-Pike/Wayne):** Would amend the Tax Reform Code, in realty transfer tax, correcting a scrivener's error relating to credits against tax. (202-0).

- **HB 2259 (Rep. David Rowe, R-Union/Snyder):** Would repeal Act 314 of 1935, known as the Individual Net Income Tax Act. (202-0).
- **HB 2407 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union):** Would amend the Election Code to simplify notices that are required to be printed on absentee ballots and mail-in ballots. (201-0).
- **SB 133 (Sen. David Argall, R-Berks/Schuylkill):** Would amend the state Constitution to change the

process by which a candidate for lieutenant governor is selected. (130-67).

- **SB 413 (Sen. Scott Martin, R-Lancaster):** Joint Resolution that would amend the Pennsylvania Constitution relating to provisions regarding ballots for justices, judges and justices of the peace, and absentee ballots. (202-0).

Fiscal Responsibility

Signed into Law:

- **Act 13 of 2019** (formerly HB 262, Rep. Carl Metzgar, R-Somerset/Bedford): Eliminates the inheritance tax rate for transfers of property to or for the use of a child age 21 years or younger from a natural parent, adoptive parent or step-parent. (194-3).
- **Act 5 of 2020** (formerly HB 330, Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton): Makes technical corrections to the Property Tax Relief Act. (193-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 128** (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike): Would create the PA First-time Homebuyers Savings Account program. The bill would allow first-time homebuyers to deposit money into a savings account, where it goes for the exclusive purpose of purchasing a first home, and if used for qualified expenses, the money can be deducted from their state income tax. (188-1).
- **HB 285** (Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R-Butler): Would amend the Tax Reform Code to define income relating to distributions from an Employee Stock Ownership Plan. (130-67).
- **HB 538** (Rep. Marty Flynn, D-Lackawanna): Would establish a state income tax exemption for Olympic prize winnings and medals received from the United States Olympic Committee on account of competition in the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games. (197-0). (Included within Act 13 of 2019).
- **HB 706** (Rep. Keith Greiner, R-Lancaster): Would permit the executor or administrator of a decedent's estate to elect to file a combined annual income tax return for an estate and revocable trust during the period the estate is open. (194-3). (Included within Act 13 of 2019).
- **HB 1995** (Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Would establish a bipartisan commission to analyze past and projected economic conditions. (117-84).
- **HB 2350** (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne): Would require any provider which seeks to operate in the Medicaid program use either a national provider identification or register for a state provider identification number. (164-37).
- **HB 2353** (Rep. Valerie Gaydos, R-Allegheny): Would require Commonwealth agencies to assess improper payments made and the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to review agency programs and activities and issue a report. (201-0).
- **HB 2354** (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter): Would establish a state do-not-pay initiative, which would monitor improper payments across state agencies. (201-0).
- **HB 2355** (Rep. Tommy Sankey, R-Clearfield/Cambria): Would require any Medicaid Managed Care

Organization (MCO) to enter into an agreement with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allow the department to recoup any Medicaid

funds which were spent on a provider preventable condition. (201-1).

Relaxing the State's Hold on Alcohol

Signed into Law:

- **Act 45 of 2019** (formerly HB 131, Rep. Barry Jozwiak, R-Berks): Updates the state liquor code definition of “alcoholic cider” to match the federal definition. (199-0).
- **Act 48 of 2019** (formerly HB 423, Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton): Amends the Liquor Code regarding local option ballot questions for alcohol manufacturers. (198-1).
- **Act 57 of 2019** (formerly HB 1524, Rep. Jack Rader, R-Monroe): Provides for auctioned liquor licenses to be transferred to designated tourist development projects. (135-64).
- **Act 86 of 2019** (formerly HB 947, Rep. Peter Schweyer, D-Lehigh): Amends the Liquor Code to provide consistency for the hours of operation for limited distilleries and breweries. (197-0).
- **Act 116 of 2016** (formerly HB 1542, Rep. Stan Saylor, R-York): Amends the Liquor Code to add days for holders of special occasion permits and provide for other changes regarding special occasion permits. (199-0).
- **Act 29 of 2020** (formerly HB 1048, Rep. Jerry Knowles, R-Schuylkill/Berks/Carbon): Amends the Liquor Code (Title 47) regarding the application surcharge for liquor licenses. (202-0).



Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 325** (Rep. Daniel Deasy, D-Allegheny): Would establish the “Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board.” (185-9).
- **HB 763** (Rep. Tim O’Neal, R-Washington): Would amend the Liquor Code to allow club license holders to sell six-packs to their members. (180-16).
- **HB 1549** (Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington): Would clarify the assessment of Sales and Use Tax on the purchase price of a malt or brewed beverage sold on the premises of a PA Brewery. (196-0).
- **HB 1589** (Rep. Steve Samuelson, D-Northampton): Would amend the Liquor Code to extend the hours of operation for public venues and performing arts facilities and enable small movie theaters to qualify for a performing arts facility license. (196-3).
- **HB 1617** (Rep. Craig Staats, R-Bucks): Would allow old hotel liquor licenses to be converted to a

restaurant liquor license for a fee. (183-16).

- **HB 1886 (Rep. Adam Ravenstahl, D-Allegheny):** Would allow a club liquor license to remain in

safekeeping for up to two years, and subsequent years for an additional fee. (199-0).

Advancing Local Government

Signed into Law:

- **Act 4 of 2019** (formerly HB 264, Rep. Zach Mako, R-Northampton): Creates a system of financial best practices for municipal authorities across the state to use when handling the money, they collect. Some of the changes that this legislation would make include removing any individual names from municipal accounts, creating a standardized procedure for the handling of authority's funds, and requiring annual audits and fiscal reports to be presented to the authority board. (193-0).
- **Act 6 of 2019** (formerly HB 275, Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Dauphin): Changes name of state's "Early Intervention Program" to the "Strategic Management Planning Program." (193-0).
- **Act 50 of 2019** (formerly HB 547, Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton): Allows First Class townships to pass an annual resolution to set their millage rate, as long as the rate is the same or lower than a prior year. When the millage rate is increased, the township must adopt an ordinance. (196-0).
- **Act 51 of 2019** (formerly HB 548, Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton): Amends the Borough Code and Third Class City Code to allow officials to set their annual tax millage rate by resolution, as long as the rate is the same or lower than a prior year. When the millage rate is increased, the township must adopt an ordinance. (195-1).
- **Act 63 of 2019** (formerly SB 321, Sen. Scott Martin, R-Lancaster): Allows municipalities in certain counties to opt out of allowing the instillation of video gaming terminals within their municipal boundaries by passing a resolution. (184-17).
- **Act 79 of 2019** (formerly HB 407, Rep. Kurt Masser, R-Northumberland/Columbia/Montour): Updates the definition of "blight" to create a standard definition for the term in each blight remediation bill introduced. This will prevent points of contention as blight remediation progresses. (190-0).
- **Act 80 of 2019** (formerly HB 510, Rep. Paul Schemel, R-Franklin): Allows intergovernmental cooperation to be established by resolution or ordinance, rather than solely by ordinance. (196-0).
- **Act 81 of 2019** (formerly HB 511, Rep. Paul Schemel, R-Franklin): Amends the Second Class Township Code to allow municipalities to take



advantage of the provisions in House Bill 510. (196-0).

- **Act 82 of 2019** (formerly HB 512, Rep. Paul Schemel, R-Franklin): Amends the Third Class City Code to allow municipalities to take advantage of the provisions in House Bill 510. (196-0).
- **Act 94 of 2019** (formerly HB 227, Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Elk/Clearfield): Corrects an inconsistency in current law that creates different ballot access requirements for candidates for school board within the same school district. (193-0).
- **Act 99 of 2019** (formerly HB 1203, Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Requires that the annual audit of an authority must comply with state and federal standards and allows the incorporating municipality to request assistance from the auditor general. (200-0).
- **Act 109 of 2019** (formerly SB 317, Sen. John Gordner, R-Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northumberland/Snyder): Changes the process for passage of the township's budget in the case of a revision to the proposed budget revenue or expenditures. (188-0).
- **Act 117 of 2019** (formerly SB 316, Sen. John Gordner, R-Columbia/Luzerne/Montour/Northu

mberland): Provides reimbursement of newly elected supervisors prior to officially taking office to attend any conference, institute, school or convention dealing with the duties and functions of their office. (195-0).

- **Act 2 of 2020** (formerly SB 690, Sen. Scott Hutchinson, R-Butler/Clarion/Forest/Venango/Warren): Increases from \$1,500 to \$6,000 the value of municipal real property below which an *incorporated town* need not publicly advertise for bids when selling its real property. (196-0).
- **Act 3 of 2020** (formerly SB 691, Sen. Scott Hutchinson, R-Butler/Clarion/Forest/Venango/Warren): Increases from \$1,500 to \$6,000 the value of municipal real property below which a *second-class township* need not publicly advertise for bids when selling its real property. (196-0).
- **Act 4 of 2020** (formerly SB 692, Sen. Scott Hutchinson, R-Butler/Clarion/Forest/Venango/Warren): Increases from \$1,500 to \$6,000 the value of municipal real property below which a borough or *third-class city* need not publicly advertise for bids when selling its real property. (196-0).
- **Act 28 of 2020** (formerly HB 1036, Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams): Amends the Borough Code to require a court of common pleas to certify a ballot question for a decrease in size of borough council to be submitted to the voters of an eligible borough in the case where at least 5% of the registered electors of that Borough have petitioned the Court asking for such a reduction. (180-22).
- **Act 46 of 2020** (formerly HB 1564, Rep. Joe Emrick, D-Northampton):

Establishes a new procedure to value manufactured homes that allows for the use depreciation when determining the value of a manufactured home, establishing procedures for remote meetings, tolling of permit applications, and authorizing remote notarization. (201-0).

- **Act 58 of 2020** (formerly HB 1860, Rep. Mark Longietti, D-Mercer): Allows boroughs of all sizes to create a redevelopment authority. (173-21).
- **Act 61 of 2020** (formerly SB 352, Sen. Judy Ward, R-Blair/Cumberland/Franklin/Fulton/Huntingdon): Establishes the Tax Exemption and Mixed-Use Incentive Program Act, which will allow for tax exemption incentives for developers that improve certain deteriorated areas. (201-0).
- **Act 76 of 2020** (formerly SB 1188, Sen. John Blake, D-Lackawanna/Luzerne/Monroe): Prohibits the imposition of an admissions or amusement tax on railroads and exclude certain local tax revenues from the calculation of the aggregate amount of taxes imposed under the act. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 103 (Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks)**: Would amend the Municipalities Planning Code to establish procedures and rules for nonbuilding lots as part of municipalities; Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. (125-73).
- **HB 324 (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York)**: Would allow municipalities to develop micro-enterprise loans to help start small businesses in

blighted downtown communities. (192-2).

- **HB 349 (Rep. Doyle Heffley, R-Carbon)**: Would require municipalities that opt to enforce the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) by using third-party agencies to have at least two or more contracted for UCC administration. (114-84).
- **HB 406 (Rep. Jim Cox, R-Berks/Lancaster)**: Would require municipalities to host publicly noticed meetings when considering selling or leasing a sewer or water system. (193-0).
- **HB 422 (Rep. Sheryl Delozier, R-Cumberland)**: Would create a building code official “trainee” program. (196-1).
- **HB 896 (Rep. Thomas Caltagirone, R-Berks)**: Would amend the Neighborhood Assistance Program act to create a Homeless Housing Assistance Program within Land Banks by offering a tax credit to participating businesses. (202-0).
- **HB 908 (Rep. Jack Rader, R-Monroe)**: Would allow local governments to properly maintain open space land regardless of the way the land was acquired. (194-0).
- **HB 1034 (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union)**: Would amend the Consolidated County Assessment Law to further facilitate the existing statutory requirement that building permit information be submitted to the county assessment office. (196-4).
- **HB 1035 (Rep. Christina Sappey, D-Chester)**: Would authorize political subdivisions and authorities to enter into contracts for services when two consecutive

advertisements fail to induce bids. (200-0).

- **HB 1243 (Rep. Robert Freeman, D-Northampton):** Would amend the Main Street Act to allow DCED to extend the current grants for costs related to hiring the Main Street manager for an additional five years. (199-0).
- **HB 1246 (Rep. Robert Freeman, D-Northampton):** Would require compliance with ethics statutes for Act 47 coordinators appointed to assist financially distressed municipalities. (199-0).
- **HB 1582 (Rep. Keith Greiner, R-Lancaster):** Would allow for the optional abolishment of the office of elected auditor in second-class townships. (197-4).
- **HB 1737 (Rep. Austin Davis, D-Allegheny):** Would grant the same protections to land banks that are presently given to redevelopment authorities when they are dealing with brownfields. (192-0).
- **HB 1750 (Rep. Wendi Thomas, R-Bucks):** Would provide reimbursement of newly elected commissioners prior to officially taking office to attend any conference, institute, school or convention dealing with the duties and functions of their office. (195-0).
- **HB 1751 (Rep. Wendi Thomas, R-Bucks):** Would provide reimbursement of newly elected officers prior to officially taking office to attend any conference, institute, school or convention dealing with the duties and functions of their office. (195-0).
- **HB 1796 (Rep. Martina White, R-Philadelphia):** Would increase the authorized net operating loss (NOL) carry-forward period for businesses with certain tax liabilities in the City of Philadelphia from three years to 20 years. (196-0).
- **HB 2073 (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams):** Would modernize and recodify the First Class Township Code. (196-0).
- **HB 2536 (Rep. R. Lee James, R-Venango/Butler):** Would amend the Local Government Unit Debt Act to authorize alternative tax anticipation notes that mature at the end of the next fiscal year. (201-0).
- **HB 2122 (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams):** Would make updates to the garbage and other refuse materials provisions of the state borough code. (201-0).
- **HB 2141 (Rep. Dan Moul, R-Adams):** Would allow local governments to use an alternative process to propose a new or amend an existing home rule charter. (201-0).
- **HB 2571 (Rep. William Kortz, D-Allegheny):** Would amend the borough code to add provisions regarding who can be appointed to positions. (196-5).

Insurance Related Concerns

- **SB 857 (Sen. Elder Vogel, R-Beaver/Butler/Lawrence):** Would authorize health care providers to use telemedicine; and to require insurers to provide coverage and reimbursement for its appropriate use by participating network providers. (111-77). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 4, 4/29/20)

reconstruction prostheses post mastectomy surgery. (199-0).

- **Act 52 of 2020 (formerly SB 595, Sen. Bob Mensch, R-Berks/Bucks/Montgomery):** Provides insurance coverage for supplemental breast cancer screening methods for women with dense breasts or increased risk factors. (201-0).

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- **Act 42 of 2019 (formerly HB 3, Rep. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster):** Creates a PA state-based health insurance exchange and a reinsurance program. (197-0).
- **Act 6 of 2020 (formerly HB 427, Rep. Kerry Benninghoff, R-Centre/Mifflin):** Prohibits health plans covering treatments for Stage IV, metastatic cancers from excluding or limiting drugs for patients if the drugs are FDA approved and consistent with best practices for Stage IV, metastatic cancer treatment. (196-3).

- **Act 44 of 2020 (formerly HB 1457, Rep. Meghan Schroeder, R-Bucks):** Provides insurance coverage for certain custom artificial breast

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 328 (Rep. Perry Warren, D-Bucks):** Would establish the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force. (197-0).
- **HB 629 (Rep. Kathy Rapp, R-Warren/Crawford/Forest):** Would require health insurers to cover treatment plans for Lyme disease or related tick-borne illnesses as prescribed by a patient's health care practitioner, regardless if the treatment plan includes short-term or long-term antibiotic treatment. (158-34).
- **HB 1439 (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne):** Would amend Title 40(Insurance) requiring certification of compliance by an insurer with federal and state law governing mental health parity. (202-0).
- **HB 1696 (Rep. Thomas Murt, R-Montgomery/Philadelphia):** Would amend Insurance Company Law (Act 284 of 1921) to require insurers to conduct analyses and ensure availability to the Insurance Department detailing mental health parity compliance. (202-0).

Education Accomplishments



Education: Equipping Students for Success

- **HB 800 (Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny):** Would increase the amount of tax credits available under the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by \$100 million (to \$210 million). (111-85). **VETOED** by the governor (Veto No. 1, 6/18/19)

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- **Act 16 of 2019** (formerly HB 1615, Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny): Amends public school code and definitions of educational tax credits. (160-39).
- **Act 18 of 2019** (formerly SB 144, Sen. Scott Martin, R-Lancaster): Creates the Keystone Telepresence Education Grant Program for the purpose of awarding grants to intermediate units for the purchase of telepresence equipment and related support services for the educational support of homebound students. (192-0).
- **Act 64 of 2019** (formerly SB 440, Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York): Creates a three-year pilot program that provides Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs) to school entities. (198-1).
- **Act 67 of 2019** (formerly SB 621, Sen. Mike Regan, R-Cumberland/York): Updates laws and guidelines for school police officers, school resource officers and school security guards. (116-83).
- **Act 70 of 2019** (formerly SB 700, Sen. Pat Browne, R-Lehigh):

Implements a new program for state reimbursement for school construction and maintenance projects and establish the Public Higher Education Funding Commission. (201-0).

- **Act 91 of 2019** (formerly HB 49, Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike): Provides for the award of course credit for successful completion of coursework in personal finance during grades 9 through 12. (200-0).
- **Act 110 of 2019** (formerly SB 456, Sen. Camera Bartolotta, R-Beaver/Greene/Washington): Amends the Private Licensed School Act to clarify that a “multibranch training school” can be in a different county than the primary licensed school. (198-0).



- **Act 30 of 2020** (formerly HB 1210, Rep. Mike Jones, R-York): Public School Code/repeals outdated provisions. The omnibus school code funding bill also allows the School Safety and Security Fund to accept federal CARES Act funds, provides COVID-19 disaster emergency school health and safety grants for

2020-21 school year, and COVID-19 disaster emergency targeted health and safety grants for 2020-21 school year. (199-3).

- **Act 38 of 2020** (formerly HB 364, Rep. Matt Gabler, R-Clearfield/Elk): Authorizes the use of revolving and flashing yellow lights for school vehicles, which are vehicles smaller than school buses that transport school students, such as vans and minivans. (201-0).
- **Act 50 of 2020** (formerly HB 2171, Rep. Curtis Sonney, R-Erie): Updates the governance structure of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. (201-0).



- **Act 73 of 2020** (formerly SB 836, Sen. Mike Regan, R-Cumberland/York): Amends the School Code to include the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act and require information about electrocardiogram testing to be provided to student athletes and parents. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 239** (Rep. Harry Readshaw, D-Allegheny): Would amend Act 10 of 1991 to bring State law regarding military recruiter access to students into compliance with Federal law. (170-30).

- **HB 355** (Rep. Mike Reese, R-Westmoreland/Somerset): Would update the Charter School Law related to increasing ethical requirements of members of the board of trustees and administrators of charter schools, and financial transparency of charter schools. (189-7).
- **HB 356** (Rep. Matt Dowling, R-Fayette/Somerset): Would update the Charter School Law related to charter school facilities, including the use of sectarian facilities, purchase of school district facilities, operation of more than one charter school location and access to testing facilities. (105-91).
- **HB 357** (Rep. Jesse Topper, R-Bedford/Franklin/Fulton): Would establish uniform processes and procedures related to charter applications, renewals, amendments, enrollment and attendance records. (106-91).
- **HB 358** (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler): Would permit charter schools and area vocational-technical schools to enter into dual enrollment agreements with institutions of higher education. (142-54).
- **HB 518** (Rep. Jason Ortity, R-Allegheny/Washington): Would amend the Private Licensed School Act to clarify that a “multibranch training school” can be in a different county than the primary licensed school. (199-0).
- **HB 703** (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike): Would require school districts to establish an e-mail address for each school director and to post this address on the school district’s website. (200-2).

- **HB 1315 (Rep. Barbara Gleim, R-Cumberland):** Would require the inclusion of Career and Technical Education (CTE) certifications on a student's high school transcript. (198-0).
- **HB 1671 (Rep. Michael Peifer, R-Pike/Wayne):** Would make various updates to the state's Tuition Account Program (PA 529), including allowing funds to be used for the payment of qualified education expenses for attendance at eligible elementary or secondary educational institutions. (200-0).
- **HB 2046 (Rep. Tom Murt, R-Montgomery/Philadelphia):** Would delay implementation of a change to the grade spans and age levels covered by special education certification until after Dec. 31, 2022. (193-0).
- **HB 2173 (Rep. Meghan Schroeder, R-Bucks):** Would provide for reforms to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. (202-0). (Included within Act 50 of 2020).
- **SB 89 (Sen. Vincent Hughes, D-Philadelphia/Montgomery):** Would update the Public School Code to replace references to "vocational technical schools" with "career and technical schools" and update other obsolete terms and add provisions related to career and technical education. (199-0).

Safeguarding Citizens' Rights to Safely Hunt and Fish

Signed into Law:

- **Act 103 of 2019** (formerly HB 1772, Rep. Dawn Keefer, R-York/Cumberland): Permits a person to paint trees or posts with purple paint around the person's property in order to place others on notice not to trespass on the property. (199-0).
- **Act 107 of 2019** (formerly SB 147, Sen. Daniel Laughlin, R-Erie): Allows for limited expansion of Sunday hunting, and increased penalties for trespass while hunting. (144-54).



- **Act 27 of 2020** (formerly HB 102, Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks): Allows for expanded availability of hunter education courses in public schools. (143-46).
- **Act 39 of 2020** (formerly HB 1003, Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York): Strengthens the PA Fish and Boat Commission's (PFBC) ability to enforce the marking of low head or run-of-the-river dams. (194-0).
- **Act 40 of 2020** (formerly HB 1185, Rep. Steven Mentzer, R-Lancaster): Provides needed consistency across existing law and increase penalties

for harmful, reckless behavior on Pennsylvania waterways. (201-0).

- **Act 41 of 2020** (formerly HB 1188, Rep. Parke Wentling, R-Mercer/Crawford/Erie/Lawrence): Removes restrictions on night-vision optics for hunting. (195-5).
- **Act 56 of 2020** (formerly HB 808, Rep. Tom Mehaffie, R-Dauphin): Authorizes the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) to establish the fees charged by the agency. (157-44).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 301** (Rep. Gerald Mullery, D-Luzerne): Would increase the penalty for the illegal use of body-gripping traps outside of a watercourse, waterway, marsh, pond or dam. (185-0).
- **HB 584** (Rep. William Kortz, D-Allegheny): Would create a specific fishing license exemption for participants in organized therapeutic fishing activities. (193-0).
- **HB 617** (Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York): Would provide for a discounted general hunting license for Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) instructors by creating a "Volunteer Instructor License." (193-0).
- **HB 1187** (Rep. Parke Wentling, R-Mercer/Crawford/Erie/Lawrence): Would broaden the allocation of proceeds from Lake Erie fishing permits issued by the PFBC. (194-0).
- **HB 1584** (Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union): Would remove the current statutory restriction that

bars Waterways Conservation Officers (WCOs) of the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) from being included in Act 111 for the purpose of seeking collective bargaining. (180-13).

- **HB 2440 (Rep. William Kortz, R-Allegheny):** Would establish the Hunting, Firearm and Ammunition Life-Sustaining Business Act. (124-78).

Supporting and Honoring Our Veterans

Signed into Law:

- **Act 32 of 2019** (formerly HB 1324, Rep. Stephen Barrar, R-Delaware/Chester): Expands the Pennsylvania National Guard Military Education Program by including the National Guard member's spouse or child in this benefit program. (199-0).
- **Act 55 of 2019** (formerly HB 807, Rep. Frank Ryan, R-Lebanon): Specifies that the annual salary of deputy adjutant generals and general officers in command positions permanently employed by the Commonwealth is to be equivalent to the federal military base pay. (198-0).
- **Act 60 of 2019** (formerly SB 128, Sen. Mike Regan, R-Cumberland/York): Authorizes the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to serve as a liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and provide support. (199-0).
- **Act 62 of 2019** (formerly SB 298, Sen. Lisa Baker, R-Luzerne/Pike/Susquehanna/Wayne/Wyoming): Earmarks "stolen valor" fines to the Veterans' Trust Fund. (201-0).
- **Act 55 of 2020** (formerly SB 997, Sen. Patrick Stefano, R-Fayette/Somerset/Westmoreland): Allows certain Pennsylvania State Police officers to purchase non-intervening military services toward their pension eligibility. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 86 (Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks)**: Would require the POW/MIA flag to be flown on state grounds and buildings when the American flag is also being flown and when the POW/MIA flag can be reasonably accommodated at the location. (198-0).
- **HB 233 (Rep. Tim O'Neal, R-Washington)**: Second Class County Code/veterans grave decorations. The legislation would enhance current law to require cemeteries to remove flags when they become unsightly or weatherworn after Veteran's Day, and for the flags to be American made. The proposal allows for a family member to remove and keep the flag from the grave after Veterans' Day. Additionally, the bill would clarify current law to ensure greater communication between cemeteries, local veterans' organizations, and county commissioners, who are currently required to provide the

flags. The measure applies only to Allegheny County. (194-0).

- **HB 375 (Rep. Neal Goodman, D-Schuylkill):** Would remove the value of federal veterans' disability payments and the value of all state service-connected payments from income eligibility calculations for the PACE and PACENET programs. (193-0).



- **HB 408 (Rep. Craig Staats, R-Bucks):** Would require the notification of a deceased service person to counties and county contact information to families. (194-0).
- **HB 630 (Rep. Gary Day, R-Lehigh/Berks):** Would provide employment protections to Pennsylvania residents who are members of a National Guard or Reserve unit in another state. (192-0).

- **HB 1050 (Rep. Frank Burns, D-Cambria):** Would establish enrollment requirements for military personnel, veterans and their families to help qualify for in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities. (192-0).
- **HB 1311 (Rep. Tom Murt, R-Philadelphia/Montgomery):** Would provide discounted rates at state parks to active duty and retired military members, as well as disabled veterans. (201-0).
- **HB 1380 (Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming):** Would provide for fishing license and hunting license reciprocity for active duty military members and disabled veterans. (200-0).
- **HB 1609 (Rep. Jennifer O'Mara, D-Delaware):** Would increase voluntary donation amounts to the Veterans' Trust Fund. (192-0).
- **HB 2082 (Rep. Jim Gregory, R-Blair):** Would increase the monthly pension amounts for both the blind and paralyzed/amputee veterans pension programs. (193-0).

Transportation

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- **Act 22 of 2019** (formerly HB 384, Rep. Josh Kail, R-Beaver/Washington): Increases the fine for driving a vehicle without the proper endorsement for that particular type of vehicle. Currently the fine is \$25; under this bill the fine would increase to \$200. (193-0).
- **Act 78 of 2019** (formerly HB 374, Rep. Garth Everett, R-Lycoming/Union): Establishes the “Keystone Tree Fund” as a means to fund a TreeVitalize program and a riparian forest buffer grant program. The bill allows a person to make a \$3 contribution to the fund when electronically renewing a driver’s license, ID card or vehicle registration through PennDOT’s website. (199-0).

- **Act 48 of 2020** (formerly HB 1710, Rep. Tim Hennessey, R-Chester/Montgomery): Establishes U.S. Semi-quincentennial license plates. (201-0).
- **Act 74 of 2020** (formerly SB 927, Sen. Doug Mastriano, R-Adams/Cumberland/Franklin/York): Requires PennDOT to independently

verify a veteran’s documentation for a veteran designation. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 30** (Rep. Joseph Petrarca, D-Westmoreland/Armstrong/Indiana): Would allow for increasing the contribution amount for the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue donation Awareness Trust Fund. (198-0).
- **HB 37** (Rep. Rosemary Brown, R-Monroe/Pike): Would prohibit a person from operating a motor vehicle on a highway or trafficway in this Commonwealth while using an interactive wireless communications device while the vehicle is in motion. (120-74).
- **HB 190** (Rep. Chris Quinn, R-Delaware): Would set the minimum threshold for vehicles with light-emitting diodes (LEDs) headlights/taillights to pass an annual safety inspection. (198-0).
- **HB 523** (Rep. Gary Day, R-Lehigh/Berks): Would amend the Private Road Act to require homeowners that access their properties through a private road to contribute to the maintenance of the road. (195-1).
- **HB 634** (Rep. Mark Keller, R-Perry/Cumberland): Would expand procession rights to large group motorcycle rides. (172-23).
- **HB 792** (Rep. David Maloney, R-Berks): Would make changes to vehicle parking regulations when

parking in a curbside bike lane. (200-1)

- **HB 869 (Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks):** Would expand the types of vehicles eligible for a refund from the liquid fuels tax to include ready-mix concrete mixers using a power takeoff unit. (191-1).
- **HB 1077 (Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler):** Would allow for the transportation of multiple hot ingots a distance up to 125 miles. (Current law limits distance to 25 miles.) (196-2).
- **HB 1536 (Rep. Brett Miller, R-Lancaster):** Would create new penalties, including driver's license suspensions, for careless driving and reckless driving resulting in the death, serious bodily injury, or bodily injury of a vulnerable highway user. (191-4).
- **HB 1541 (Rep. Frank Farry, R-Bucks):** Would create the "Air Medal Plate" to be issued by PennDOT. (193-0).
- **HB 1711 (Rep. Tim Hennessey, R-Chester/Montgomery):** Would establish heritage license plates. (195-0).
- **HB 1712 (Rep. Tim Hennessey, R-Chester/Montgomery):** Would establish corporate logo fleet license plates. (194-1).
- **HB 1715 (Rep. Natalie Mihalek, R-Allegheny/Washington):** Would create the Navy and Marine Corps Medal plate to be issued by PennDOT. (193-0).
- **HB 1825 (Rep. Jeff Wheeland, R-Lycoming):** Would extend the calibration testing cycle for non-radar speed timing devices and allow

the certificate of accuracy be completed electronically. (198-0).

- **HB 1985 (Rep. John Lawrence, R-Chester/Lancaster):** Would prohibit PennDOT from removing certain outdoor advertising signs owned by



religious organizations. (188-0).

- **HB 2065 (Rep. Martina White, R-Philadelphia):** Would increase the scope of the Commonwealth's Public-Private Transportation Project Program and increases reporting requirements. (202-0).
- **HB 2296 (Rep. Lori Mizgorski, R-Allegheny):** Would increase penalties and the time required for a commercial driver's license holder to report non-parking traffic violations to his or her employer. (201-0).
- **HB 2319 (Rep. Aaron Kaufer, R-Luzerne):** Would establish a new license plate for individuals who are designated as disabled and are recipients of the Purple Heart award. (202-0).
- **SB 742 (Sen. Kim Ward, R-Westmoreland):** Would exempt from emissions inspection requirements new vehicles up to eight years from the year of manufacture. (193-0).

Miscellaneous

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- **Act 3 of 2019** (formerly SB 3, Sen. Yaw, R-Bradford/Lycoming/Sullivan/Susquehanna/ Union): Designates the Eastern hellbender as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- **Act 5 of 2019** (formerly HB 279, Rep. Karen Boback, R-Luzerne/Lackawanna/Wyoming): Provides civil immunity for any damage that may be done to a vehicle when forceful entry is necessary to rescue a child. (197-0).
- **Act 26 of 2019** (formerly HB 1166, Rep. Barry Jozwiak, R-Berks): Increases pilot fees on the Delaware River and Bay. (197-0).
- **Act 47 of 2019** (formerly HB 235, Rep. Tarah Toohil, R-Luzerne): Reforms state adoption requirements/witness consent rules for adoption by an incarcerated parent. Currently, due to housing restrictions, inmates often cannot obtain the necessary witness signatures required for a valid consent in adoption proceedings. This bill allows correctional staff to witness the consent of the incarcerated parent. (183-13).
- **Act 52 of 2019** (formerly HB 615, Rep. Keith Gillespie, R-York): Amends the definition of “enforcement officer” in the State Employees Retirement Code to include a Game Commission officer. (196-3).
- **Act 53 of 2019** (formerly HB 751, Rep. Brad Roae, R-Crawford/Erie): Makes technical changes to the Public Utility Code to update the definition of service line to include water and wastewater; to acknowledge email as a valid form of service; and to ensure utilities pay taxes owed on contributions in aid of construction. (195-0).
- **Act 56 of 2019** (formerly HB 826, Rep. Jim Marshall, R-Beaver/Butler): Allows nonprofits affiliated with major league and collegiate sports teams to conduct 50/50 drawings for charity at home games. (194-7).



- **Act 113 of 2019** (formerly SB 733, Sen. Pat Browne, R-Lehigh): Provides for capital itemization of the Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund for a science and education center. (200-0).
- **Act 16 of 2020** (formerly HB 752, Rep. Mike Turzai, R-Allegheny): Removes the current price per acre restriction on Game Fund money used for the purchase of land to be used as game lands in a county of the second class. (194-0).

- **Act 33 of 2020** (formerly SB 863, Sen. Mario Scavello, R-Monroe/Northampton): Adds recreational campgrounds and campground owners to Title 48 provisions for hotels and hotelkeepers to provide rights and protections. (202-0).
- **Act 34 of 2020** (formerly SB 1030, Sen. Gene Yaw, R-Bradford/Lycoming/Sullivan/Susquehanna/Union): Amends the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act to provide for the use of alternate on-lot septic systems. (166-36).
- **Act 71 of 2020** (formerly HB 2484, Rep. Martina White, R-Philadelphia): Increases spending limitations for nonprofit corporations and charitable trusts and provide for nonjudicial settlement agreements. (201-0).
- **Act 72 of 2020** (formerly SB 320, Sen. Tom Killion, R-Chester/Delaware): Creates the Revised Uniform Fiduciary Access to Digital Assets Act. (201-0).

Bills Awaiting Senate Action:

- **HB 350** (Rep. Jim Rigby, R-Cambria/Somerset): Would change rules for tracking precious metal sales and helps law enforcement potentially recover stolen property including requiring dealers to possess purchased metals for a minimum of 10 working days and maintaining a copy of their annual license application. (190-5).
- **HB 365** (Rep. Martina White, R-Philadelphia): Would add a new section to the Crimes Code addressing long-term trespassing by “squatters.” (155-44).
- **HB 561** (Rep. Sheryl Delozier, R-Cumberland): Would allow minors to perform music in a licensed establishment so long as the minor is not compensated and is supervised by a parent or guardian. (185-12).
- **HB 619** (Rep. Sue Helm, R-Dauphin/Lebanon): Would establish June 19 as “Juneteenth National Freedom Day” and make it an annual observance for the Commonwealth. (191-0).
- **HB 716** (Rep. John Galloway, D-Bucks): Would amend the Administrative Code to create the Joint Agency Task Force on Misclassification within the Department of Labor and Industry. (198-0).



- **HB 1769** (Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks): Would amend the Charitable Gift Annuity Exemption Act to define “de-risking” annuity contract”. (202-0).
- **HB 2101** (Rep. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton): Would amend the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law to clarify provisions and update the law to reflect current practice. (202-0).
- **HB 2293** (Rep. Christopher B. Quinn, R-Delaware): Would provide that public utilities operating a natural gas liquids pipeline through a high consequence area as defined

federally shall make available upon written request their emergency response plans to the PUC, PEMA and the local county where the high consequence area is located subject to all requirements of the Public Utility Confidential Security Information Disclosure Protection Act. (202-0).

- **HB 2438 (Rep. Clint Owlett, R-Tioga/Bradford/Potter):** Would

amend Title 68 providing for broadband services over existing easements and existing infrastructure. (202-0).