

# PMHA Legislative Review

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## Harrisburg Happenings Compliments of Milliron & Goodman:

Here's a look back at the noteworthy events for the past month.

Pennsylvania is at a fork in the road when it comes to resolving a nine-week-old budget stalemate. To recap, the Pennsylvania General Assembly approved a budget bill at the end of June, and Wolf allowed it to become law without his signature, but the roughly \$2.2 billion in revenues needed to pay for that spending plan have yet to be approved. The state Senate in late July passed its own revenue package, containing a combination of new taxes, hiked taxes on utilities (home heating, electricity, phone service) and \$1.3 billion in borrowing, but the state House GOP, which argues it sent several revenue options (gambling- and liquor-related) to the Senate where they have been ignored, has expressed its unwillingness to approve the Senate plan as-is. For the last month, a group in the House GOP Caucus has been working on its own counterproposal that should be ready for when the full House returns to voting session on September 11. That plan is not expected to raise taxes or rely on borrowing, and instead draw heavily on transferring money from special government accounts. The Senate is scheduled to return to Harrisburg on September 18.

### Budget

- Governor Tom Wolf sent a letter to legislative leaders warning of dire consequences should lawmakers fail to address the revenue gap that currently exists within the state's finances. Wolf's letter also alerted lawmakers to the fact the administration temporarily loaned roughly \$700 million from the Motor License Fund to the General Fund to pay the Commonwealth's bills in the short-term, but noted far more significant bills for essential services are coming by the middle of September, and the state doesn't have the money to pay them. Earlier, Wolf put \$188.3 million in state discretionary spending in reserve as the budget stalemate continues with no sign of near-term resolution.
- Governor Wolf's administration is beginning the process for his next budget proposal, and there are rumblings that suggest the governor's election-year budget is being planned as a bare-bones, no-tax plan.

### Liquor

- Pennsylvania's state-owned liquor stores upped prices at least \$1 on 421 items with some seeing an increase of \$2 or more per bottle. A 2016 state law gave the Liquor Control Board "flexible pricing" authority to raise prices for 150 of the top-selling brands of wine and the 150 most popular brands of liquor. The agency has not increased prices since the early 1990s. It says the higher prices followed a review of costs in neighboring states, comparison with prices of competing products and analysis of what the market will bear. The agency considered raising prices on 496 items but narrowed the list after negotiating with suppliers.

### Transportation

- Latest estimates put the initial price tag of rolling out new Real ID-compliant drivers licenses at up to \$30 million. That's what would be needed over the next 18 months for the state Department of Transportation to open centers for residents to obtain the federally mandated ID cards that are designed to be extremely difficult to forge. According to the federal Department of Homeland Security, beginning Jan. 22, 2018, residents in states that have not come into compliance with federal requirements or obtained an extension of the deadline will need to show an alternative form of identification, such as a passport, at airports and when accessing federal buildings and military bases. PennDOT says it anticipates the federal government will continue to issue extensions to Pennsylvania until REAL ID products are available for residents. Recently adopted and enacted legislation allowing Pennsylvania to be REAL ID-compliant does not require Pennsylvania residents to get a REAL ID-compliant driver license or identification card. However, it ensures residents can obtain those forms of identification when the new federal requirements go into effect. The commercial air travel final effective date for REAL ID is October 1, 2020, and PennDOT officials have said they estimate REAL ID-compliant driver licenses and identification cards will be available at the customer's option in 2019.

### Health and Public Safety

- The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records (OOR) has concluded the state Department of Health's effort to keep confidential information regarding the panel evaluating marijuana permit applications has been based on a faulty interpretation of the state law. The OOR decision was prompted by The Patriot-News of Harrisburg's appeal of an initially declined Right-to-Know request seeking the names, job titles and departments of the individuals on the panel. The department has 30 days to produce the information requested or appeal the OOR decision to Commonwealth Court.

- Governor Tom Wolf has announced a significant reduction – 86 percent – of opioid over-prescribing in the first year of the state’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). As of July 7, 2017, the PDMP has been sharing data with 11 other states and the District of Columbia.
- A new health study has prompted Governor Tom Wolf to call for universal lead exposure testing of children under age two statewide.
- Governor Tom Wolf announced that 45 members of PA Task Force One, Urban Search and Rescue Task Force departed to Texas to assist with water rescue, and other search and rescue efforts, in that state as remnants of Hurricane Harvey continue to bring rain to the Gulf Coast. PA Task Force One has the capability to conduct water rescues and consists of highly trained personnel in search and rescue such as heavy rigging and structural specialists, hazardous materials, specialized communications, medical personnel and canine handlers, as well as staff who will aid the team with ground support once they arrive on site. It is not known how long the team will remain in Texas. The Pennsylvania team is just one of numerous task forces from multiple states to receive federal activation orders.

#### Education

- Arguing that too many children are stuck in bad schools with no other options, state Senator John DiSanto (R-Dauphin), is proposing the Education Savings Accounts (ESA) plan. This plan would provide parents of children attending poorly performing public schools (those in the bottom 15 percent statewide) the statewide average funding per pupil - between \$5,000 and \$6,000 (special needs student would be eligible for additional funding) - in a flexible spending account. The money in that account could be used for Department of Education-approved educational expenses, such as private school tuition, higher education tuition, textbooks and curriculum, testing and industry certifications; the money could also be spent on various types of therapy for children with disabilities. Any money remaining in the account at the end of each school year would be rolled over from year to year. DiSanto said parents could even use the money to help pay for college. DiSanto said the Senate Education Committee has already held one hearing about the ESA idea, and he’s hopeful the chamber will consider his proposal during the fall legislative session. Senate President Pro Tempore Joe Scarnati (R-Jefferson) and Senate Education Committee Majority Chairman John Eichelberger (R-Blair) are prime co-sponsors of the bill.

#### New Laws

- New laws regarding animal cruelty prevention and DUI ignition interlocks are now in effect. Commonly referred to as Libre’s Law, Act 10 of 2017, contains several animal cruelty provisions including new tethering stipulations and conditions for outside dogs, added protections for horses, increased penalties for animal abuse, ensuring convicted animal abusers forfeit abused animals to a shelter, and civil immunity for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The new ignition interlock law, Act 33 of 2016, requires most first-time offenders of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) to install ignition interlocks on their vehicles for at least one year. The device is attached to a car’s ignition system and works like a breathalyzer, measuring the alcohol in a person’s system. If the amount of alcohol on the driver’s breath exceeds a preprogrammed level, then the interlock temporarily locks the vehicle’s ignition.

#### Politics

- Republican U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, representing Pennsylvania’s 11th Congressional District, has announced his candidacy for the state’s U.S. Senate seat currently held by Democratic U.S. Sen. Bob Casey. He will join a crowded field of potential Casey challengers which include state Reps. Rick Saccone, R-Allegheny, and Jim Christiana, R-Beaver.
- Democratic State Rep. Marc Gergely, of Allegheny County, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and an illegal campaign contribution, both misdemeanor offenses, related to his involvement in a ring of illegal gaming devices. Gergely was involved in a scheme to place illegal gaming devices in bars and other establishments in western Pennsylvania. He was originally charged with three felony charges and the two misdemeanors, but accepted a plea to the lesser charges and agreed to resign from office.
- State Rep. Kristin Phillips-Hill, R-York, has announced her candidacy for the 28th District state Senate seat currently held by Sen. Wagner. State Sen. Scott Wagner, R-York, has already announced his plan to not seek re-election to the state Senate (he’s setting his sights on the Governor’s Residence in 2019). Phillips-Hill currently represents the 93rd Legislative District in York County. No other individuals have announced their candidacies for the Senate seat as of yet. It is reported that Phillips-Hill has Wagner’s support.

## Advocacy

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For a copy of our Industry Action Network form email ([mary@pmha.org](mailto:mary@pmha.org)) or call the association office (717-774-3440). This information is important when working on legislative initiatives. You may also be called upon to attend fundraisers or deliver PMH PAC contributions. Personal contact at the grassroots level is vital to a strong government relations program. Please take a moment and let PMHA know who you know in the state or federal legislature.

## 2017 PA Legislative Schedule

## **2017 SENATE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE**

**October 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25**

**November 13, 14, 15**

**December 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20**

## **2017 HOUSE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE**

**October 2, 3, 4, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25**

**November 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22**

**December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20**

## **Acts:**

**ACT 3-2017** (SB 133) Pennsylvania REAL ID Compliance Act, will allow Pennsylvania to offer residents an optional REAL ID-compliant driver license or state identification card, which can be used to access airports, and federal facilities.

**ACT 8-2017** (HB 267) Creates the offence of Theft of Secondary Metal to include water and wastewater pipe under the definition of "secondary metal" that is valuable for recycling or reuse as raw material. An offense constitutes a misdemeanor of the third degree when the value of the secondary metal unlawfully obtained is less than \$50. When the value of the secondary metal unlawfully obtained is \$50 or more but less than \$200, the offense constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree. When the value of the secondary metal unlawfully obtained is \$200 or more but less than \$1,000, the offense constitutes a misdemeanor of the first degree. When the value of the secondary metal unlawfully obtained exceeds \$1,000, the offense constitutes a felony of the third degree. A third or subsequent offense constitutes a felony of the second degree when the offense is a third or subsequent offense, regardless of the value of the secondary metal.

**ACT 20-2017** (SB 288) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to increase fines and penalties for violators of Pennsylvania's "Steer Clear" law, which requires drivers to slow down and move into a lane not adjacent to an emergency response area, if possible. Emergency responders include police, firefighters, tow truck operators, and highway workers. Drivers who ignore Pennsylvania's "Steer Clear" law will face harsher penalties beginning in September. The new law will maintain a fine of up to \$250 for a first offense but sets of a maximum fine of \$500 for a second violation. For a third or subsequent offense, drivers would face up to a \$1,000 fine, and a 90-day license suspension if a serious injury or death is involved.

**ACT 24-2017** (HB 1426) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages, for permit for movement of construction equipment and for permit for movement of containerized cargo. A permitted vehicle, combination or load which does not exceed 135,000 pounds (increased from 107,000) gross weight and which does not exceed 10 feet in width or any height or length limitation under Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length) may be driven, hauled or towed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if the vehicle or combination is operated at prevailing speeds. Movement under this subsection is not authorized during inclement weather. The holiday restriction is removed.

**Act 31-2017** (SB 589) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for maximum gross weight of vehicles and for conditions of permits and security for damages and providing for permit for movement of freight via natural gas vehicles. A vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits imposed under this section by an amount, not to exceed a maximum of 2,000 pounds, that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system. The annual fee for movement of freight via natural gas vehicles, as provided for in section 4979.7 (relating to permit for movement of freight via natural gas vehicles) shall be \$500. An annual permit may be issued authorizing the movement on specified highways of freight as allowed by law by a vehicle powered by natural gas, be it compressed or liquefied, which exceeds the maximum vehicle gross weight specified in section 4941 (relating to maximum gross weight of vehicles). The weight of any vehicle permitted under this section may not exceed 82,000 pounds overall gross weight and 21,000 pounds on any steering axle. Eliminates the annual permit and the annual fee for the movement of commercial vehicles powered by natural gas.

## **Resolutions:**

Pamphlet Laws Resolution No. 1 - Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions by authorizing the legislature to authorize local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation an amount based on the assessed value of homestead property. The exclusions authorized shall not exceed 100% of the assessed value (changed from 50 percent) of each homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

## PMHA is monitoring the following legislation....

**HB 20/PN 1846** (Sturla/D-Lancaster) The Pennsylvania Water Resource Act provides for registration of extraordinary nonagriculture and nonmunicipal water users; imposes a water resource fee; establishes the Water Use Fund; and provides for submission of a question to the electorate authorizing incurring of indebtedness for water-related environmental initiatives.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**HB 38/PN 45** (Saccone/R-Allegheny) Amends PA Human Relations Act to include the exercise of self-defense rights as a protected practice.

Status: State Government  
Position: No position

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**HB 130/PN 95** (Ortitay/ R-Allegheny) Amends the Tax Reform Code decreasing the annual rate of tax on corporate net income for taxable years 2016 through 2021 to 4.99 percent.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**HB 137/PN 101** (Moul/R-Adams) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxation and assessments general provisions, adding that "owner" includes a tenant who possesses and resides under a life lease and is contractually responsible for making all necessary real estate tax payments.

Status: Local Government  
Position: No position

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**HB 162/PN 126** (Maloney/R-Berks) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in Uniform Construction Code, adding language allowing the Department of Labor and Industry to contract with the ICC to establish and publish code manuals that contain the standards of the Uniform Construction Code. The department shall require in any such contract that the standards be made available on the department's website.

Status: 3/13/17 – Passed House 196-0, Senate Labor and Industry  
Position: Support

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**HB 176/PN 139** (Pickett/R-Bradford) Amends the PA Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for application. Defines "farmer."

Excludes from the Act structures used for the direct, seasonal sale of agricultural, horticultural and food products which are open on at least one side, operated by a farmer whose products make up not less than 50 percent of the commodities being sold, is not located on the farmer's property, is temporary in nature, and has an area of less than 1,000 square feet.

Status: 6/6/17 Passed House 195-0, 7/10/17 passed Senate 48-0, House Rules Committee  
Position: No Position

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**HB 177/PN 341, 140** (Pickett/R-Bradford) Amends the PA Construction Code Act adding "a structure utilized to process maple sap" as an agricultural building. One amendment was adopted that exempts structures less than 1,000 square feet utilized to process maple sap.

Status: 3/20/17 Passed House 196-0, Senate Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 180/PN 729** (Goodman/D-Schuylkill) Provides for a Made In PA Program, for duties and authority of DCED, for application process and costs; establishing the Made in PA Fund; and providing for civil penalties, for injunctive relief and for rules and regulations.

Status: Commerce  
Position: No Position

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**HB 229/PN 196** (Sonney/R-Erie) amends Title 75 (Vehicles) clarifying the definition of "recreational trailer" to mean a trailer designed or adapted to provide temporary living quarters for noncommercial recreational, camping or travel use or for the purposes of transporting animals or vehicles for noncommercial recreational use, such as a horse trailer, watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer. Also adds language providing for the annual fee for registration of a recreational trailer, an optional five-year registration and an optional permanent registration. Also adds a section providing for special procedures for trailer registration.

Status: 6/28/17 passed House 191-7, Senate Transportation  
Position: Neutral

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**HB 266/PN 225** (Harper/R-Montgomery) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, deleting references to the appeal boards being

established in accordance with the "1999 BOCA code" and replacing the reference with a requirement that such boards be established pursuant to regulations promulgated by the Department of Labor and Industry.

Status: 4/5/17 Passed House 190-1, Senate Labor and Industry  
Position: Support

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**HB 284/PN 270** (Baker/R-Bradford) Amends the Underground Utility Line Protection Law removing the jurisdiction of the Department of Labor and Industry and transferring it to the Public Utility Commission; further providing for definitions; requiring submission of reports of alleged violations; requiring facility owners to maintain records of abandoned lines, to participate in the One Call System's Member Mapping Solutions, and to notify a facility owner that an excavator has identified an unmarked or incorrectly marked facility and of the owner's responsibilities; further providing for the One Call System, other parties, designers, excavators and project owners and for penalties; adding that an excavator, designer or operator who proposes to commence excavation or demolition work and requests information from the One Call System shall pay to the One Call System an annual fee; requiring designers to request line and facility information; requiring excavators to renotify the One Call System of an unmarked or incorrectly marked facility in certain instances and to make a locate request to the One Call System prior to excavation or demolition work and to pay the applicable fee; establishing a Damage Prevention Committee in the commission to review and take action on alleged violations; establishing the Underground Utility Line Protection Fund to receive penalties and assessments; and extending the expiration of the act through 2022.

Status: Consumer Affairs  
Position: No position

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**HB 294/PN 288** (Costa/D-Allegheny) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, authorizing municipalities administering and enforcing the act to assess a fee of not more than \$30 for fire protection services on each occupancy permit issued. The bill provides for exemptions and for use of the fee.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: Oppose

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**HB 298/PN 292 (Delozier/R-Cumberland)**

Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for training of inspectors. The bill states that the department may by regulation establish a separate trainee classification for each certification category. The trainee classification shall be considered optional for all individuals seeking certification under this act. An applicant for trainee classification shall secure the sponsorship of an individual certified in each category for which the trainee seeks certification. A trainee classification is nonrenewable and shall be limited. Individuals with trainee classifications may perform all the duties of a certified individual while under the supervision of a sponsor. The department may establish fees and applications and registration procedures to establish the trainee classification system. Individuals with trainee classifications shall be listed on the department's website.

Status: 3/20/17 Passed House 195-1, Senate Labor and Industry  
Position: Support

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**HB 352/PN 362 (Culver/R-Northumberland)**

Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in limitation of time, providing for ten-year limitation, for mesne profits and for reimbursement and further providing for twenty-one year limitation. The bill states title to real property may be acquired after no less than 10 years of actual, continuous, exclusive, visible, notorious, distinct and hostile possession of the real property.

Status: 5/9/17 Passed House 167-28, Senate Judiciary  
Position: No position

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**HB 409/PN 1235, 416 (Evankovich/R-Allegheny)**

Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council and providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings.

Status: 4/25/17 Passed House 110-82, Senate Calendar  
Position: Support

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**HB 416/PN 422 (Murt/R-Montgomery)**

Amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act further providing for findings and declaration of policy and for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation; and providing for therapy dogs and public transportation and unlawful discriminatory practices. Declares it to be the public policy of this Commonwealth to safeguard the rights of all individuals with disabilities, owners or handlers of therapy dogs and persons licensed to train therapy dogs to use all forms of public transportation regardless of the use of accompanying therapy dogs because of disabilities of the users or because the users are handlers or trainers of therapy dogs.

Status: State Government  
Position: No Position

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**HB 417/PN 423 (Godshall/R-Montgomery)**

Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources), in conservation and natural resources, adding a chapter providing water well construction standards.

Status: Consumer Affairs  
Position: No Position

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**HB 432/PN 448 (Brown/R-Monroe)**

Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in general provisions relating to condominiums, cooperatives and planned communities, providing for complaints filed with Bureau of Consumer Protection. The Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of Attorney General shall investigate or mediate a complaint filed with the bureau by a person who is a unit owner against the association in which the person is a member.

Status: Urban Affairs  
Position: No position

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**HB 460/PN 481 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny)**

Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act, in State funds formula, further providing for certification and calculation of minimum and maximum modifiers and for Property Tax Relief Reserve Fund, providing for senior citizen tax relief and further providing for State property tax reduction allocation. The bill freezes all school property taxes on the primary residences of Pennsylvania senior citizens at the rate in effect during the year they turn 65.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

**HB 471/PN 491 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny)** Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for the definition of "owner" by adding mortgage lenders.

Status: Urban Affairs  
Position: No Position

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**HB 473/PN 493 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny)**

Amends Title 7 (Banks and Banking), in mortgage loan business restrictions and requirements, further providing for general requirements by requiring licensees to ensure that font size on all reverse mortgage contracts and disclosures is no smaller than 24-point.

Status: Commerce  
Position: No Position

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**HB 509/PN 534 (McClinton/D-Delaware)**

Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) adding language providing an employer may not inquire about or consider the following when determining an individual's suitability for employment: a case with a final disposition that is not a conviction; a juvenile case resulting in an adjudication of delinquency; a conviction of a summary offense; or a case that was expunged or pardoned. When determining an individual's suitability for employment, if the individual has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor, the employer must consider the nature of the crime; the time that has passed since the offense or completion of sentence; and the type of employment sought or currently held. Further provides for notice, final considerations, the powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry, administrative penalties, civil penalties, and applicability.

Status: Judiciary  
Position: No Position

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**HB 514/PN 538 (Bullock/D-Philadelphia)**

Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act adding a new section providing a landlord may not inquire or require disclosure of the following from applicants or potential tenants or their household members: an arrest not leading to conviction; participation in or completion of a diversion or deferral of judgment program; a conviction that has been judicially dismissed, expunged, voided or invalidated; a conviction or any other determination or adjudication in the juvenile justice system; a conviction that is more than seven years old; or information pertaining to an offense other than a felony or misdemeanor, such as a summary offense.

Provides a person who violates this new section shall be subject to a penalty not greater than \$250.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 530**/PN 556 (Warren/D-Bucks) The Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force Act establishes the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Task Force to review and analyze the law, procedures, practices, processes and rules relating to the administration of flood insurance; to hold public hearings for the taking of testimony and the requesting of documents; to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the task force; to accept and review written comments from individuals and organizations; and to make a final report to the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives which shall include recommendations regarding potential programs that provide premium discounts, potential programs that create incentives for local governments to undertake or continue flood mitigation efforts, and the implementation of necessary changes in State statutes and practices, policies and procedures relating to the administration of flood insurance.

Status: Insurance  
Position: No Position

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**HB 539**/PN 565 (Thomas/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Assessors Certification Act repealing provisions specifying that the act does not apply to counties of the first class (Philadelphia) and adding that an assessor who is employed by a county of the first class on the effective date shall have three years to become certified under the act.

Status: 4/4/17 – Passed House 196-1, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**HB 571**/PN 611 (Davis/D-Bucks) Act imposing a duty on municipalities to provide notification to property owners of changes to special flood hazard area maps of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Specifies type of notification required.

Status: Local Government  
Position: Support

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**HB 573**/PN 612 (Davis/D-Bucks) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in seller disclosures, requiring the disclosure form to disclose the presence of rights-of-way,

easements or access limitations that affect the use of the property.

Status: Local Government  
Position: Support

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**HB 595**/PN 627 (Brown/R-Monroe) Amends Title 68 (Real & Personal Property), as follows: in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in management of the condominium, providing for alternative dispute resolution in condominiums and for complaints filed with Bureau of Consumer Protection; in protection of purchasers, further providing for effect of violations on rights of action; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in management of cooperatives, providing for alternative dispute resolution in cooperatives and for complaints filed with Bureau of Consumer Protection; in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in management of planned community, providing for alternative dispute resolution in planned communities and for complaints filed with Bureau of Consumer Protection; and in protection of purchasers, further providing for effect of violations on rights of action.

Status: 4/19/17 Passed House 186-0, 6/4/17 Senate Laid on Table  
Position: No Position

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**HB 596**/PN 628 (Harper/R-Montgomery) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) providing for the adoption of National Groundwater Association standards. Provides for water well construction standards; decommissioning of abandoned wells; water well completion reports; and inspections. Also provides for the powers and duties of the Environmental Quality Board and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) under this new chapter and for penalties for violations of this new chapter.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**HB 653**/PN 692 (Masser/R-Columbia) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in real property, providing for real estate foreclosure of vacant and abandoned property and for sheriff's commission and credit or attorney fees. The bill states that after a creditor gives notice to an obligor of a delinquency or other default with respect to an obligation secured by a mortgage or initiates a foreclosure action or action for possession or to quiet title, a mortgaged property for which the notice is given or proceedings are initiated shall be certified as vacant and abandoned if it meets requirements established in the bill. The

stated intent is to limit the use of the expedited foreclosure process to vacant and abandoned properties.

Status: 5/9/17 Passed House 195-0, Senate Appropriations  
Position: No Position

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**HB 668**/PN 712 (Schlossberg/D-Lehigh) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act adding an article providing for lead-based paint and related hazardous conditions and imposing a penalty. A lessor or agent shall inspect a residential dwelling, offered by the lessor or agent for lease, rent or sublease for occupation, for the presence of lead-based paint and hazardous conditions as outlined. The bill provides extensively for disclosures. Fines collected for penalties shall be credited to the Department of Health for the operation and maintenance of the Lead and Healthy Homes Program.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 670**/PN 716 (Taylor/R-Philadelphia) The Fire Sprinkler Contractors Licensing Act provides for licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and inspectors; and imposing duties on the Department of Labor and Industry. Provisions regarding refusal, suspension or revocation of license are effective immediately and the remainder is effective upon the effective date of the regulations promulgated by the department or on July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner.

Status: Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**HB 695**/PN 746 (Matzie/D-Allegheny) Act providing for certain non-natural earthquake insurance coverage; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Insurance Department; and providing for enforcement and penalties.

Status: Insurance  
Position: No Position

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**HB 701**/PN 751 (Donatucci/D-Delaware) Act providing for paid sick leave for certain employees, for duties of the Department of Labor and Industry and for enforcement; and imposing a civil penalty.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 702**/PN 752 (Murt/R-Montgomery) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources), in

disposal fee, further providing for disposal fee for municipal waste landfills and for deposit of disposal fee; repealing provisions relating to allocation for Environmental Stewardship Fund; and establishing the Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Waiting List Account. The bill adds an additional \$3 disposal fee for all solid waste disposed of at the municipal waste landfill to be deposited into the Intellectual Disabilities and Autism Waiting List Account, and allows the account to be used to fund services for individuals on the waiting list.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**HB 737**/PN 803 (Longiotti/D-Mercer) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for restrictions on use of highways and bridges by requiring the department to publish by January 1, 2018, a revised schedule of bonding amounts based on increased or decreased maintenance costs and at least every three years thereafter. Additionally, the legislation requires department regulations to be updated by January 1, 2018, to reflect a rebuttable presumption in favor of the municipality and against the over-posted-weight permittee for damage sustained to posted highways used by such permittee.

Status: Transportation  
Position: No Position

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**HB 780**/PN 1263,862 (Mackenzie/R-Berks) Amends Title 7 (Banks and Banking) adding language providing for the licensure and regulation of mortgage servicers by the Department of Banking and Securities. Further provides for definitions, license requirements, application for license, for licensing fees and for requirements and providing for the promulgation of regulations to effectively incorporate federal regulations by requiring the Department of Banking and Securities to adopt existing federal regulations.

Status: 4/24/17Passed House 184-7, Senate Banking and Insurance  
Position: No Position

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**HB 783**/PN 858 (Nesbit/R-Mercer) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer of ownership of vehicles used for human habitation by exempting homes which have not been previously titled in Pennsylvania from the tax certification requirement.

Status: Transportation

Position: Support

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**HB 787**/PN 866 (Christiana/R-Beaver) Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution prohibiting the taxation of real property. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 830**/PN 1086 (Donatucci/D-Delaware) Amends the Equal Pay Law further providing for definitions, for collection of unpaid wages and for penalties. The bill extends time limitations for action pursuant to the law from two to three years and increases penalties for any employer who willfully and knowingly violates the act from between \$50 and \$200 to between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 861**/PN 967 (Grove/R-York) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) adding a new section prohibiting any municipality from regulating employer policies or practices or enforcing any mandate regarding employer policies or practices. This prohibition shall not apply to a mandate enacted by a municipality affecting an employee or class of employees of the municipality itself. Provides for effect; relief; reasonable expenses; and definitions.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 863**/PN 969 (Rothman/R-Cumberland) Amends the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; in qualifications and applications for licenses and registration certificates, further providing for qualifications for license; in duties of licensees, further providing for comparative market analysis disclosure and providing extensively for broker price opinion; and making related repeals. Applicants for a license shall complete 75 (increased from 60) hours in real estate instruction. Further, an applicant shall be a high school graduate or equivalent. Any fees charged for a comparative market analysis shall be paid to the broker. A broker price opinion must contain a conspicuously displayed statement and be prepared in accordance with the bill.

Status: 6/14/17 passed House 182-7, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**HB 876**/PN 979 (Lawrence/R-Chester) Amends the REAL ID Nonparticipation Act changing the name to the REAL ID Act. Also adds language allowing the Department of Transportation, upon request, to issue a voluntary travel ID to an eligible applicant who meets the criteria necessary for issuance of the voluntary travel ID. Further provides no individual may be compelled by the Commonwealth to apply for a voluntary travel ID nor shall the Commonwealth exclusively mandate a voluntary travel ID for any reason. Also allows the department to use funding provided by the federal government for implementation of the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and to charge a fee as determined by the department for a voluntary travel ID. Requires the department to submit an annual report to the General Assembly providing details on the costs incurred by the department under the act.

Status: State Government  
Position: Support

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**HB 878**/PN 981 (James/R-Butler) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act providing an exemption for a floor assembly approved by a Pennsylvania-licensed professional engineer demonstrating equivalent fire performance.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: Support

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**HB 883**/PN 992 (Taylor/R-Philadelphia) The Electrical Contractor, Electrician and Apprentice Electrician Licensure Act provides for the licensure of electrical contractors, electricians and apprentice electricians; establishing the State Board of Electrical Licensure; provides for powers and duties of the board; establishes fees, fines and penalties; and makes an appropriation of \$85,000 from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account to the Department of State for the payment of costs associated with processing licenses and renewing licenses, for the operation of the board and for other costs associated with this act. The appropriation shall be repaid by the board within three years of the beginning of issuance of licenses by the board.

Status: Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**HB 889**/PN 997 (Murt/R-Montgomery) The Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Act requires an employer to provide up to six weeks of the same leave to an eligible employee to which the eligible employee is entitled under the Family and Medical Leave

Act with respect to a spouse, son, daughter or parent, but only for the eligible employee's sibling, grandparent or grandchild, provided the sibling, grandparent or grandchild has no living spouse, child over 17 years of age or parent under 65 years of age.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 891**/PN 998 (Murt/R-Montgomery) The Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Act provides for family and medical leave for eligible employees. Certain employers shall provide up to 12 weeks of leave to an eligible employee to which the eligible employee is entitled under the Family Medical Leave Act with respect to a spouse, son, daughter or parent, but only for the eligible employee's sibling, grandparent or grandchild if the sibling, grandparent or grandchild does not have a living spouse, child over 17 years of age or parent under 65 years of age and has a certified terminal illness.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 900**/PN 986 (Dean/D-Montgomery) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act providing that a tenant of a residential unit who has a disability or is a senior citizen and is either awaiting admission and subsequently moves to another individual's residence for the express purpose of receiving care from a home health care agency or an older adult daily living center for a period of no less than six months may terminate a lease prior to the date provided in the lease by providing the landlord with specified information. Specifies facilities appropriate for care and clarifies that a care plan must be in place.

Status: Urban Affairs  
Position: No Position

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**HB 926**/PN 1079 (Warren/D-Bucks) Amends the Tax Reform Code creating commuter and commerce toll tax credits for qualified taxpayers.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 931**/PN 1087 (Donatucci/D-Delaware) Amends the Equal Pay Law further providing for definitions and for wage rates by prohibiting seniority considerations based on pregnancy or parental leave and placing restrictions on consideration of geographic location, education, training or experience, and travel; providing for additional violations by prohibiting an employer to require an

employe to refrain from inquiring about, discussing or disclosing information about the employe's own wages, including benefits or other compensation, or about any other employe's wages; establishing the Equal Pay Commission to investigate, analyze and study the factors, causes and impact of pay disparity based on gender; and further providing for collection of unpaid wages and for penalties.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 953**/PN 1112 (Gabler/R-Clearfield) Amends Titles 74 (Transportation) & 75 (Vehicles) eliminating statutory authority to toll Interstate Route 80.

Status: Transportation  
Position: Support

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**HB 958**/PN 1117 (Davis/D-Bucks) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act providing for tenants' right to disclosure by requiring a landlord to disclose to all tenants a certified copy of a foreclosure notice. For fixed-term tenancy, notice shall be required 60 days prior to termination specified in the notice of foreclosure. For month-to-month and week-to-week tenancies, notice shall be required at least 30 days before the termination specified in the notice of foreclosure.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 959**/PN 1528 (Sturla/D-Lancaster) Amends Title 44 (Law and Justice) adding a chapter providing for municipal patrol services, imposing a fee for service on municipalities for municipal patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police and providing for State Police patrol services agreements, for allocation of funds, for fees for intermunicipal police response and for penalties. The total annual fee shall be equal to the appropriation to the State Police from the Motor License Fund during fiscal year 2016-2017 less the appropriation to the State Police from the Motor License Fund beginning during the calendar year during which the services are provided. The fee shall be assessed a portion of the total annual fee on a per capita basis, except that a municipality that receives State Police part-time patrol services shall pay a fee of one-third per capita of the rate assessed to municipalities that receive State Police full-time patrol services.

Status: Transportation  
Position: Support

**HB 961**/PN 1119 (Davis/D-Bucks) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in recovery of rent by assumpsit and distress, providing for notice of foreclosure by adding that if a judgment of foreclosure is entered against a landlord, the landlord shall immediately notify all tenants in writing. In no event shall the property be sold less than ninety days after notice to the tenants.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1001**/PN 1161 (Helm/R-Dauphin) The Home Inspector Licensing Act regulates home inspectors; provides for funds, for licensure, for disciplinary action, for remedies and for penalties; and repeals provisions relating to home inspections. Includes language to require training to include manufactured and modular housing.

Status: Appropriations  
Position: Support

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**HB 1007**/PN 1166 (Heffley/R-Carbon) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, providing applicants the option of using an alternative third party agency if they are in a municipality that only has one third party agency.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: Support

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**HB 1032**/PN 1198 (Moul/R-Adams) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in tenement buildings and multiple dwelling premises, providing for utility service foreign load by adding that a landlord and tenant may agree, in a lease or by separate written agreement, at the same time a lease agreement is entered into, that the tenant will be responsible for payment of amounts related to foreign load on a utility account in the tenant's name in exchange for consideration.

Status: Consumer Affairs  
Position: Support

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**HB 1059**/PN 1352 (Sturla/D-Lancaster) The Optional Sales Tax for School Property Tax Relief and County and Municipal Assistance Act authorizes counties to impose sales, use and occupancy taxes; provides for the levying, assessment and collection of taxes and for the powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Revenue and the State Treasurer; and establishes the County Sales, Use and Occupancy Tax Fund. The bill provides counties with the power to levy a one percent



sales tax, with 60 percent directed to school districts for a dollar for dollar reduction in school property taxes, allocated based on average membership of a school district, 40 percent directed to municipalities to be used towards pension obligations and core services, and any funding not claimed by municipalities directed back to the county to be used for core services.

Status: Local Government  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1076**/PN 1354 (Caltagirone/D-Berks) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in land banks, further providing for legislative findings and purpose, for powers and for disposition of property and providing for exemption from realty transfer tax by establishing that a transfer of real property to or from a land bank shall be exempt from both the State and local realty transfer tax.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1077**/PN 1275 (Caltagirone/D-Berks) Amends Tax Reform Code relating to the neighborhood assistance tax credit by expanding the credit to include homeless housing assistance. Requires the Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development, in cooperation with the Department of Human Services, to promulgate guidelines for the approval or disapproval of applications for tax credits by business firms that provide homeless housing assistance.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1118**/PN 1323 (Sims/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizen's property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for property tax and rent rebate by establishing rent rebate amounts in lieu of property taxes for rent due and payable during calendar year 2017 in the amount of \$650 for household income \$0-8,000 and \$400 for \$8,001-20,000.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1121**/PN 1326 (Kulik/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 64 (Public Authorities and Quasi-Public Corporations), in Commonwealth Financing Authority, further providing for indebtedness by establishing indebtedness incurred

by the Authority under subsection (a) shall not, in aggregate, exceed \$500,000,000 for the program established in section 1559 (relating to Blight Demolition Bond Issuance Program); and establishing the Blight Demolition Bond Issuance Program to provide grants, to be awarded on a competitive basis and funded by the issuance of bonds, to combat the problem of neighborhood blight by demolishing blighted properties. The bill also lays out the application and approval process for grants to municipalities. No more than 5 percent of the funds made available for the program may be awarded to a particular municipality.

Status: Urban Affairs  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1122**/PN 1327 (O'Brien/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, establishing a grant program for municipalities to establish code enforcement programs and hire code enforcement personnel, providing for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development and for imposition of a \$1 fee on each construction building or permit and establishing the Municipal Property Maintenance Code Assistance Fund. The bill provides funding for individual municipalities, two or more municipalities, councils of governments, or a multi-municipal code enforcement entity for the purpose of municipal property maintenance code enforcement within counties or regions in order to prevent and eradicate blighted property conditions for a maximum of three consecutive years and establishes a competitive award process for grants. A municipality shall provide its own funds or in-kind contributions equal to the amount of the grant provided, and shall dedicate and expend those funds for the purpose for which the grant was issued. Also requires a report to the urban affairs standing committees on implementation and finances.

Status: Urban Affairs  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1179**/PN 1401 (Sims/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Tax Reform Code establishing an Energy Star rated product manufacturing tax credit for a taxpayer that manufactures Energy Star rated products. The credit shall be amount equal to 20 percent of the total amount of all capital, operation, and maintenance costs paid for manufacturing Energy Star related products in the taxable year to be applied against the taxpayer's qualified tax liability.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1213**/PN 1486,1696, 1486 (Kampf/R-Chester) Eliminates the practice now used by some school districts to file spot appeals of the property tax assessments of individual properties.

Status: 7/22/17 House Calendar  
Position: Support

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**HB 1223**/PN 1451 (Dawkins/D-Philadelphia) The First Home Grants for Grads Program Act establishes the First Home Grants for Grads Program for the purpose of providing grants or other financial assistance or down payment assistance to residents who have received an associate, baccalaureate, master's, doctoral or other postgraduate degree to be used for the purchase a first home; and imposes powers and duties on the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1243**/PN 1487 (Sims/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Equal Pay Law further providing for definitions of "wages," "comparable work," and "working conditions", for wage rates by further clarifying permissible wage differential basis; and for collection of unpaid wages by establishing additional required liability amounts. The Attorney General may also bring an action to collect unpaid wages on behalf of one or more employes, as well as damages, equitable relief and attorney fees and costs. Also extends the time period action must be brought to three years for willful violations.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1284**/PN 1561 (Peifer/R-Pike) The Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal Act provides for the Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal within the Department of Community and Economic Development; and establishing the Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal Advisory Board. The Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) shall establish the Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal to provide a single online access point to aid existing and potential business owners in completing the necessary permit applications associated with establishing and operating a business in this Commonwealth. The Pennsylvania Business Permitting Portal Advisory Board is established in the department to advise the department on ways to ensure that the permitting portal system is

operated in an effective and user-friendly manner for existing and potential business owners.

Status: Commerce  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1310**/PN 1621 (Petri/R-Bucks) Amends the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law adding language providing where municipal water or sewer service is provided through a separate meter to a residential dwelling unit in which the owner does not reside, the owner's duty to pay a tenant's bill and the lien regarding the account shall exist only if the municipality notifies the owner and the tenant within 30 days after the bill first becomes overdue. Further provides the owner shall not be liable by lien or otherwise for the cost of service the municipality or municipal authority provides to the tenant 90 days or more after the tenant's bill first becomes overdue. Also provides in a city of the first class (Philadelphia) where the city owns a gas utility, the city shall provide notice of a tenant's delinquency and rate of penalty and late fees to the owner of the property.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1318**/PN 1627 (Gillespie/R-York) The Residential Property Tax Elimination Act authorizes school districts to levy, assess, and collect a tax on personal income or a tax on earned income or net profits as a means of abolishing property taxation by the school district. Increases the Commonwealth personal income tax from 3.07 percent to 4.5 percent and increases the sales and use tax from 6 percent to 7 percent and expands that tax to include food and clothing. The moneys from the tax increases and expansion shall be transferred to the Residential Property Tax Elimination Fund established under the act. Further provides for definitions, limitation, preemption, referendum, continuity of tax, collections, and exemption and special provisions. The act shall take effect upon the enactment of the amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution adding language allowing the General Assembly, by law, to make special tax provisions that prohibit a school district from imposing a tax on real property that is classified as residential property.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1326**/PN 1629 (Hanna/D-Centre) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) adding a new chapter relating to water obstruction and

encroachment permits providing the fee for a permit for a de minimis impact project is \$100. Further provides for definitions.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1336**/PN 1655 (Madden/D-Monroe) The Political Sign Display Act provides that a homeowners' association's by-laws may not prohibit the outdoor display of a political sign by a unit owner on the unit owner's property within 30 days before the date of a general election or municipal election in the Commonwealth and 48 hours after the date of a general election or municipal election. Provides certain exceptions for the mounting of signs; the number of signs; and the use of certain building, landscaping and nonstandard materials as well as lights, balloons or anything that would threaten public health or safety.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1353**/PN 1683 (Bloom/R-Cumberland) The Fairness in Environmental Protection Permitting Act requires the Department of Environmental Protection to provide certain notice relating to incomplete and technically deficient applications by requiring that if an application manager finds an incomplete application or technically deficient application, the application manager shall notify the applicant in writing or electronically of all deficiencies in the application.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1361**/PN 1690 (Harper/R-Montgomery) Amends the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act further providing for definitions of "certified Pennsylvania evaluator" and "professional member" and for State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers by adding the appointment of two Certified Pennsylvania Evaluators by the governor to serve on the board.

Status: 6/21/17 passed the House 192-0,  
Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1380**/PN 1742 (Harkins/D-Erie) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definition of "commercial building" and for Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council by adding residential buildings, establishing a commercial

construction code review process, and allowing the council to recommend that a new or amended provision contained in a triennial code is not consistent with the intent and purpose of the act or otherwise inappropriate for inclusion; and, in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes by permitting the department to promulgate final-omitted regulations under the act to adopt the ICC triennial code revisions for commercial buildings within three months of the receipt of the written recommendation by the council or by December 31 of the year of issuance of the new code.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1395**/PN 1756 (Deasy/D-Allegheny) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizen's property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for definitions and prohibiting certain use of rent rebates. The bill establishes it shall be unlawful for a landlord and tenant to enter into a lease or agreement to assign or pay a portion of a rent rebate to which the tenant may be entitled to the landlord or to the landlord's assignee or representative, with penalty as a full reimbursement to the tenant and a payment to the department equal to 25 percent of the total amount of the payment to which the tenant was entitled. The penalty shall bear interest at the rate of 1.5 percent per month from the date the payment was assigned.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1396**/PN 1757 (Deasy/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in assessments of persons and property, providing for a five-year real estate tax deferral for elderly homeowners if the claimant and the claimant's spouse has a household income not exceeding the maximum household income eligibility limitations under Chapter 13.

Status: Local Government  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1419**/PN 1847 (Delozier/R-Cumberland) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in dissemination of criminal history record information, further providing for general regulations and for order for limited access, providing for clean slate for convictions of misdemeanors and for charges not leading to convictions, for effects of expunged offenses and offenses provided limited access and for employer immunity from liability and further

providing for use of records by licensing agencies; and imposing duties on the Pennsylvania State Police and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts. The bill is intended to seal from public view low-level, nonviolent criminal records. For nonviolent misdemeanor convictions, sealing would occur after an individual has remained crime-free for 10 years. For non-conviction records, sealing would be done as a matter of course.

Status: Judiciary  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1428**/PN1796 (Tallman/R-Adams) Amends title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) providing for the offense of misrepresentation as service animals. A person who violates commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed \$1000.

Status: Judiciary  
Position: Support

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**HB 1430**/PN 1816 (Taylor/R-Philadelphia) Amends the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act further providing extensively for definitions, for initiation of action, for appointment of conservator, for powers and duties of conservator, for incurring indebtedness and for sale of property. The bill adds that the petition may include one or more adjacent properties in a single action if the adjacent properties independently meet the conditions for appointment of a conservator. Further, the court may hold a call of the list every 30 days. At that time, if service has been made upon all required parties, the court shall assign a hearing date to the matter to be heard within 60 days. The court shall act upon a request submitted by a party of interest to grant an interior property inspection within 30 days, allowing all parties in interest, in coordination with up to three experts per party, to remove and replace any securing mechanism and enter the property for a reasonable amount of time to evaluate the interior condition, upon a showing that the party in interest has made a prima facie showing of entitlement to the relief requested and on the face of the petition, at least one of the specified conditions has been met. The opinion or recommendation of an intervenor may not supersede that of the conservator. The court may bifurcate the hearing to first consider whether the property meets the specified conditions and, upon successful demonstration, consider the appointment of a conservator. Conditions for conservatorship may also include the accumulation of garbage or debris, the physical deterioration of the

structure presents a hazard, or the vacant lot has received State or municipal code violations for a period of at least three years. Should the owner elect conditional relief, the court may allow the owner to sell the property or remediate the conditions of the property to a standard not lesser in scope than the proposed conservator's plan. The court shall require the owner electing conditional relief under this subsection and intending to sell the property to present to the court for approval a buyer who intends to remediate the blighted conditions within a reasonable time.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1441**/PN 1833 (Caltagirone/D-Berks) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in criminal history record information, further providing for use of records for employment adding that no employer may request from or consider criminal history background information relating to an applicant for employment, regardless of the grading of the offense, which has been expunged according to law. Furthermore, no employer may refuse to hire an applicant for employment or take discipline or adverse action against an employee solely on the basis that the applicant or employee represented to the employer that the applicant or employee was not convicted of an offense if, at the time of the representation, the criminal history record information relating to the offense has been expunged according to law.

Status: Judiciary  
Position: Support

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**HB 1444**/PN 1836 (Marshall/R-Beaver) amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture. A permit for overweight movement of up to 50 miles shall be \$750 and a permit for overweight movement for more than 50 miles shall be \$900. Further, a combination of vehicles which is hauling hot ingots or a hot box may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions a distance not exceeding 125 miles (increased from 25 miles) if the gross weight does not exceed 150,000 pounds and the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway.

Status: 6/14/17 Rules  
Position: Neutral

**HB 1469**/PN 1874 (Heffley/R-Carbon) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement by third party agencies by establishing duties for the municipality related to notification of applicants if the municipality contracts with one or more third party agencies for the administration and enforcement of the act.

Status: 6/29/17 passed House 107-87. Senate Labor and Industry  
Position: Support

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**HB 1533**/PN 1980 (Kampf/R-Chester) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, establishing a qualified manufacturing reinvestment deduction. In order to be eligible to receive a manufacturing innovation and reinvestment deduction, a taxpayer must demonstrate to the department the following: (1) An annual taxable payroll in excess of \$50,000,000; (2) A capital investment in excess of \$50,000,000 for the creation of new or refurbished manufacturing capacity within three years of a designated start date; and (3) The creation of fifty jobs or their full-time equivalent during the construction phase of the project.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1537**/PN 1994 (Evankovich/R-Allegheny) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, further providing for the definition of taxable income. The bill establishes the net loss deduction for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, shall be 44 percent of taxable income. The bill also establishes the total net loss deduction allowed in any taxable year shall not exceed forty-four percent of taxable income for years beginning after December 31, 2017.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1584**/PN 2076 (Rothman/R-Cumberland) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, reducing the tax from 9.99 percent to 5.99 percent.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**HB 1593**/PN 2102 (Hanna/D-Centre) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act adding language providing a definition of "actual damages".

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1594**/PN 2103 (Harper/R-Montgomery) Amends the Assessors Certification Act clarifying that revaluation company personnel who are directly responsible for the valuation of real property must be certified as a Certified Pennsylvania Evaluator (CPE). Requires an individual who is employed by a revaluation company and is directly responsible for the development of a property valuation model to meet the educational requirements of the Act and be certified as a CPE. Also requires the completion of a basic course of study that includes instruction on the judicial interpretation of the Pennsylvania Constitution's uniformity clause. Makes other technical and clarifying changes to the Act.

Status: 6/28/17 House Rules  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1629**/PN 2175 (Freeman/D-Northampton) Amends the Housing Authorities Law authorizing Housing Authorities to establish a police force in a second-class county and in cities of the second and third classes.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1634**/PN 2180 (Briggs/D-Montgomery) The Paid Family Leave Act provides for paid family and medical leave for eligible employees under certain circumstances and for regulations by the Department of Labor and Industry. An employer, as defined in the bill, shall provide not less than 12 weeks of paid leave to an eligible employee to care for a child during the period extending from the beginning of a pregnancy to one year after the birth, adoption or placement of the child. An eligible employee who takes leave is entitled to the same protections and rights that an eligible employee is entitled to under the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No position

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**HB 1699**/PN 2283 (Marshall/R-Beaver) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for operation of certain combinations on interstate and certain other highways, repealing provisions relating to operation of motor homes on interstate and certain other highways and further providing for width of vehicles and for length of vehicles. The stated intent of the bill is to allow 102-inch wide trailers on all Pennsylvania highways, while still allowing the department and municipalities the ability to restrict these vehicles where necessary on specific roadways.

Status: Transportation  
Position: No Position

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**HB 1743**/PN 2340 (Zimmerman/R-Lancaster) Amends the Fiscal Code adding language providing all fees charged and collected by a commonwealth agency and all administrative fines and penalties assessed by a commonwealth agency for violations and acts subject to the enforcement authority of the agency shall be paid into the General Fund. Provides for a definition of "Commonwealth agency."

Status: Appropriations  
Position: No Position

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**HR 76**/PN 427 (Miller/D-Allegheny) Concurrent Resolution declaring that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is opposed to the enactment and enforcement of a State law, under a Federal mandate, that requires the suspension or revocation, or the delay of issuance or reinstatement, of the driver's license of an individual convicted of a violation of the Controlled Substances Act or another drug offense; urging the Governor to submit a written certification stating the Governor's opposition to the State law along with this resolution to the United States Secretary of Transportation; and accordingly preventing the United States Secretary of Transportation from withholding a specified percentage of Federal transportation apportionments under 23 U.S.C. 159.

Status: Transportation  
Position: No Position

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**HR 262**/PN 1472 (Bullock/D-Philadelphia) Resolution recognizing the month of April 2017 as "Fair Housing Month" in Pennsylvania.

Status: 4/25/17 – Adopted 192-0  
Position: No Position

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**HR 288**/PN 1575 (Kauffman/R-Franklin) Resolution designating the month of May 2017 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.

Status: Noncontroversial  
Position: No Position

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**HR 438**/PN 2251 (Schlossberg/D-Lehigh) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a comprehensive study to determine and report on the potential impact of the use of robots, job automation and artificial

intelligence on occupations, employment and the economy of this Commonwealth. The resolution states the committee to submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives by December 31, 2018.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**HR 461**/PN 2352 (Ortitay/R-Allegheny) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the merits of consolidating Department of Transportation districts.

Status: Transportation  
Position: No Position

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**SB 38** /PN 19 (Hutchinson/R-Butler) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance; in commercial drivers, further providing for implied consent requirements for commercial motor vehicle drivers; in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for reports by emergency room personnel; in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance, for grading and for penalties; and, in powers of Department of Transportation and local authorities, further providing for enforcement agreements. The bill provides for testing of saliva and establishes penalties.

Status: Transportation  
Position: No Position

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**SB 41** /PN 22 (Williams/D-Delaware) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, authorizing the legislature to permit a city of the first class (Philadelphia) to impose taxes for the benefit of the city of the first class on real estate used for business purposes at a tax rate that exceeds the tax rate applicable to other real estate, with certain stipulations. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

Status: Finance  
Position: No position

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**SB 45**/PN 26 (Williams/D-Delaware) The Veterans' Homeownership Assistance Act establishes the Veterans' Homeownership

Assistance Program to award financial assistance to qualified veteran applicants who are first-time homebuyers in the form of grants, no-interest forgivable loans, or deferred loans. The act provides for the application and review process as well as guidelines for the program. The act appropriates \$2.5 million from the General Fund to the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for the period of July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, no more than \$250,000 of which may be used for administrative costs.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

**SB 50/PN 31** (Greenleaf/R-Bucks) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in seller disclosures, requiring the real estate seller disclosure form to disclose the property's location in a flood zone or wetlands area and the property's flood history including the frequency and the extent of flooding.

Status: 3/27/17 Laid on the Table  
Position: Oppose

**SB 51/PN 32** (Greenleaf/R-Bucks) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act requiring the disclosure of flood history to lessees of residential real property.

Status: 1/31/17 Laid on Table  
Position: Oppose

**SB 76/PN 917** (Argall/R-Schuylkill) The Property Tax Independence Act provides for tax levies and information related to taxes; authorizes the imposition of a personal income tax or an earned income tax by a school district subject to voter approval; provides for imposition of and exclusions from a sales and use tax for the stabilization of education funding, for increase to the personal income tax, for certain licenses, for hotel occupancy tax, for procedure and administration of the tax, for expiration of authority to issue certain debt and for reporting by local government units of debt outstanding; establishes the Education Stabilization Fund; provides for disbursements from the Education Stabilization Fund and for senior citizen property tax rent rebate assistance; and makes repeals. The bill authorizes school districts to levy, assess and collect a tax on personal income or a tax on earned income and net profits as a means of abolishing property taxation by the school district. The tax shall be the Sales and Use Tax for the Stabilization of Education Funding and shall be a replacement for the sales and use tax authorized under Article II of the Tax Reform Code and that is repealed by the act. The bill also provides senior citizens with assistance in the form of property tax and rent

rebates. Chapter 3 and section 1505(b)(2) shall take effect June 30, 2018. Chapter 4 shall take effect January 1, 2018. The remainder of the act shall take effect immediately.

Status: Finance  
Position: Opposed, removes the exemption for preowned manufactured homes from PA sales/use tax.

**SB 82/PN 61** (Greenleaf/R-Bucks) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in residential real property, repealing provisions relating to home inspections; providing for home inspections; establishing the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors; providing for licensure of home inspectors and for disciplinary proceedings by the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors; and making an appropriation of \$85,000 from the Professional Licensure Augmentation Account to the Department of State for the payment of costs associated with processing licenses and renewing licenses, for the operation of the Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors and for other costs associated with the implementation of 68 Pa.C.S. Ch. 75A. The bill repeals the current chapter on home inspections and replaces it with a new chapter on home inspections. The Pennsylvania Board of Home Inspectors shall promulgate regulations and the provisions requiring the licensure of home inspectors shall not apply until publication that the regulations are in effect.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: Must include language requiring training, if inspecting mfg and modular homes

**SB 92/PN 261** (Greenleaf/R-Bucks) Amends Act 261, proving all residents of a manufactured housing community the ability to seek binding arbitration if they contend the lot rent increase to be excessive.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: Opposed/ Rent Control

**SB 97/PN 72** (Greenleaf/R-Bucks) Amends the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law requiring manufacturers to disclose a product's estimated lifespan.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

**SB 128/PN 163, 90** (Eichelberger/R-Blair) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) adding a new section stipulating that a municipality may not: (1) enact or administer a mandate requiring an employer to provide

an employee or class of employees with vacation or other forms of leave from employment, paid or unpaid, that is not required by Federal or State law; or (2) require an employer to compensate an employee for any vacation or other forms of leave for which Federal or State law does not require the employee to be compensated. Further provides this new section may not be construed to invalidate a mandate enacted by a municipality prior to January 1, 2015. The new section shall apply retroactively to January 1, 2015.

Status: 7/11/17 Laid on Table  
Position: No Position

**SB 138/PN 92** (Yaw/R-Bradford) Amends the Oil and Gas Lease Act defining "lessee," "lessor," and "joint venture"; further providing for payment information to interest owners by requiring a unique property identification; provides for accumulation of proceeds from production by adding that proceeds shall be paid within 60 days, but proceeds from oil and gas may be remitted quarterly for accumulation of proceeds totaling less than \$100; further provides for conflicts; adds language providing for joint ventures; and provides for a lessor to inspect the records of a lessee. The bill outlines the procedure for inspections for records and provides for confidentiality and for frequency.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

**SB 139/PN 93** (Yaw/R-Bradford) The Natural Gas Lease Anti-Retaliation Act provides protection for a lessor of natural gas rights who reports a violation or suspected violation of a contractual agreement and for remedies and penalties. No lessee may retaliate by ceasing development or production or take other reprisals against a lessor because the lessor takes a good faith action. The bill provides for remedies and enforcement.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

**SB 140/PN 94** (Yaw/R-Bradford) The Natural Gas Consumer Access Act requires each natural gas distribution utility to submit a plan to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) within two years after a franchise territory is awarded that includes data on the service area. The commission will review the plan and implement periodic reviews of the distribution system. At the request of the natural gas distribution utility, the PUC shall maintain confidentiality of specific information deemed to be proprietary. Natural gas distribution utilities will also provide residential, commercial and industrial

customers with customer contribution criteria for extension and expansion, as well as notifications of its distribution system extension and expansion plan and customer contribution criteria once a year. The bill provides for supplemental filing requirements, provisions related to customer contributions, and for definitions.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**SB 141/PN 118** (Yaw/R-Bradford) Amends Title 58 (Oil and Gas) providing for lease extended by production by adding that any portion of land subject to a lease, which is combined with other lands or leases to form a unit, shall be subject to operations and production on and in the unit. The operations and production shall continue a lease in force and effect during or after the primary term according to the lease provisions only as to that portion of the leased land which is included in the unit. Any land covered by a lease and not included in the unit shall not be subject to operations or production on or in the unit. The lease may be kept in force in any manner provided in the lease agreement for leased land not included in an agreement. The bill provides for applicability and definitions.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**SB 142/PN 119** (Yaw/R-Bradford) Amends Title 58 (Oil and Gas), in unconventional oil and gas conservation, consolidating the Oil and Gas Conservation Law with modifications relating to definitions, standard unit order, process, administration, standard of review, hearings and appeals, establishment of units, integration of various interests, lease extension and scope, providing for gas and hazardous liquids pipelines; and repealing the Oil and Gas Conservation Law. The bill adds a chapter providing for Unconventional Oil and Gas Conservation, entitled the Unconventional Oil and Gas Unit Conservation and Integration Act. The chapter seeks to promote the development of unconventional oil and gas resources in accordance with the best principles and practices of oil and gas conservation while reasonably protecting the correlative rights of the person affected and to provide for the protection of the environment.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**SB 159/PN 132** (Tartaglione/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act further providing for procedures for registration as a contractor by requiring a registrant to provide proof of

workers' compensation coverage in compliance with the Workers' Compensation Act.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**SB 164/PN 137** (Tartaglione/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, further providing for the definition of "taxable income," for imposition of tax, for reports and payment of tax and for consolidated reports; and, in general provisions, further providing for underpayment of estimated tax. The goal of the legislation is to close the "Delaware Loophole."

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 183/PN 915** (McGarrigle/R-Chester) The Plumbing Contractors Licensure Act provides for licensure of plumbing contractors; establishes the State Board of Plumbing Contractors and provides for its powers and duties; confers powers and imposes duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; establishes fees, fines and civil penalties; establishes the Plumbing Contractors Licensure Account into which money collected by the board shall be paid and used for payment of the costs of processing licenses and renewals and for other general costs of board operations; and makes an appropriation of \$85,000 to the department for the payment of costs associated with processing and renewing licenses, for the operation of the board and for other costs associated with this act. The appropriation shall be repaid by the department within three years.

Status: Appropriations  
Position: No Position

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**SB 207/PN 195** (Hughes/D-Montgomery) The Healthy Employee and Healthy Workplace Act provides for mandatory statewide employer-paid sick leave for employees for diagnosis, treatment, care, counseling, and emergencies and provides for civil penalties and remedies for violations.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SB 213/PN 197** (Leach/D-Delaware) The Regulate Marijuana Act provides for personal use of marijuana by adults over the age of 21 and for lawful operation of marijuana-related facilities. Further provides for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) under the proposed act.

Requires the PLCB to adopt regulations necessary for the implementation of the act no later than July 1, 2018 and provides the regulations may not prohibit the operation of a marijuana establishment, either expressly or through a regulation that makes the operation unreasonably impracticable. Also provides for what shall be included in the regulations.

Further adds provisions relating to individual privacy; locality; ordinance or regulation by a locality; and employers, minors and control of policy. Requires the General Assembly to enact an excise tax upon marijuana sold or otherwise transferred by a marijuana cultivation facility to a marijuana product manufacturing facility or to a retail marijuana store.

Status: Law and Justice  
Position: No Position

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**SB 231/PN 214** (Boscola/D-Lehigh) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) adding that offenders subject to registration due to a conviction for an offense wherein the victim was a minor may not reside within 1,000 feet of the real property on which is located any public, private or parochial school, licensed preschool program, certified day-care center, registered family day-care home, public playground recreation center or playground. No such person shall establish a residence, maintain a residence or other living accommodation within 500 feet of any point at which transportation is provided to students of any public, private or parochial school except that provided by a fixed-route public transportation service. Lastly, no such person who is subject to any order of parole, probation or supervision may be placed by any governmental authority in any residential setting that does not comply with the provisions of this section. These new requirements shall not require the offender to sell or otherwise dispose of any real estate, home or other real property or to cancel any lease of real property that was acquired or entered prior to the effective date of the legislation.

Status: Judiciary  
Position: No Position

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**SB 235/PN 217** (Leach/D-Delaware) Amends the Pennsylvania Human Relation Act further providing for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, for definitions and for unlawful discriminatory practices. The bill adds marital status and familial status to the scope of the act.

Status: Labor and Industry

Position: No Position

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**SB 242/PN 223** (Baker/R-Luzern) Amends the Underground Utility Line Protection Law further providing extensively for definitions, for duties of facility owners, for duties of the One Call System, for duties of excavators, for duties of designers, for duties of project owners and for penalties; providing for enforcement, for underground utility line protection fund and for compliance; and further providing for One Call System authority and for expiration. Among the many changes, facility owners shall maintain existing records of main lines abandoned on or after the effective date and to mark, locate or identify the main lines if possible, based upon the existing records. A damage prevention committee is established to review reports of violations, issue warnings and determinations and require persons to attend damage prevention educational programs.

Status: 6/21/17 Passed Senate 50-0, House Consumer Affairs  
Position: No Position

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**SB 269/PN 874, 755, 256** (Baker/R-Luzern) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions, adding that the Uniform Construction Code Review and Advisory Council shall also gather information from construction trades and consumer representatives; repealing provisions providing for review; reconstituting the membership of the council and providing for removal of members; requiring members to participate in person, via teleconference, or via video conference; establishing technical advisory committees; providing for review of updated sections and adoption of updated sections into Uniform Construction Code; in Uniform Construction Code, further providing for revised or successor codes; in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement; in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for education and training programs; and, in exemptions, applicability and penalties, further providing for applicability to certain buildings. Additionally, the fee collected shall be allocated as follows: 40 percent in the Municipal Code Official Training Account, 40 percent in the Construction Contractor Training Account, and 20 percent in the Review and Advisory Council Administration Account to be used by the Department of Labor and Industry.  
Note: Includes technical amendment to fix the modular seat on the RAC.

Status: 5/24/17 Passed Senate 40-10, House Labor and Industry

Position: Support

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**SB 296/PN 291** (Fontana/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in seller disclosures, requiring that the disclosure form include a statement regarding lead paint in homes built before 1978 and a statement regarding lead contamination in drinking water.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**SB 297/PN 299, 292** (Tomlinson/R-Bucks) Amends the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act further providing for definitions, for registration of contractors, for home improvement fraud and for prohibited acts. The bill authorizes the bureau to refuse to register a person or suspend or revoke a registration issued to a person in certain circumstances. The bill provides for appeals of such decisions. Home improvement fraud would include entering into a home improvement agreement without first registering with the bureau as provided for under this act.

Status: 4/25/17 Laid on Table  
Position: No Position

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**SB 332/PN 330** (Yaw/R-Lycoming) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles by prohibiting individuals from smoking in a vehicle that is transporting a child under 12 years of age; and imposing a penalty of a summary offense with a \$100 fine for a first offense and a summary offense with a \$250 fine for any subsequent offenses.

Status: 6/30/17 Laid on Table  
Position: No Position

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**SB 334/PN 332** (Fontana/D-Allegheny) repeals Act 58 of 1949 and replaces it with the newly created "Sewage Disposal System Act," providing for expenditure of public funds for private lateral sewer lines; and further providing for grants of moneys. The bill enables municipalities and municipal authorities to make public funds available to repair or replace broken laterals on private property when the leaks pose a threat to the public health or safety. A municipality or municipal authority may use public funds for the improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines connected to sewage disposal systems, where the municipality or municipal authority determines that those activities will benefit the sewage disposal system or the public

health, or will prevent damages to public property. Before using public funds, the municipality or municipal authority shall consider the available public funds, equipment, personnel and facilities and the competing demands of the municipality for the public funds, equipment, personnel and facilities. No municipality or municipal authority that has completed the improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private sewer lines shall be deemed to be the owner of the private lateral sewer lines, or to have any further responsibility to conduct those activities, unless the municipality or municipal authority makes an affirmative determination to accept such obligations.

Status: Appropriations  
Position: No Position

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**SB 339/PN 337** (Browne/R-Lehigh) Amends the Housing Finance Agency Law, in the agency, further providing for agency membership by removing the Secretary of Community Affairs and Secretary of Commerce and adding the Secretary of Community and Economic Development, Secretary of Banking and Securities, and Insurance Commissioner; and making an editorial change.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**SB 347/PN 375** (Browne/R-Lehigh) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution further providing for exemptions and special provisions by increasing the limit to exclusions authorized from one half of the median of the assessed value of all homestead properties within a local taxing jurisdiction to 100 percent. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 354/PN 710, 348** (Tomlinson/R-Bucks) Strengthens licensee reporting requirements to the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs' 29 licensing boards and licensee suspensions, by providing each licensing board and commission with authority identical to that provided to the Medical Boards since 1985. Each board would have the ability to automatically suspend a licensee, under circumstances determined by the respective

licensing board, to be an "immediate and clear danger to the public health and safety."

Status: 5/8/17 Passed Senate 47-0, 6/28/17 passed House 198-0, Senate Rules  
Position: No Position

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**SB 356/PN 350** (Tomlinson/R-Bucks) The Senior Citizens Property Tax Freeze Act provides definitions and sets the age for eligibility at 65 or older. Any person who meets the age requirements shall be eligible for a property tax freeze and shall not be liable for paying any increases in taxes. Application procedure for the tax freeze is provided and the freeze shall continue until the property is transferred, upon which time the property tax rate shall be made current. The increase upon transfer applies unless the property is transferred to a surviving spouse within six months of death and so long as the surviving spouse is at least 62 years of age. The Department of Revenue shall reimburse local authorities for the tax difference. The act shall be retroactive to tax years beginning January 1, 2016, and thereafter and take effect immediately.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 372/PN 363** (Brooks/R-Crawford) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act excluding from the act patio covers, decks that are no more than 30 inches above grade at any point and attached or accessory to a residential building, and accessory structures that are attached to a residential building that cover an entranceway and no more than one story high and not more than 200 square feet.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SB 376/PN 366** (Costa/D-Allegheny) Amends the Second-Class County Code further providing for tax relief and use of disbursements by modifying the property ownership requirement to make an individual eligible for the county program if the person was the owner occupier of a primary residence in the county for a period of at least twenty years, moved for a period of time and then resumed status as an owner occupier of a primary residence in the county for not less than two years.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 377/PN 367** (Costa/D-Allegheny) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act to prohibit a landlord

and tenant from entering into a lease or agreement to assign or pay any portion of any rebate, to which a tenant may be entitled, to the landlord or to the landlord's assignee or representative. The bill provides for penalties, enforcement by the Attorney General, and definitions.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 384/PN 384** (Farnese/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Assessors Certification Act repealing provisions relating to non-applicability for first class counties (Philadelphia); and providing for assessors in counties of the first class by granting them three years from the effective date of the section to become certified.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**SB 417/PN 412** (Rafferty/R-Berks) Exempts owners of house trailers and mobile homes from paying real estate tax.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 434/PN 473** (Argall/R-Schuylkill) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) adding sections providing title to real property may be acquired after no less than ten years of actual, continuous, exclusive, visible, distinct and hostile possession of real property under certain situations and circumstances. Further provides for mesne profits and for reimbursement.

Status: 6/6/17 passed Senate 49-0 , House  
Judiciary  
Position: No Position

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**SB 463/PN 456** (Blake/D-Lackawanna) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, further providing for definitions, for imposition of tax, for reports and payment of tax and for consolidated reports; providing for mandatory combined reporting; and, in general provisions, further providing for underpayment of estimated tax. The bill gradually reduces the Corporate Net Income Tax over a five-year period from its current 9.99 percent, to 6.99 percent, and provides for a phased closing of the so called "Delaware Loophole" by implementing mandatory combined reporting.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 470/PN 463** (Blake/D-Lackawanna) Amends the Housing Finance Agency Law, in Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Program, further providing for definitions and for fund. The governing body of a county may, by ordinance, increase fees charged by the recorder of deeds for recording any documents except: (1) In counties of the second, second class A, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth class, deeds and mortgages; and (2) In counties of the first class, deeds, mortgages and related mortgage documents that are or may be subject to 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 60 Subch. C (relating to affordable housing programs and funding in cities of first class). The additional fees shall not exceed 100 percent of the amounts charged under the Second Class County Recorder of Deeds Fee Law or the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law. The additional fees levied by a governing body of a county of the first class shall not exceed 100 percent of the amounts charged by a city or county of the first class for recording documents other than deeds, mortgages and other related mortgage documents. At least 75 percent of the money collected shall be deposited into the fund and a county may retain up to 25 percent for local affordable housing efforts.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**SB 471/PN 941, 467** (Blake/D-Lackawanna) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in real property, adding a chapter providing for real estate foreclosure of vacant and abandoned property and for sheriff's commission and credit or attorney fees.

Status: Senate Calendar  
Position: No Position

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**SB 478/PN 477** (Bartolotta/R-Beaver) The Epinephrine Auto-Injector Entity Act provides for the use and stock of epinephrine auto-injectors by recreation camps, colleges and universities, day-care facilities, youth sports leagues, amusement parks, restaurants, places of employment, and sports arenas. Requires completed training by employees of eligible institutions before administration and provides Good Samaritan protections.

Status: Health and Human Services  
Position: No Position

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**SB 479/PN 468** (Dinniman/D-Chester) The Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Act requires an employer to provide up to six weeks of the same leave to an eligible employee to which the eligible employee is



entitled under the Family and Medical Leave Act with respect to a spouse, son, daughter or parent, but only for the eligible employee's sibling, grandparent or grandchild, provided the sibling, grandparent or grandchild has no living spouse, child over 17 years of age or parent under 65 years of age.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SB 505/PN 501** (Brooks/R-Crawford) Amends the Tax Reform Code decreasing the corporate net income tax incrementally to 6.99 percent by January 1, 2023.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 513/PN 524** (Mensch/R-Berks) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in personal income tax, reducing the tax rate on residents and non-residents from of three and seven hundredths percent for taxable years ending December 31, 2017, to two and ninety-nine hundredths percent for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; and freezing certain funds for programs.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 514/PN 525** (Mensch/R-Berks) Amends the Tax Reform Code incrementally decreasing the Corporate Net Income tax to 4.99 percent by January 1, 2020.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 515/PN 526** (Mensch/R-Berks) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, setting the net loss deduction as the forty-four percent of taxable income in tax years beginning January 1, 2017.

Status: Appropriations  
Position: No Position

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**SB 516/PN 527** (Mensch/R-Berks) Amends the Tax Reform Code establishing a career development tax credit for an employee who is employed by a Pennsylvania taxpayer, enrolled in an employer-operated training program certified by the Department of Labor and Industry, and averages at least 30 hours of work per week at the time training begins and for a period of 12 months after it is completed. The credit shall be in the amount of 25% of the taxpayer's total qualified training expense for the taxable year.

Applicable to tax years 2015 onward and effective immediately.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 529/PN 854** (Wagner/R-York) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in dissemination of criminal history record information, further providing for general regulations and for order for limited access, providing for clean slate for convictions of misdemeanors and summary offenses, for charges not leading to convictions and for records of juvenile delinquency and for effects of expunged offenses and offenses provided limited access and further providing for use of records by licensing agencies. Further provides for availability of sealed criminal records where federal law requires the consideration of a criminal history for purposes of employment; clarifies that sealing under the legislation will not be available for any offenses until the offender has paid all restitution and other court ordered obligations and ten years have passed since the most recent offense; that sealing will not be available for violent offenses involving danger to the person, offenses against the family, offenses involving firearms and other dangerous articles, offenses involving the registration of sex offenders, indecent exposure, implements of escape, or cruelty to animals. Further clarifies that the sealing applies to both criminal records and records of juvenile delinquency; and provides that within 30 days of eligibility for sealing, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts shall prepare a list of cases that are believed to be eligible and the Pennsylvania State Police shall have the opportunity to object to any case on that list. Explicitly grants immunity to employers from any civil action based on damages allegedly suffered as the result of criminal conduct by a person that is hired after their criminal record is sealed.

Status: Judiciary  
Position: No Position

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**SB 586/PN 661** (Argall/R-Schuylkill) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in consolidated county assessment, further providing for appeals by taxing districts and providing for standards of redress in appeals. The bill provides that a taxing district may not appeal the assessment of property based on the: purchase or sale of the property; purchase or sale of a partial or total interest in the entity holding legal title to the property; financing or refinancing of the property; or certain investments in the property. The bill outlines circumstances when a taxing district

does have the right to appeal an assessment and outlines standards of redress in appeals.

Status: Appropriations  
Position: Support

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**SB 587/PN 662** (Baker/R-Luzern) The Statutory Construction of Wage and Hour Laws Act provides for statutory construction of Pennsylvania wage and hour laws. The following apply: (1) The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, shall be construed in pari materia with 29 U.S.C. Ch. 9 (relating to portal-to-portal pay) and sections 7 and 13 and the other provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 1060, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.), including regulations in effect on or after the effective date; and (2) The minimum cash wage for tipped employees shall be \$2.83 per hour. If the minimum cash wage for tipped employees set forth in the Fair Labor Standards Act is increased above this rate, the rate shall be increased by the same amounts and effective the same date as the increases under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The bill provides for construction, inconsistent repeals, and abrogates regulations.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SB 602/PN 679** (Rafferty/R-Berks) The Fair Employment Act prohibits employment of illegal aliens and requires affidavit that the business entity does not employ such aliens; requires participation in the Basic Pilot Program as a condition for Commonwealth contracts or grants exceeding \$10,000; prohibits business tax deductions for certain compensation to unauthorized aliens; requires suspension of licenses, registrations and certificates of incorporation under similar circumstances; and authorizes a private cause of action.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SB 603/PN 680** (Rafferty/R-Berks) The Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Act provides for remediation of real property contaminated by methamphetamine production, for decontamination guidelines to be developed by Department of Health and for restitution; prohibiting certain activity relating to certain property; providing for enforcement; establishing immunity for real estate professionals under certain circumstances; and authorizing fees. The bill requires the owner or lessor of real property to disclose that the property was used as a location to manufacture methamphetamine

and provides rules and guidelines related to reporting, restitution, removal and remediation.

Status: Health and Human Services  
Position: No Position

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**SB 613/PN 750** (Browne/R-Lehigh) Amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act further providing for the title of the act, for findings and declaration of policy, for right to freedom from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation, for definitions, for unlawful discriminatory practices and for prohibition of certain real estate practices; providing for protection of religious exercise; and further providing for powers and duties of commission, for educational program and for construction and exclusiveness of remedy. The bill adds protections for sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression to the scope. The act shall not prohibit an employer from requiring an employee, during the employee's hours at work, to adhere to reasonable dress or grooming standards not prohibited by other provisions of Federal, State or local law, provided that the employer permits an employee to adhere to the dress or grooming standards that are consistent with the employee's gender identity or expression.

Status: State Government  
Position: No Position

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**SB 615/PN 689** (White/R-Armstrong) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act, in taxation by school districts, repealing definitions and further providing for adoption of preliminary budget proposals, for information to school districts, for property tax limits on reassessment and for public referendum requirements for increasing certain taxes. The stated intent is to require any future real estate tax increases levied by school districts to be ratified by voter referendum.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 639/PN 727** (Fontana/D-Allegheny) amends the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act further providing for definitions; and providing for additional use of funds for financial assistance. "Project" is amended to include private lateral sewer lines and private lateral water lines. A governmental unit may use financial assistance received under this act for the

improvement, extension, repair or rehabilitation of private lateral sewer lines connected to public sewer systems or private lateral water lines connected to public water systems where the governmental unit determines that those activities will benefit the public system. A governmental unit that has completed those activities shall not be deemed to be the owner of the private lateral lines or to have any further responsibility to conduct those activities, unless the governmental unit makes an affirmative determination to accept those obligations. **NOTE:** Under the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act ([Act 16 of 1988](#)) a "Governmental unit" is defined as follows: Any agency of the Commonwealth or any county, municipality or school district, or any agency, instrumentality, authority or corporation thereof, or any public body having local or regional jurisdiction or power. PENNVEST supports.

Status: 6/21/17 passed Senate 50-1, House Environmental Resources & Energy.  
Position: No Position

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**SB 646/PN 1052** (Killion/R-Chester) Amends the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, in recycling fee, extending the recycling fee sunset date by one year, to January 1, 2021. Repeals provisions transferring funds to the Solid Waste Abatement Fund.

Status: 6/13/17 Passed Senate 49-0, 7/22/17 House Calendar  
Position: No Position

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**SB 656/PN 978,846** (Fontana/D-Allegheny) amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) authorizing municipalities and municipal authorities to use public funds to repair or replace contaminated, private water lateral lines when they pose a threat to public health or safety. As amended, the bill permits municipalities and municipal authorities to designate public funds for the replacement of both types of private lines – water and sewer.

Status: 6/21/17 passed Senate 50-0, Laid on Table in House  
Position: No Position

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**SB 663/PN 781** (Laughlin/R-Erie) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement by requiring the retention of three (increased from one) or more construction code officials or third party agencies to act on behalf of the municipality for administration and enforcement of the act. Further, the bill

provides for fee limitations by stipulating that a municipality administering and enforcing this act shall collect fees that represent the actual administrative costs of code enforcement and annually report to the department regarding the fees collected and costs of the program.

Status: Senate Calendar  
Position: No Position

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**SB 689/PN 847** (Eichelberger/R-Blair) Amends the Real Estate Appraisers Certification Act further providing for definitions of "certified Pennsylvania evaluator" and "professional member"; and for State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers by requiring 10 Commonwealth resident members (changed from eight), six of whom shall be persons who are State-certified real estate appraisers, two shall be certified Pennsylvania evaluators, and two shall be public members. The Governor shall nominate one certified Pennsylvania evaluator to serve a two-year term and one certified Pennsylvania evaluator to serve a four-year term within 90 days of the effective date.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**SB 724/PN 858** (Rafferty/R-Berks) Updates the committee structure and responsibilities of the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee. PMHA will have a specific seat representing the oversized load industry.

Status: 6/26/17 Laid on Table  
Position: Support

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**SB 727/PN 862** (Fontana/D-Allegheny) Amends the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in duties of licensees, mandating that a sales contract include a statement indicating the buyer may elect to have lead levels in water tested.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**SB 735/PN 898** (Brewster/D-Allegheny) Amends the Real Estate Tax Sale Law adding language establishing an optional County Demolition and Rehabilitation Fund in certain counties. The fee assessed for each property sold for delinquent taxes shall be used towards the demolition or rehabilitation of dilapidated buildings on blighted properties within the county. Further provides the governing body may impose a fee no greater than ten

percent of the assessed price of a property being sold for delinquent taxes and shall provide a public notice. Also requires the fund to be used by the county and, with approval, any non-for-profit or for-profit corporation that has a contract for the demolition or rehabilitation of blighted property located in the county.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing  
Position: No Position

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**SB 764/PN 956** (Gordner/R-Northumberland) Amends the Board of Vehicles Act clarifying the definitions of "motor home" and "recreational vehicles" and consolidating relevant language from multiple titles under a single chapter. Provides for territory and alteration of agreements between dealers and manufacturers, cancellation, termination or non-renewal of dealer-manufacturer agreements, repurchase of inventory, transfer of dealerships, warranty obligations, indemnification from warranty, coercion, and mediation.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**SB 768/PN 965** (Costa/D-Allegheny) Amends The Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, further providing for imposition of tax, repealing provisions relating to computation of tax, providing for tax table and further providing for alternate imposition of tax and credits and for hotel occupancy tax imposition; in personal income tax, further providing for imposition of tax; providing for school district property tax and rent rebates; and establishing the School District Property Tax and Rent Rebate Fund. The bill establishes a tax of 6.6 percent (changed from six percent) on each separate sale at retail of tangible person property or services. Repeals computation of tax provisions and allows the department to create a table for setting purchase prices that result in a tax containing a fraction of less than one cent. Also provides for property tax rebate qualifications and limitations, not to exceed \$2,090, said to be based on the average school property tax paid by residential school property tax payers across Pennsylvania and divided by the total number of homesteads and farmsteads in the state. Provides for filing, application, review, regulations, and a report to the General Assembly. The bill also adds the School District Property Tax and Rent Rebate Fund to be used by the department to carry out the provisions of the act. This act shall apply to sales and uses occurring or commencing 120 days after the effective date of this section.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 779/PN 974** (Tomlinson/R-Bucks) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals; and, in trade and commerce, further providing for the offense of discrimination on account of guide, signal or service dog or other aid animal. The act is updated to include service, guide or support dogs.

Status: Judiciary  
Position: No Position

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**SB 794/PN 1005** (Mensch/R-Berks) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, adding that, in "taxable income," a qualified manufacturing reinvestment deduction shall be allowed from taxable income as proscribed in a satisfaction commitment letter executed between the Department of Community and Economic Development and a taxpayer. The deduction is established in the bill, which is available to a taxpayer that demonstrate to the department a capital investment in excess of \$100,000,000 for the creation of new or refurbished manufacturing capacity within three years.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 811/PN 1055** (Tartaglione/D-Philadelphia) The Manufacturing and Apprenticeship Grant Program Act establishes the Manufacturing and Apprenticeship Grant Program, to issue grants of up to \$2,000 per applicant to promote manufacturing training that transition to careers across the commonwealth. Imposes powers and duties on the Department of Community and Economic Development. Up to \$5 million in state funds appropriated for the Pennsylvania First Program, the Opportunity Grant Program, and the Infrastructure Development Program, and not encumbered by the effective date of the bill, may not be encumbered and shall remain in the General Fund to effectuate the act.

Status: Community, Economic & Recreational Development  
Position: No Position

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**SB 812/PN 1056** (Tartaglione/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Tax Reform Code, adjusting the definition of "taxable income," and providing

for business income, net loss deduction, unfair penalties and benefits, tax havens, and for a gradual reduction in the corporate net income tax rate.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 824/PN 1048** (Schwank/D-Berks) Amends the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling & Waste Reduction Act, in recycling and waste reduction, further providing for municipal implementation of recycling programs; and, in enforcement and remedies, further providing for affirmative defense. The bill states a municipality other than a county may impose and collect a fee or similar charge to support a municipal recycling program as provided. It also establishes that nothing in this section shall be construed to preclude an affirmative defense due to the recycling fee authorized under section 1501(e)(1.1) or any other law.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**SB 832/PN 1101** (Eichelberger/R-Blair) Amends the Assessors Certification Act clarifying that revaluation company personnel who are directly responsible for the valuation of real property must be certified as a Certified Pennsylvania Evaluator (CPE). Requires an individual who is employed by a revaluation company and is directly responsible for the development of a property valuation model to meet the educational requirements of the Act and be certified as a CPE. Also requires the completion of a basic course of study that includes instruction on the judicial interpretation of the Pennsylvania Constitution's uniformity clause. Makes other technical and clarifying changes to the Act.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**SB 835/PN 1130** (Dinniman/D-Chester) Amends the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; in application of act and penalties, further providing for unlawful to conduct business without license or registration certificate, for criminal penalties and for exclusions; in powers and duties of the State Real Estate Commission in general, further providing for administration and enforcement; adding provisions relating to land agent registration certificates; and, in duties of licensees, further providing for prohibited acts. The bill adds land agents to the scope of the act and adds a subchapter

providing for land agent registration certificates.

Status: Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
Position: No Position

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**SB 842/PN 1103** (Hughes/D-Philadelphia) The Ex-Offender Increased Access to Employment Act provides for employer prescreening and for administration of act and rulemaking authority; imposes penalties; establishes the Ex-Offender Increased Access to Employment Enforcement Fund; makes an appropriation; and provides for construction of act. The legislation, commonly referred to as "ban the box" legislation, outlines when an employer may inquire about criminal history of an applicant. The money recovered as civil penalties shall be deposited into the Ex-Offender Increased Access to Employment Enforcement Fund, to be appropriated to the Department of Labor and Industry to enforce employer violations.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SB 843/PN 1104** (Scavello/R-Monroe) Amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in comprehensive plan, further providing for preparation of comprehensive plan by adding that the plan shall identify, by name and physical location, the residential and mixed-use condominiums, cooperatives and planned communities, as well as the total land area, lot size and number of units of each; and, to the extent available, the infrastructure of each, including, but not limited to, information concerning the presence and condition of sanitary sewer, water and storm water systems, recreation facilities and roadways. The municipality may post the information to the municipality's website and shall provide any requested paper copies for a fee not to exceed the fees set under section 1307 of the Right-to-Know Law.

Status: Local Government  
Position: No Position

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**SB 853/PN 1117** (Yudichak/D-Carbon) Amends the Tax Reform Code adding a chapter providing of a livable home tax credit. A taxpayer who purchases a primary residence or modifies the taxpayer's existing primary residence shall be allowed a credit for features or alterations that are designed to improve accessibility within or related to the residence and that meet eligibility guidelines established by the department. The credit shall be allowed

for the taxable year in which the new primary residence is purchased or the alteration of the existing residence is completed. The credit allowed under this section may not exceed the sum of \$5,000 for the addition or inclusion of accessibility features within or related to the primary residence; or accessibility alterations within or related to an existing primary residence. The total amount of credits granted during a fiscal year may not exceed \$1,000,000.

Status: Finance  
Position: No Position

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**SB 862/PN 1125** (Leach/D-Delaware) The Paid Family Leave Act provides not less than 12 weeks of leave at full pay shall be provided for new parents who work more than 20 hours per week at companies with at least 20 employees. Stipulates that eligible employees taking leave are entitled to the same protections and rights that an eligible employee is entitled to under the Family Medical Leave Act.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SB 865/PN 1128** (Wagner/R-York) Amends the Minimum Wage Act raising the minimum wage to \$7.75 an hour beginning July 1, 2018, to \$8.25 an hour beginning July 1, 2019, and to \$8.75 an hour beginning July 1, 2020. Exempts employees 18 and under. Pre-empts any local ordinance or rule that would raise the minimum wage higher than the minimum wage set forth in the act.

Status: Labor and Industry  
Position: No Position

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**SR 33/PN 481** (Yudichak/D-Carbon) Resolution establishing a two-member Senate task force on lead exposure and the hazards of lead poisoning. Provides the President pro tempore shall appoint one member and the Minority Leader shall appoint one member. Directs the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee to the task force and provides for its membership. Requires the commission, working with the advisory committee to conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of laws, regulations, policies and procedures of the Commonwealth and other states regarding an assessment of lead exposure as a public health concern. Further provides for the content of review and analysis. Also, requires the commission to issue a report of the task force's findings and recommendations to the Senate within 18 months of the adoption of the resolution.

Status: Environmental Resources and Energy  
Position: No Position

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**SR 78/PN 721** (Tomlinson/R-Bucks) Resolution designating the month of April 2017 as "Pennsylvania 8-1-1 Safe Digging Month."

Status: 4/18/17 Adopted  
Position: No Position

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**SR 101/PN 772** (Ward/R-Westmoreland) Resolution recognizing the month of May 2017 as "Building Safety Month" in Pennsylvania and encouraging residents to participate in "Building Safety Month" activities.

Status: 4/26/17 Adopted  
Position: No Position

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**SR 102/PN 783** (Brooks/R-Crawford) Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study to analyze and identify which transportation laws and regulations of this Commonwealth have more stringent standards than Federal law requires.

Status: Transportation  
Position: No Position

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