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Bill Actions

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| <p>N HB 179</p> | <p>Day, Gary(R)</p> | <p>(PN 142) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; and, in violations and penalties, further providing for unauthorized operation by carriers and brokers. Adds any individual who provides or furnishes transportation of household property between residential dwellings for compensation as a common carrier. Establishes violations under subsection (b) as a third degree misdemeanor with a fine of \$5,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense. Effective in 60 days.</p> |
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Bill History:

05-10-17 H Removed from the table
06-26-17 H Set on the House Calendar
06-26-17 H Laid on the table
06-26-17 H Removed from the table
07-11-17 H Set on the House Calendar

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| <p>N HB 188</p> | <p>Causer, Martin(R)</p> | <p>(PN 155) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees by increasing the income threshold to \$23,500. Effective in 60</p> |
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days.

Bill History:

06-14-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-14-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-14-17 S First consideration
 07-09-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-09-17 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

 [HB 218](#)

[Saylor, Stanley\(R\)](#)

(PN 2196) The General Appropriation Act of 2017 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the executive and judicial departments, the state government support agencies and the general assembly of the commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the state lottery fund, the tobacco settlement fund, the aviation restricted account, the hazardous material response fund, the state stores fund, the milk marketing fund, the home investment trust fund, the emergency medical services operating fund, the tuition account guaranteed savings program fund, the banking fund, the firearm records check fund, the ben franklin technology development authority fund, the oil and gas lease fund, the home improvement account, the cigarette fire safety and firefighter protection act enforcement fund, the insurance regulation and oversight fund, the Pennsylvania racehorse development restricted receipt account, the justice reinvestment fund, the multimodal transportation fund, the state racing fund and the able savings program fund to the executive department; to provide appropriations from the judicial computer system augmentation account to the judicial department for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the motor license fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for the proper operation of several departments of the commonwealth and the Pennsylvania state police authorized to spend motor license fund money; to provide for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments of the commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and to provide for the additional appropriation of federal and state funds from the general fund, the state lottery fund and the tobacco settlement fund for the executive and judicial departments of the commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The bill is effective immediately or July 1, 2017, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 162, 1236)

Bill History:

06-30-17 H Signed in the House
 06-30-17 S Signed in the Senate
 06-30-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-10-17 G Last day for Governor's action
 07-11-17 G Became law without Governor's signature (Act: 1A)

 [HB 283](#)

[Baker, Matt\(R\)](#)

(PN 269) Amends the act entitled "An act designating: A portion of State Routes 108 and 551 in Lawrence County as the Battery B Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer,

Indiana County, as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial Bridge. A bridge on State Route 2014 over the Muncy Creek in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Private Walter L. Smith Spanish-American War Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 2044 in Lycoming County as the Lance Corporal William F. Merrill Vietnam Veterans Highway. The bridge on State Route 225 that crosses the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as the Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 1026, Section 004 over the Cocalico Creek, Denver Borough, and West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Samuel L. Snyder Memorial Bridge. An overpass on State Route 49 over State Route 15, Lawrence Township, Tioga County, as the Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. A portion of Blair Mill Road in Montgomery County as the PVT William H. Walls, U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway. The overpass on State Route 3145 over Interstate 376, BMS 02-3145-0010-0537, in the Market District at Settlers Ridge, Robinson Township, Allegheny County, as the Roy F. Johns, Jr., Overpass. A portion of State Route 51 North in the Borough of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, as the Fred A. Trello Memorial Boulevard. A certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Edwin "Lance" Wentzel Memorial Interchange. The bridge carrying State Route 2005 (Business Route 222) over the Schuylkill River, Riverfront Drive and Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Reading, Berks County, commonly referred to as the Bingaman Street Bridge, as the 65th U.S. Infantry Regiment, Borinqueneers Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 36 over the Chest Creek, Patton Borough, Cambria County, as the Martin Joseph Davis Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 1008 in Fayetteville, Franklin County, as the James W. Cutchall Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Mechanicsburg Borough, Cumberland County, as the Corporal Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge. The bridge on that portion of Township Route 431/436, Cooney Road, over U.S. Route 22 in Munster Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Thomas A. Cooney Memorial Bridge. The bridge on Tower Road spanning U.S. Route 219 in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Herbert A. Wirfel Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of Greenwood Avenue over the SEPTA tracks in Cheltenham Township and Jenkintown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Honorable Lawrence H. Curry Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 144 over the Bald Eagle Creek, Milesburg Borough, Centre County, as the Veterans Bridge. An interchange on Pennsylvania Turnpike Route 66 in Westmoreland County as the David B. Sheridan Memorial Interchange. A bridge on that portion of State Route 217 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and 2nd Street in Derry Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge," further providing for Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-27-17 H Signed in the House
 06-27-17 S Signed in the Senate

06-28-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-08-17 G Last day for Governor's action
 07-07-17 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 15)

 [HB 290](#)

[Metzgar, Carl\(R\)](#)

(PN 2217) Amends the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board removing the Middle Atlantic Truck Stop Operators from the board and adding a statewide organization representing fuel retailers and food merchants. Also provides for the appointments to the board by the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader. The Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program and the Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program shall cease to exist on June 30, 2022, unless reestablished. Changes the allocation for the Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program to \$750,000 (increased from \$500,000) and provides for investigation and closure costs by allowing the Department of Environmental Protection to request additional funding for regulation in enforcement. The provisions relating to the sunset of the Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program and the Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program shall take effect immediately and the remainder shall take effect in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 284, 339, 1478, 2068, 2087)

Bill History:

07-09-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-09-17 Laid out for discussion 8:41pm
 07-09-17 Third consideration 8:41pm
 07-09-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
 07-10-17 H Received as amended in House and rereferred House Rules

 [HB 831](#)

[Keller, Mark\(R\)](#)

(PN 1840) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for following too closely. The bill allows the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle that is being driven in an organized motorcycle procession to park or stand irrespective of provisions and proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started through the intersection while the signal indicator was green, only if the lead and trailing vehicle or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession is equipped with and displays a yellow flashing light, lighted head lamps and emergency flashers. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1178)

Bill History:

06-16-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation
 06-30-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-30-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-30-17 S First consideration
 07-11-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 [HB 1152](#)

[Boback, Karen\(R\)](#)

(PN 2165) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of an individual from a motor vehicle if the

individual is believed to be in imminent danger and in need of assistance to exit the vehicle. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1375)

Bill History:

07-07-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 07-07-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
 07-07-17 Laid out for discussion 1:37pm
 07-07-17 Third consideration 1:37pm
 07-07-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:190/N: 0)

 [HB 1187](#) [Taylor, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 1841) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system on US Route 1 in Philadelphia from the Bucks County Line to I-76. Provides requirements for the City of Philadelphia pertaining to management of the program, and for department approval. Further provides a definition of "automated speed enforcement system" and authorizes the use of radar and lidar in the devices in the system. Also outlines rules governing violations. The addition of Title 75 3369 (e) shall take effect 60 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice under section 2. The remainder of the act is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1409)

Bill History:

05-24-17 H Laid on the table
 06-29-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
 06-29-17 H Removed from the table
 06-29-17 H Laid on the table
 07-11-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

 [HB 1216](#) [Farry, Frank\(R\)](#)

(PN 2203) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for rescue from motor vehicle, waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of a dog or cat from a motor vehicle if the animal is believed to be in imminent danger. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1444, 2166)

Bill History:

07-07-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 07-07-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
 07-07-17 Laid out for discussion 1:39pm
 07-07-17 Third consideration 1:39pm
 07-07-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:190/N: 0)

 [HB 1219](#) [Reed, Dave\(R\)](#)

(PN 1447) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1012, known as the Diamondville Bridge, Cherryhill Township, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Robert Eugene Goodlin Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-28-17 H Signed in the House
 06-28-17 S Signed in the Senate
 06-28-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-08-17 G Last day for Governor's action
 07-07-17 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 18)

 [HB 1288](#) [Marshall, Jim\(R\)](#)

(PN 1578) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard. The bill adds optometrist to persons who can certify a statement that the person is disabled. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation


 [HB 1294](#) [Ward, Judith\(R\)](#)

06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S First consideration
 07-11-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

(PN 2013) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Purple Heart by allowing the plate to be used on a motorcycle. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1590)

Bill History:

07-07-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 07-07-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
 07-07-17 Laid out for discussion 1:45pm
 07-07-17 Third consideration 1:45pm
 07-07-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:190/N: 0)

 [HB 1346](#) [Pyle, Jeff\(R\)](#)

(PN 2167) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally), in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft. Includes an exception, with conditions, for aerial data collection. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1672)

Bill History:

07-07-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 07-07-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
 07-07-17 Laid out for discussion 2:02pm
 07-07-17 Third consideration 2:02pm
 07-07-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:190/N: 0)

 [HB 1426](#) [Fee, Mindy\(R\)](#)

(PN 1794) 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. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

07-08-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 39/N: 10)
 07-09-17 H Signed in the House
 07-09-17 S Signed in the Senate
 07-10-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-20-17 G Last day for Governor's action

 [HB 1431](#) [Masser, Kurt\(R\)](#)

(PN 2156) Act designating that portion of State Routes 54, 901 and 2023 in Northumberland County and Schuylkill County as the Honorable Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating Exit 18 of State Route 43, known as the Searights Road interchange, in Fayette County as the Staff Sgt. John P. Wanto Vietnam Veteran Exit; designating Exit 15 of State Route 43, known as the Old Pittsburgh Road interchange, in Fayette County as the Lance Corporal Russell W. Naugle Vietnam Veteran Exit; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2003 over the Yellow Breeches Creek, South

Middleton Township, Cumberland County, as the Sgt. Adam C. Schoeller Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 18 in West Fallowfield Township, Crawford County, as the Staff Sergeant James Douglas Mowris Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 100 from the intersection of Main Street and Tilghman Street in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, to the intersection of Claussville Road and Kernsville Road in Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, as the Captain Mark T. Resh Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 18 (College Avenue) over the Little Shenango River, Greenville Borough, Mercer County, as the Greenville Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 3078 and State Route 3090 in York County from the intersection with State Route 116 to the intersection with State Route 3042 as the Private First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1005, known as Church View Road, Segment 0180, Offset 0000, over Beaver Creek, South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, as the PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 588 over Interstate 376, Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the TFC Blake T. Coble Memorial Bridge; and designating the bridge carrying State Route 3012 over the Susquehanna River between City Island and the intersection with State Route 1010 and State Route 1027, commonly referred to as the Market Street Bridge, as the Senator Harold Mowery Market Street Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1817, 1842, 2091)

Bill History:

07-08-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-08-17 Laid out for discussion 3:51pm
 07-08-17 Third consideration 3:51pm
 07-08-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
 07-09-17 H Received as amended in House and rereferred House Rules

 [HB 1576](#)

[Pickett, Tina\(R\)](#)

(PN 2064) Amends the Insurance Department Act adding an article providing for limited lines travel insurance. A limited lines travel insurance producer is required to hold a limited lines travel insurance license to sell, solicit or negotiate coverage under a policy of travel insurance. A limited lines license shall authorize a travel retailer registered under the license of the limited lines insurance producer, and each employee or authorized representative of the travel retailer, to: (1) Offer and disseminate coverage under a policy of travel insurance to a customer when the licensed limited lines travel insurance producer is physically present in the location where the travel retailer or authorized representative engages in travel insurance transactions; and (2) Receive compensation from the limited lines travel insurance producer for those activities. A fee of \$400 shall accompany an application for a limited lines travel insurance producer license and a license renewal, which may be adjusted annually by the commissioner. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2054)

Bill History:

06-19-17 H Rereferred to House Rules
 06-21-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 06-21-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Appropriations Conference Roo, House Rules -- House Rules
 06-21-17 H Reported as committed from House Rules

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| N HB 1646 | Miller, Brett(R) | <p>07-11-17 H Set on the House Calendar</p> <p>(PN 2205) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a definition of "vulnerable highway user." Also increases the penalties for a person convicted of careless driving that results in the death, seriously bodily injury or bodily injury of a vulnerable highway user. Effective in 60 days.</p> |
| Bill History: | | <p>07-05-17 H Filed 07-07-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p> |
| N HB 1649 | Pashinski, Eddie Day(D) | <p>(PN 2208) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities by adding that beginning January 1, 2016, the parking authority of a city of the second class A or third class may enforce and administer ordinances and resolutions enacted or adopted by the city of the third class under the powers specified and certain stopping, standing and parking. Beginning March 1, 2018, the parking authority of a city of the second class A or third class may enter into an agreement with the city of the second class A or third class for the transfer of a portion of the fines, penalties and costs collected under this subsection, which the parking authority board deems reasonable, to the city of the second class As or third class. Effective in 60 days.</p> |
| Bill History: | | <p>07-07-17 H Filed 07-07-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p> |
| N HB 1657 | Maloney, David(R) | <p>(PN 2223) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, stipulating that when there is a pedalcycle lane adjacent to the right-hand curb, every vehicle standing or parked upon either a two-way or one-way highway shall be positioned in the direction of authorized traffic movement with its right-hand wheels parallel to and within inches of the outside line of the buffer area between the pedalcycle lane and parking or with its left-hand wheels parallel to and within 12 inches of the outside line of the buffer area between the pedalcycle lane and parking when the pedalcycle lane is adjacent to the left-hand curb on a one-way street or a median-divided two-way street. Effective in 60 days.</p> |
| Bill History: | | <p>07-10-17 H Filed 07-10-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p> |
| N HB 1661 | Metzgar, Carl(R) | <p>Act providing for clean vehicles investment.</p> |
| Bill History: | | <p>07-12-17 H Filed</p> |
| N SB 56 | Greenleaf, Stewart(R) | <p>(PN 37) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in safety and anti-pollution equipment, to require tinted windows to be tested as part of the vehicle inspection process and certain violations with regard to tinted windows to be a cause for inspection failure. Failure to disclose the fact that an alteration or modification of the tinted windows can be cause for inspection failure constitutes unfair trade practices by the automobile seller. Provides for advisory to consumers if they are not in compliance with windshield tinting restrictions. Exempts non-government vehicles used by a constable for prison transport. Effective in 60 days.</p> |

Bill History:

06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S First consideration
 07-11-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

N [SB 145](#) [Yaw, Gene\(R\)](#)

(PN 120) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in accidents and accident reports, adding penalties for failure to give information and render aid. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-14-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-14-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-14-17 S First consideration
 07-09-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-09-17 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

N [SB 172](#) [Argall, David\(R\)](#)

(PN 1067) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for automated speed enforcement systems. The bill establishes a program to provide for automated speed enforcement systems in active work areas. Also establishes two restricted accounts in the State Treasury for fines remitted under the program to the Department of Transportation and the Turnpike Commission. Provides for the allocation of the fines from the two accounts. Portions are effective 60 days after publication of notice in the PA Bulletin, portions are effective in 45 days, portions are effective immediately, and the remainder is effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 148)

Bill History:

07-10-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-10-17 Laid out for discussion 1:50pm
 07-10-17 Third consideration 1:50pm
 07-10-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 45/N: 3)
 07-11-17 H Received in the House and referred to House Transportation

N [SB 288](#) [Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 274) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas by increasing penalties for a violation of what is colloquially known as the Steer Clear Law. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-27-17 S Signed in the Senate
 06-28-17 H Signed in the House
 06-28-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-08-17 G Last day for Governor's action
 07-07-17 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 20)

N [SB 289](#) [White, Donald\(R\)](#)

(PN 1020) Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the John Fredrick Bridges Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53825, on that portion of State Route 1011, also known as Castile Run Road, over the South Fork Tenmile Creek between Jefferson

Township and Clarksville Borough, Greene County, as the PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 11 over the Susquehanna River between the City of Pittston and West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County, as the Specialist Dale J. Kridlo Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge at the junction of State Route 150 and State Route 64 over Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County, as the U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2014 over Lycoming Creek, City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, as the Alexander M. McFadden Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 85 over the north branch of Plum Creek, Plumville Borough, Indiana County, as the Henry Lue Weaver Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on State Route 26 over Bald Eagle Creek, Howard Township, Centre County, as the Howard Area Veterans Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 275, 611, 959)

Bill History:

07-10-17 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
 07-10-17 S Signed in the Senate
 07-10-17 H Signed in the House
 07-11-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-21-17 G Last day for Governor's action

 [SB 431](#)

[Scavello, Mario\(R\)](#)

(PN 948) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles), in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in registration of vehicles and in licensing of drivers, further providing for the acknowledgment of littering provisions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of depositing of waste and other material on highway, property or waters. The bill outlines and increases fines and penalties for littering and for commercial or hazardous waste. Effective in six months. (Prior Printer Number: 423, 825)

Bill History:

07-08-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-08-17 Laid out for discussion 3:25pm
 07-08-17 Third consideration 3:25pm
 07-08-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
 07-09-17 H Received in the House and referred to House Transportation

 [SB 553](#)

[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 1037) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for surrender of license, for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege, for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance, for probationary license and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties, for ignition interlock and for illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock. The bill provides for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance by establishing civil penalties for refusal in the maximum amount of \$2,000; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock. Adds a restoration fee of \$1,000 if the department has previously suspended operating privilege under the

section. Provisions amending sections relating to chemical testing, civil penalties for refusal, and ignition interlock shall take effect immediately. Provisions relating to restoration fees and limitation are effective in six months and the remainder of the bill is effective in 15 months. (Prior Printer Number: 590, 949, 960)

Bill History:

07-10-17 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
 07-10-17 S Signed in the Senate
 07-10-17 H Signed in the House
 07-11-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-21-17 G Last day for Governor's action

 [SB 589](#)

[Langerholc, Wayne \(F\)\(R\)](#)

(PN 887) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for fire apparatus, for length of vehicles and for maximum gross weight of vehicles. A vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits 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 weight requirements of this chapter do not apply to emergency vehicles. In lieu of the weight requirements of this chapter, the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 127(R) (1) shall apply to emergency vehicles. Provides for a definition of "stinger-steered automobile" or "boat transporter." Further provides an automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul if the transporter complies with the weight limitations for a motor vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 667, 756)

Bill History:

07-08-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:188/N: 0)
 07-08-17 S Signed in the Senate
 07-09-17 H Signed in the House
 07-10-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-20-17 G Last day for Governor's action

 [SB 651](#)

[Browne, Patrick\(R\)](#)

(PN 1089) The Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2017-2018 provides for the capital budget for fiscal year 2017-2018; itemizing public improvement projects in the aggregate amount of \$21,148,703,001, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance projects, redevelopment assistance, flood control projects, Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund projects, Environmental Stewardship Fund projects, State forestry bridge projects, park and forest management projects, State ATV/ Snowmobile Fund projects, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects, Oil and Gas Lease Fund projects and Motor License Fund projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and

Boat Commission; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or the Department of Transportation stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 737, 864, 1025)

Bill History:

06-27-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
 07-10-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations
 07-10-17 H Reported as amended House Appropriations
 07-11-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 07-11-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations -- Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

N [SB 688](#) [Browne, Patrick\(R\)](#)

(PN 1033) Act appropriating \$3,619,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority and \$2,000,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. Effective July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 809)

Bill History:

07-09-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:162/N: 26)
 07-09-17 S Signed in the Senate
 07-10-17 H Signed in the House
 07-10-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-20-17 G Last day for Governor's action

N [SB 697](#) [Browne, Patrick\(R\)](#)

(PN 863) The Capital Budget Act of 2017-2018 appropriates \$1,615,000,000 for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Effective July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History:

07-08-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-08-17 Laid out for discussion 3:33pm
 07-08-17 Third consideration 3:33pm
 07-08-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
 07-11-17 H Received in the House and referred to House Appropriations

N [SB 781](#) [Brooks, Michele\(R\)](#)

(PN 1068) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard by adding that upon request by a legislative district office, the department shall permit the legislative district office to issue temporary disability parking placards directly to individuals. A legislative district office shall electronically submit a copy of the completed application form with a health care provider's statement or a statement from a police officer that the individual is disabled to the department to enable the department to update its records to reflect the issuance of the temporary disability parking placard. The department shall supply the legislative district office with training and materials related to issuing, storing, ordering and returning placards. A temporary disability parking placard issued by a legislative district office is valid for a period of not more than six months. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 977)

Bill History:

07-08-17 Second consideration 3:58pm
 07-08-17 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

07-08-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee
 Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
 07-08-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
 07-11-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

N [SB 785](#)

[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 980) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in registration of vehicles, further providing for vehicles exempt from registration; and providing for operation of golf carts. Vehicles exempt from registration include any self-propelled golf cart used for the transportation of persons or equipment for sporting, maintenance or recreational purpose while crossing certain public highways; as well as vehicles used for maintenance or college, university or seminary campus maintenance when such vehicle does not travel on public roads in excess of one mile and the property on both sides of the public road is owned by said entity. The bill adds a chapter providing for the operation of golf carts and for the designation of golf-cart crossings. A person under 16 years of age may not drive a golf cart across any highway unless the person is under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S First consideration
 07-11-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

N [SB 786](#)

[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 981) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for examination of applicant for driver's license; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive wireless communications device by novice drivers. The bill prohibits the use of interactive wireless communications device by novice drivers and creates exception on their usage for emergencies. The portion of the examination for the applicant for driver's license on traffic laws shall contain at least one question on distracted driving relating to the driver's ability to understand the effects of distracted driving. The driver's manual shall include a section relating to distracted driving, the effects of distracted driving, the laws on distracted driving and related penalties. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S First consideration
 07-11-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

N [SB 792](#)

[Alloway, Richard\(R\)](#)

(PN 1004) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) repealing the Fertilizer Act and creating a new Fertilizer Act; providing for fertilizer; in soil and plant amendment, further providing for disposition of funds; and, in seed, further providing for disposition of funds. The bill provides for the licensure of fertilizer manufacturers

and guarantors; provides for registration of specialty fertilizers; stipulates contents of labels; provides explicitly for the contents of fertilizer sold at retail and intended for use on turf; establishes inspection fees and provides for inspections; requires tonnage reports; imposes penalties; requires the licensure of fertilizer application businesses and certification of their employees; provides for training of fertilizer technicians; provides for recordkeeping for applicators and airports; stipulates application rates, requirements and prohibitions; and requires the department to undertake a program of public outreach to educate the public on proper use, application, handling and storage of fertilizers. Portions are effective in 18 months; portions are effective upon the development of certification courses; portions are effective upon the development of recertification courses; and the remainder is effective immediately.

Bill History:

06-26-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs -- Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 06-26-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 06-26-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 06-26-17 S First consideration
 07-11-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

 [SR 166](#)

[Scarnati, Joseph\(R\)](#)

(PN 1080) Resolution amending the Financial Operating Rules of the Senate further providing for personnel, for travel allowances and reimbursements, for equipment and furnishing control and inventory, for district office expenses, for Capitol office expenses and for official expenses. The resolution establishes that the actual expenses of the lease and operation of a vehicle rental by Chief Clerk shall be paid by the Senate's Incidental Expense Account. It also establishes the Chief Clerk Employees' Salary and Expense Account as an authorized account.

Bill History:

07-07-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Rules and Executive Nominations
 07-08-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations -- Senate Rules and Executive Nominations
 07-08-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Rules and Executive Nominations
 07-09-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 07-09-17 S Adopted (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)

 [SR 167](#)

[Hughes, Vincent\(D\)](#)

(PN 1084) Resolution urging Amtrak to comply with H.R. 4838 and immediately rename the 30th Street Station as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station."

Bill History:

07-08-17 S Filed
 07-08-17 S Introduced and adopted

Committee Stories

House Appropriations Committee

7/10/17, 7:30 p.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider [SB 651 Browne, Patrick](#) - (PN 1025) The Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2017-2018 provides for the capital budget for fiscal year 2017-2018; itemizing public improvement projects, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance projects, redevelopment assistance, flood control projects, Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund projects, Environmental Stewardship Fund projects, State forestry bridge projects, park and forest management projects, State ATV/Snowmobile Fund projects, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects, Oil and Gas Lease Fund projects and Motor License Fund projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or the Department of Transportation stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 737, 864) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02810](#) by Saylor, adds additional projects to the bill. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

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Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

7/9/17, 9:50 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 289 White, Donald](#) - (PN 1020) Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the John Fredrick Bridges Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53825, on that portion of State Route 1011, also known as Castile Run Road, over the South Fork Tenmile Creek between Jefferson Township and Clarksville Borough, Greene County, as the PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 11 over the Susquehanna River between the City of Pittston and West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County, as the Specialist Dale J. Kridlo Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge at the junction of State Route 150 and State Route 64 over Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County, as the U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2014 over Lycoming Creek, City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, as the Alexander M. McFadden Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 85 over the north branch of Plum Creek, Plumville Borough, Indiana County, as the Henry Lue Weaver Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on State Route 26 over Bald Eagle Creek, Howard Township, Centre County, as the Howard Area Veterans Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 275, 611, 959) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 553 Rafferty, John](#) - (PN 1037) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for surrender of license, for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege, for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance, for probationary license and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties, for ignition interlock and for illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock. The bill provides for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance by establishing civil penalties for refusal in the maximum amount of \$2,000; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or

utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock. Adds a restoration fee of \$1,000 if the department has previously suspended operating privilege under the section. Provisions amending sections relating to chemical testing, civil penalties for refusal, and ignition interlock shall take effect immediately. Provisions relating to restoration fees and limitation are effective in six months and the remainder of the bill is effective in 15 months. (Prior Printer Number: 590, 949, 960) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee

7/8/17, 5:00 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider [SR 166 Scarnati, Joseph](#) - (PN 1080) Resolution amending the Financial Operating Rules of the Senate further providing for personnel, for travel allowances and reimbursements, for equipment and furnishing control and inventory, for district office expenses, for Capitol office expenses and for official expenses. The resolution establishes that the actual expenses of the lease and operation of a vehicle rental by Chief Clerk shall be paid by the Senate's Incidental Expense Account. It also establishes the Chief Clerk Employees' Salary and Expense Account as an authorized account. - The resolution was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

7/8/17, 4:05 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider [SB 781 Brooks, Michele](#) - (PN 1068) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard by adding that upon request by a legislative district office, the department shall permit the legislative district office to issue temporary disability parking placards directly to individuals. A legislative district office shall electronically submit a copy of the completed application form with a health care provider's statement or a statement from a police officer that the individual is disabled to the department to enable the department to update its records to reflect the issuance of the temporary disability parking placard. The department shall supply the legislative district office with training and materials related to issuing, storing, ordering and returning placards. A temporary disability parking placard issued by a legislative district office is valid for a period of not more than six months. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 977) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Sen. Judy Schwank (D-Berks) asked if the district office were to issue a placard what would happen if Department of Transportation (PennDOT) says no. Chairman Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh) said it is PennDOT's work and the district office does not make decisions. Sen. Schwank asked if a statement from a police officer is part of what PennDOT currently asks for. Chairman Browne answered yes.

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House Appropriations Committee

7/8/17, 10:15 a.m., 140 Main Capitol

By Aaron Rider, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 553 Rafferty, John](#) - (PN 1037) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for surrender of license, for period of disqualification, revocation or suspension of operating privilege, for driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked, for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance, for probationary license and for ignition interlock limited license; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties, for ignition interlock and for illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock. The bill provides for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance by establishing civil penalties for refusal in the maximum amount of \$2,000; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or

utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock. Adds a restoration fee of \$1,000 if the department has previously suspended operating privilege under the section. Provisions amending sections relating to chemical testing, civil penalties for refusal, and ignition interlock shall take effect immediately. Provisions relating to restoration fees and limitation are effective in six months and the remainder of the bill is effective in 15 months. (Prior Printer Number: 590, 949, 960) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 589 Langerholz, Wayne \(F\)](#) - (PN 887) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for fire apparatus, for length of vehicles and for maximum gross weight of vehicles. A vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits 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 weight requirements of this chapter do not apply to emergency vehicles. In lieu of the weight requirements of this chapter, the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 127(R) (1) shall apply to emergency vehicles. Provides for a definition of "stinger-steered automobile" or "boat transporter." Further provides an automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul if the transporter complies with the weight limitations for a motor vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 667 756) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Appropriations Committee

7/7/17, 11:15 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1152 Boback, Karen](#) - (PN 2165) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of an individual from a motor vehicle if the individual is believed to be in imminent danger and in need of assistance to exit the vehicle. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1375) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

[HB 1216 Farry, Frank](#) - (PN 2203) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for rescue from motor vehicle, waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of a dog or cat from a motor vehicle if the animal is believed to be in imminent danger. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1444, 2166) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

[HB 1294 Ward, Judith](#) - (PN 2013) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Purple Heart by allowing the plate to be used on a motorcycle. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1590) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

[HB 1346 Pyle, Jeff](#) - (PN 2167) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally), in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft. Includes an exception, with conditions, for aerial data collection. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1672) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

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PA Bulletin

[PPA: PETITION FOR CHANGES TO TAXICAB TARIFF; DOC. NO. 17-004](#)

The Philadelphia Parking Authority authorized the Taxicab and Limousine Division (TLD) to reopen a rate investigation to gather information and comment concerning the petition that was filed with the TLD seeking certain specific amendments to the taxicab tariff. Upon review of all information received, the TLD submitted a recommendation to amend the taxicab tariff regarding boundaries of center city zone and action by taxicab and limousine division. Details are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Upcoming Events

PA Turnpike Commission

July 18, 2017 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Press Conference

7/24/2017 - 12:00 p.m., Harrisburg Hilton, 1 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg

PA Press Club Luncheon with Guest Speaker President, PA AFL-CIO, Rick Bloomingdale. RSVP to
info@papressclub.org; \$30/Person; \$300/table of 10

Press Conference

7/25/2017 - 1:00 p.m., Main Capitol Rotunda, Harrisburg

Rally for a Hands Free PA (unconfirmed)

Session Schedule

Senate

The Senate is in recess and on a six-hour call of the President Pro Tempore

House

The House is in recess and on a six-hour call of the chair

In the News

- 07-13-2017 **Senator Hughes - On the Issues for July 13, 2017**
(Press Release)
- 07-13-2017 **DEP: Wolf Administration Announces Former Susquehanna County Railyard to Be...**
(Press Release)
- 07-13-2017 **Insurance Commissioner Thanks Congressman Shuster for Moving Pro-Consumer Air...**
(Press Release)
- 07-13-2017 **PennDOT: Public-Private Partnership Board Approves Projects to Establish...**
(Press Release)
- 07-13-2017 **Wolf Administration Presents Treatment-Based Practice at National Association...**
(Press Release)
- 07-13-2017 **Fare evaders prompt ticketing change for SEPTA**
SEPTA changed its railroad ticketing policy this week to counter people gaming the system to get cheaper rides, the transit authority reported. Tickets for passengers leaving Temple, Jefferson, Suburban, 30th Street and University City stations during the evening rush hours will be checked... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 07-13-2017 **Commissioners OK bridge repair money**
Port Clinton residents and visitors soon will have a new bridge to use, as the Schuylkill County commissioners on Wednesday approved the transfer of money to fund the project. "Bridge 123, Port Clinton, needs to be replaced," county Finance Director Paul Buber said after the commissioners voted to appropriate... - *Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald*
- 07-13-2017 **CAT, union blame each other for missed stop in Hershey**
A Capital Area Transit (CAT) bus never showed up at a stop and stranded dozens of people Monday in Hershey. Now, CAT and the union for some workers are blaming each other for the mishap. Hershey is the sweetest place on earth unless you were... - *Carlisle Sentinel*

- 07-13-2017 **Christie vetoes bill aimed at blocking Trump's travel ban**
Gov. Christie on Thursday vetoed legislation that would have prohibited the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey from assisting federal authorities in enforcing President Trump's travel ban. The Port Authority owns and operates the New York metropolitan region's... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-13-2017 **PennDOT eyes P3 for possible train station upgrades**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will seek proposers to develop and connect the areas around one or more train stations along Amtrak's Keystone Corridor between Harrisburg and Philadelphia. In a news release, the department said the opportunities may include one or... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 07-13-2017 **Travel ban or no, Trump's first six months saw a sharp drop in Muslim refugees entering the U.S.**
The Trump administration insists that the restrictions on immigration it proposed shortly after the president took office was not meant to be an implementation of his infamous campaign-trail call for a "complete ban" on Muslims entering the United States. That insistence is... - [Washington Post](#)
- 07-12-2017 **Amtrak zeroes in on a 30th St. Station Plaza as district plan progresses**
Amtrak wants to replace the traffic-choked snarl that surrounds Philadelphia's 30th Street Station with tree-canopied public spaces in an early step toward realizing the transit corporation's \$6.5 billion redevelopment vision for a huge adjacent swath of University City.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-12-2017 **Philly airport workers plan strike**
The union representing skycaps, wheelchair attendants, cabin cleaners, and baggage handlers at the luggage carousels said workers will go on strike at Philadelphia International Airport starting Wednesday. Workers will start leaving their jobs at 9 a.m., said Julie Blust,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-12-2017 **At last, Palmer planners sign off on Werner trucking facility**
Palmer Township planners signed off on a conditional use application for a truck maintenance and training facility in the northern end of the township after six meetings on the project. The Werner Enterprises, a Nebraska-based trucking company, first presented... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-12-2017 **Ward bill deserves quick OK**
The Pennsylvania Senate should imitate Friday's unanimous vote by the state House of Representatives approving a bill authored by Rep. Judy Ward, R-Blair. The Ward measure is aimed at allowing motorcycles registered in this state to display a Purple Heart/Combat Wounded Veteran license plate, if the... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 07-12-2017 **Now 11, Erie's Roar on Shore expects to keep growing**
"I would think in the next several years you will see bike week starting on Monday, or the event going from Sunday to Sunday," said Ralph Pontillo, executive director of Roar on the Shore Inc. What began in 2007 as a three-day event that attracted about 10,000 bikers... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-12-2017 **Our view: Erie's burgeoning bike rally roars into town**
Peter Fonda's headlining appearance at the Manufacturer & Business Association's 100th birthday bash in 2005 offered perhaps the first hint of the unmet demand for motorcycle fun and fellowship in northwestern Pennsylvania. Fonda helped the association introduce its custom-built Harley-Davidson... - [Erie Times-News](#)

- 07-12-2017 **[Allegheny County Emergency Services moving from Pittsburgh to Moon](#)**
 MOON TWP. -- Allegheny County's Department of Emergency Services, which includes its 911 Center, will be moving its operations and staff to the former US Airways Operations Center. The county has entered a 20-year lease with the Allegheny County Airport Authority, according to an announcement released Tuesday. Emergency... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[More and more Ohio drivers are impaired by drugs](#)**
 The answer to how often an Ohio driver's blood or urine sample tested positive for fentanyl used to be "never," says a crime lab chief at the State Highway Patrol. But over the past three months, the powerful synthetic opioid — 50 times stronger than morphine and often mixed with heroin — has been... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[Philly, New York-area airport crews suspend strike, talking](#)**
 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Several hundred workers, including baggage handlers, cleaners and customer service agents at three New York-area airports and Philadelphia International Airport have suspended a strike while contract talks continue... - [AP](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[Commissioners travel to DC, lobby for county](#)**
 Lycoming County commissioners are heading to Washington, D.C., alongside other commissioners from throughout the state, on Thursday to express county concerns to federal department heads, Commissioner Jack McKernan announced Tuesday. "We're going in the hopes that we can express some concerns we have... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[Trains give overnight quiet time in Newberry](#)**
 People in Newberry had a chance to sleep better overnight with the start of a quiet zone there at midnight. The quiet zone means an end to the blowing of train horns through that section of the city. The process of developing the quiet zone took three years and involved the... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[Hundreds Of PHL Airport Workers To Strike](#)**
 Hundreds of Philadelphia International Airport workers will begin an indefinite strike Wednesday morning in hopes of sparking negotiations with their employers. The Services Employees International Union made the announcement Tuesday evening, saying the workers are "fed up" with American... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[Officials Announce Resurfacing Plans For Ben Franklin Bridge, How Long It Will Last](#)**
 Plans are in the works for a complete repaving of the Ben Franklin Bridge. Delaware River Port Authority CEO John Hanson says the last time the Ben Franklin Bridge was repaved was in 2004. "That surfacing is reaching the end of its useful life, as evidenced by... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[Somerset County seeks state funding to repair two covered bridges](#)**
 The Somerset County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday authorized the Somerset County Planning Commission to apply for state funding to repair two historic covered bridges. Brad Zearfoss, planning commission director, told Commissioners Gerald Walker, James Yoder and John Vatavuk that the Packsaddle Bridge in Fairhope... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 07-12-2017 **[Bill to rename bridge for local veteran goes to governor](#)**
 Reserved, quiet, laid back ... almost bashful in disposition. Those are some characteristics Gary "Fuzz" Fulton used to describe late U.S. Army PFC Henry Lue Weaver. In the early 1960s, Fulton and Weaver met as teenagers while living in Plumville Borough -- a municipality located near... - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)
- 07-11-2017 **[SEIU: Over a Thousand Contracted Airport Workers to Strike at United &...](#)**
 (Press Release)

- 07-11-2017 **Insurance Commissioner Encourages Consumers to Discuss Possible Auto...**
(Press Release)
- 07-11-2017 **Port Authority to pay for restoration of damaged Brookline cannon**
The World War I cannon that became a casualty over the weekend when a bus crashed through the Brookline military memorial will return to service. But before it can, the Model 1917 Schneider 155 mm howitzer has to undergo some repairs to get back into fighting form.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Liberty Bridge contractor to pay \$5.8 million for fire repair costs**
Joseph B. Fay Co. will pay the entire \$5.8 million in emergency repair costs for the construction fire on the Liberty Bridge in September. But the contractor will avoid more than \$3 million in penalties for the bridge being closed for 24 days by changing its work schedule to eliminate... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Williams isn't the model; plenty of blacks are successful**
I'm an old guy, 88, who has seen and experienced the disaster that the civil rights laws have brought on us for more than 50 years. A July 2 letter ("Williams a plague on all blacks"), which concerned the conviction of former District Attorney Seth Williams, said, "For... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Philly start-up targets 'Wild West' of online advertising**
Amino, a Philadelphia company headed by two veteran software-company founders, is recruiting dozens of engineers and managers to build a system they say will use blockchain-style electronic ledgers for advertisers and content publishers to take control of digital ad spending from middlemen,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-11-2017 **ATI and GE Aviation partner to develop meltless titanium for jet parts**
ATI and GE Aviation will team up on a research and development project to look at new titanium alloys that could be used to make jet engines lighter, stronger and easier to produce. The two companies will build an R&D facility to develop meltless titanium alloy powder manufacturing technology that could be used to 3D print parts... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Alle-Kiski Tuesday takes**
Some rethinking needed: Mary Queen of Apostles School in New Kensington and the Diocese of Greensburg are taking a step back to review the faltering fundraising effort to have a Ten Commandments monument relocated to the front of the school. People are balking at the \$75,000 fundraising... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Tuesday takes**
Toll runners: How nice to hear that the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission plans to go after drivers who owe more than \$17 million in unpaid tolls, violations and related fees. That includes \$3 million owed by motorists in Southwestern Pennsylvania alone. The debt shouldn't have reached this... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Slow down: Work zone speed cameras may soon be watching**
Pennsylvania drivers passing through active work zones may have to tread more lightly on the gas pedal, and it wouldn't be because of police. It would be because of speed cameras. SB172, a bipartisan proposal by Sens. David Argall, R-Schuylkill County, and Judith Schwank, D-Berks, easily passed the Senate on Monday by... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 07-11-2017 **PennDOT announces \$3.3M paving project in NEPA**
SOUTH ABINGTON TWP. — Three heavily traveled area highways will be getting makeovers in the coming weeks — just not all at once. The state Department of Transportation announced

Monday a \$3.3 million project to pave portions of Route 11, Business Route 6 and Route 307 —
... - [Scranton Times](#)

- 07-11-2017 **Senate bill would protect highway workers in construction zones**
The state Senate approved a joint legislative proposal introduced by Sens. David G. Argall and Judy Schwank which aims to curtail the number of accidents and fatalities on state highways due to reckless driving and speeding. SB172 would establish a three-year pilot program for PennDOT to... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Opponents of California's gas tax hike will sue over the state's 'misleading' ballot description**
Proponents of an initiative to repeal gas tax increases in California plan to sue over the state-drafted title and summary for the ballot measure, which they say is misleading and negative. The state attorney general's office on Monday released the description... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Guest Column: Why Pa. needs a fiscal boost for road repairs**
State government faces many tough choices as it works very hard to strike a balance between meeting critical needs and keeping the burden on taxpayers as fair as possible. One such tough balancing act involves addressing law enforcement needs across the state and keeping our highway and bridge... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 07-11-2017 **PennDOT Begins Safety Improvement Project Along Rt. 1 In Delco.**
A busy stretch of Route 1 in Delaware County is getting some much-needed safety improvements. It's dubbed a dangerous stretch of road. Cars quickly whiz by, others dodge traffic across numerous lanes and pedestrians. "Sometimes trying to get out on the roadway, you're taking your... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Fleecing the sheep**
It seems Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf's favorite pastime is fleecing the sheep! He has never met a tax hike he does not like. Instead of being responsible and making the government live on its means, and spend only the money already being taken from the public pockets, he believes that what ever... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 07-11-2017 **Allegheny County to move emergency services to Moon; controller criticizes process**
Allegheny County announced Tuesday that it has signed a 20-year lease to relocate its emergency services department and 911 operations center from Point Breeze to a facility in Moon. The county said it will move the department to the former US Airways Operations Center owned by the Allegheny County Airport Authority at 150... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Senate Session Notes for Monday, July 10, 2017**
(Press Release)
- 07-10-2017 **Senate Approves Joint Bill on Work Zone Speed Cameras**
(Press Release)
- 07-10-2017 **State Inspector General Legislation Sent to Governor**
(Press Release)
- 07-10-2017 **Rafferty's Legislation To Increase Fines and Penalties For Violating PA...**
(Press Release)
- 07-10-2017 **PUC Commissioner Coleman's Renomination Unanimously Confirmed**
(Press Release)

- 07-10-2017 **Uptick in late car payments are driving rise in loan delinquencies**
 The price tag on new and used automobiles keep rising every year, which means consumers are borrowing more to make the purchases — and the monthly payments for cars and car-related expenses are squeezing many households budgets to the maximum. New cars now cost an average \$35,000, compared to an average \$31,000 in... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Behrend students' car teases 2,418 miles from gallon of gas**
 Penn State Behrend's Society of Automotive Engineers Club has a history of success. The group has gotten accustomed to placing first or second in an international competition designed to find out whose vehicle can get the most mileage out of a single tank of high-octane gasoline.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Collecting turnpike money vital**
 Aug. 4 will be an important day for the Pennsylvania Turnpike and for the more than 10,600 people who owe the toll road a collective \$17.1 million. That's the day when the turnpike officially gains the power to pursue vehicle-registration suspensions for those guilty of overdue toll... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 07-10-2017 **County asks PennDOT for help in Sheepskin dispute**
 The Fayette County commissioners have asked the state Department of Transportation to help it resolve an ongoing dispute with Southwest Pennsylvania Railroad regarding a small section of the Sheepskin Trail in Dunbar Township. Thank you for reading! Please log in, or sign up for a new account and purchase a subscription to... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Pennsylvania must do more to encourage organ donation, but compensation raises ethical questions**
 THE ISSUE The number of kidney, liver, heart and lung donors in Pennsylvania doesn't come close to meeting the needs of those awaiting transplants, The Caucus, an LNP Media Group watchdog publication focused on state government, reported in last week's Sunday LNP. And the General... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 07-10-2017 **A Muslim and a Jew urge the Supreme Court to strike down the Muslim ban**
 We are an American Jew and an American Muslim. Because our communities are well versed in the pain of discriminatory and exclusionary policies, we are fiercely committed to protecting, defending and upholding the American democratic ideals under threat by President Trump's travel ban.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Montgomery County conducting county-wide bicycling survey**
 Montgomery County officials are peddling pedalling and want the public's help in getting the word out. The Montgomery County Planning Commission has released a survey to find out what residents think about bicycling for the county's new bicycle mobility plan, Bike Montco.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Editorial: Road rage death is horrifying extreme of aggressive driving**
 The death of 18-year-old Bianca Roberson of West Chester in a road rage shooting on Route 100 in West Goshen shocked the region and gained national attention as a manhunt ensued for the driver of a red pickup seen speeding away as Roberson's vehicle crashed.... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Hundreds pay final tribute Chester County teen killed in road rage shooting**
 Hundreds gathered Friday at St. Paul's Baptist Church in West Chester to honor the life of Bianca Roberson, who was shot and killed in what police said was a road rage killing. The crowd was so large that a second room was opened to accommodate overflow seating with a live video of the... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)

- 07-10-2017 **Local lawmakers call on Sunoco to halt pipeline drilling until aquifer issues resolved**
 Two local lawmakers are calling on Sunoco Logistics to halt construction of the Mariner II pipeline project in Chester County, and one has introduced legislation for creation of a board to oversee communication of pipeline activity to residents. This comes on following reports of water quality issues close to the... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Pittsburgh-area gasoline stays at \$2.54 a gallon**
 Pump prices in the Pittsburgh region stayed flat over the last week, averaging \$2.54 a gallon on Monday, according to GasBuddy's survey of more than 700 stations in southwestern Pennsylvania. Regional gasoline prices, which are usually at their highest this time of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Making connections: Officials dedicated to expanding Cambria trails**
 The Cambria County Conservation & Recreation Authority already manages more than 40 miles of trails throughout the county, including the Path of the Flood Trail, the Jim Mayer Riverswalk Trail and the Ghost Town Trail. But there's always an effort behind the scenes to connect existing... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Market Street Bridge renaming advances in Pa. Legislature**
 A bill that would name the Market Street Bridge after a deceased Cumberland County lawmaker advanced out of the state Senate over the weekend. The Senate voted 49-0 on HB1431, which includes a number of other namings, on Saturday as legislative leaders and Gov. Tom Wolf continued to... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Conrail pushes back Gurney Street cleanup**
 Clean-up of the Gurney Street railroad gulch in Fairhill, which has become a campground for heroin users and a dumping site of needles and garbage, won't start Monday, as originally planned. The city came to an agreement with Conrail last month to fence and clean up... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Port Authority gets \$100K grant to help pay for CEO search**
 The Hillman Family Foundation has granted the Port Authority of Allegheny County \$100,000 to cover most of the cost to hire a search firm to find a new CEO, said Adam Brandolph, authority spokesman. The authority hired Maryland-based Krauthamer & Associates this spring to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-10-2017 **Pittsburgh-area gasoline stays at \$2.54 a gallon**
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- 07-10-2017 **House Appropriations**
 7/10/17, 7:30 p.m., Room 461 Main Capitol
 By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider legislation. HB 1362 (PN 1691) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in home rule and optional plan government, further providing for procedure for amendment of charter or optional plan by establishing at the option of a municipality with a mayor, or for a municipality without a mayor, the initial apportionment shall be made by the members of the governing body of the municipality consistent with section 903 (relating to reapportionment by governing body). For any municipality, including a municipality with a mayor, a subsequent apportionment shall be under Chapter 9 (relating to municipal reapportionment). Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.
- 07-10-2017 **Senate Floor**

July 10, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

By Sarah Di Leo, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The Senate convened at 11:23 a.m., opening with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Capital leave was granted for Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington). Legislative leave was granted for Senators John DiSanto (R-Dauphin), John Gordner (R-Columbia), Stewart Greenleaf (R-Montgomery), Scott Wagner (R-York), and Daylin Leach (D-Montgomery). Personal leave was granted for Senator Wayne Langerholc (R-Cambria).

07-09-2017

Senate Session Notes for Sunday, July 9, 2017
(Press Release)

07-09-2017

Pay up: The Pa. Turnpike is right to target toll evaders

The Pennsylvania Turnpike has tried to be nice. It has sent letter after letter — an average of 26 each — to 10,611 scofflaws who collectively owe more than \$17.1 million from unpaid tolls. The financially strapped turnpike could do some needed construction work with that money.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-09-2017

State representative Maher charged with DUI

Pennsylvania state Rep. John Maher, R-Upper St. Clair, was charged Monday with driving under the influence in East Pennsboro Township, just west of Harrisburg. Maher, 58, had a blood-alcohol level of at least 0.16 — twice the legal limit — when he was driving in Cumberland County on June 13, according... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

07-09-2017

Vandergrift turns to PennDOT in effort to fund downtown paving

Rebuffed by the federal Community Development Block Grant program, Vandergrift will try a different method to get money for street paving. The borough is applying for a PennDOT multimodal grant of about \$130,000. Vandergrift would have to pony up a 30 percent match, or \$39,000.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

07-09-2017

Indiana County bridge renamed to honor Vietnam veteran Goodlin

An Indiana County bridge was renamed to honor a local Vietnam War veteran, according to a bill signed by Gov. Tom Wolf. The Diamondville Bridge on Route 1012 in Cherryhill Township has been designated the Sgt. Robert Eugene Goodlin Memorial Bridge, and PennDOT has... - [74, 12, 58, 42, 59, 90, 33](#)

07-09-2017

Williams isn't the model; plenty of blacks are successful

I'm an old guy, 88, who has seen and experienced the disaster that the civil rights laws have brought on us for more than 50 years. A July 2 letter ("Williams a plague on all blacks"), which concerned the conviction of former District Attorney Seth Williams, said, "For... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

07-09-2017

Railroad riders turn complaints over delays into lawsuit

All aboard the lawsuit train... - [AP](#)

07-09-2017

Speed cameras could come to Philly, and current red light cams give hint at what's to come

The Philadelphia Parking Authority has grown its workforce and expenses in the last decade through a program that has nothing to do with parking — red light cameras that snap photos of the license plates when drivers ignore traffic signals. The program has also left a lot of money on the table, almost \$19 million... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

07-09-2017

Ridership increases on LCTA's state park route

At three different times during weekdays, a bus coming from Wilkes-Barre meanders through the valley and into the Back Mountain, finally stopping at Frances Slocum State Park. For \$3 round-trip, county residents have had the opportunity to take a summer bus run by Luzerne County

Transportation Authority since 2013. In... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

- 07-09-2017 **[Our view: PennDOT moves forward with bayfront plans](#)**
A lot has changed along Erie's waterfront since the first section of the Bayfront Parkway opened in 1990, and some lessons have been learned. Chief among the lessons is that while the parkway opened up more of the waterfront, it also became a de facto barrier, physical and psychological,... - [Erie Times-News](#)

- 07-09-2017 **[Washington County trails nearing construction](#)**
A rails-to-trails project stretching through the heart of Washington County could bring jobs to the mid-Mon Valley when completed, according to officials there. "I think trails have proven themselves to be economic generators for their communities," said Christopher Whitlatch, executive director of... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

- 07-09-2017 **[State Rep. John A. Maher charged with DUI](#)**
State Rep. John A. Maher, who represents Peters Township and parts of Allegheny County, was arrested last week on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol in a Harrisburg suburb. Police in East Pennsboro Township on July 3 filed the charge against Maher,... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

- 07-09-2017 **[Editorial: Always focus on safety when out on water](#)**
Follow some basic tips in the water to decrease the likelihood of experiencing problems that can turn a fun time into a disaster. - [Reading Eagle](#)

- 07-09-2017 **[Editorial: Dealing with aggressive driving key to fighting road rage](#)**
All of us must work to reverse the decline in civility on and off the road. - [Reading Eagle](#)

- 07-09-2017 **[Pa. lawmaker charged with DUI after a capitol session](#)**
A Pennsylvania state lawmaker is facing four charges after East Pennsboro police cited him for driving under the influence. Rep. John Maher, a Republican from Upper St. Clair near Pittsburgh, was charged this week for the June 13 incident in Cumberland County.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

- 07-09-2017 **[Senate Floor](#)**
July 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
By Sarah Di Leo, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The Senate convened at 6:18 p.m., opening with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. HB 422 (PN 1058) Amends the First Class Township Code, in election of officers and vacancies in office, further providing for electors only eligible and for vacancies in general. The bill establishes that only a registered elector of a township may be eligible to an elective office in the township, and creates a plan to address vacancies by resignation by (1) Indicating that a vacancy shall not be created immediately by a resignation, (2) The vacancy will be deemed to exist only after acceptance of the resignation by a majority vote of the governing body of the municipality, and (3) Such acceptance of the resignation must occur no later than 45 days after it has been tendered by the elected official. Further provides a resignation is automatically accepted after 45 days unless the commissioners take action before the deadline. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 438) - The bill was **signed** in the Senate.

- 07-08-2017 **[Senate Session Notes for Saturday, July 8, 2017](#)**
(Press Release)

- 07-08-2017 **[Senate Floor - Nomination of John Wozniak to the PA Turnpike Commission](#)**
(Testimony)

- 07-08-2017 **[Contractor to reduce time Liberty Bridge is restricted to motorists](#)**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has reached an agreement with the contractor responsible for the Liberty Bridge fire that will offset monetary damages assessed for the time the bridge had to be closed after the blaze. Joseph B. Fay Co. will make adjustments and speed up some phases of the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-08-2017

Comparing Pa., Ohio gas prices

Taxes matter. That's the simple takeaway from a new analysis by the Allegheny Institute for Public Policy of the oft-questioned differential in gasoline prices between Pennsylvania and Ohio. Western Pennsylvania motorists complain on a regular basis that a drive... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

07-08-2017

Senate Appropriations

7/8/17, 4:05 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider bills. SB 781 (PN 1068) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard by adding that upon request by a legislative district office, the department shall permit the legislative district office to issue temporary disability parking placards directly to individuals. A legislative district office shall electronically submit a copy of the completed application form with a health care provider's statement or a statement from a police officer that the individual is disabled to the department to enable the department to update its records to reflect the issuance of the temporary disability parking placard. The department shall supply the legislative district office with training and materials related to issuing, storing, ordering and returning placards. A temporary disability parking placard issued by a legislative district office is valid for a period of not more than six months. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 977) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

07-07-2017

Deficit-ridden Pennsylvania warned of another hit to credit

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania was put on notice Thursday that it faces a new credit downgrade and higher borrowing costs if it does not improve its deficit-ridden finances... - [AP](#)

07-07-2017

Alle-Kiski Laurels & Lances

Lance: To outrageous speeders. Traveling 108 mph on the Route 56 Bypass? Driving 86 mph on La Belle Vue Road? If this were an ESPN football pregame show, these guys would be featured on the "C'mon, man!" segment. Of course, the danger they posed to other motorists never entered their minds.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

07-07-2017

Uber and Lyft's wheelchair access grows, with room to improve

Uber and Lyft have met a state directive to put a combined minimum of 70 wheelchair-accessible vehicles on Philadelphia's roads by the end of June. Users are cheered by the move but are reporting some problems in service. Uber and Lyft, the dominant ride-hailing apps in the city, had until June... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

07-07-2017

Delta to revive nonstop flights to Boston, citing demand

Delta Airlines announced Thursday that it'll launch a new nonstop service option for flights traveling between Boston and Pittsburgh starting Oct. 1. The new flights will run twice daily, with departures from Pittsburgh at 6 a.m. and 6:40 p.m. The departure times were set to correspond with the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

07-07-2017

Sales pending: A tech-centric city now markets properties online

A city with self-driving cars and high-tech university spinoffs should have a technologically savvy government, too. Pittsburgh is asserting progress in that area, most recently with Wednesday's announcement that an inventory of city-owned properties for sale now can be perused online.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 07-07-2017 **Tesla seen pulling away from GM for U.S. electric car lead**
 Tesla seen pulling away from GM for U.S. electric car lead More than a dozen automakers are jostling to lead the U.S. electric-car race, but Bloomberg New Energy Finance sees a clear winner separating from the pack: Tesla Inc. The automaker led by Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk will emerge as... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-07-2017 **Legislators must lay groundwork to deal with electric vehicles**
 Tesla, the electric car company, plans to begin production Friday of its Model 3, which is highly likely to accelerate the trend to electric vehicles. Unlike Tesla's earlier Model S, which was aimed at affluent early-adapters, the Model 3 truly can be a transportation game-changer... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 07-07-2017 **QVC and Home Shopping Network to merge**
 Our Picks QVC and Home Shopping Network, two of the most well-known home-shopping hubs, are combining further as they look at aggressive growth by Amazon and consumer shopping habits shifting to internet-based retail. Liberty Interactive Corp., which owns QVC and already owns 38 percent of... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-07-2017 **Washington County trails nearing construction**
 A rails-to-trails project stretching through the heart of Washington County could bring jobs to the mid-Mon Valley when completed, according to officials there. "I think trails have proven themselves to be economic generators for their communities," said Christopher Whitlatch, executive director of... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 07-07-2017 **Turnpike officials offer amnesty program for repeat toll offenders**
 The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has unveiled an amnesty program in an effort to encourage "toll scofflaws" to pay their debts before a new law kicks in that could result in their registration being suspended. The new law passed last year kicks in on Aug. 4 and will give officials the... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 07-07-2017 **Faced with council opposition, Royal Farms withdraws plan for Bensalem convenience store**
 About 50 Bensalem residents gathered in the township building Thursday evening, ready to voice their opinions on an application Royal Farms representatives put forth to build a convenience store at the intersection of Street Road and Forrest Avenue. The residents were in and out of the room within five minutes.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 07-07-2017 **PennDOT 'not required' to put fence along I-83 where boy was killed**
 The roar of vehicles is deafening from the Treichler residence, which sits on a hill next to Interstate 83. It's close enough to smell exhaust fumes and to feel the road rumble under the weight of commercial trucks. Lynn Treichler grew up playing in that yard, and for most of her 49 years,... - [York Daily](#)
- 07-07-2017 **Tesla Loses No. 1 Spot in Market Value Among U.S. Automakers**
 For almost three months, Tesla reigned as the most valuable automaker in the nation, ahead of both General Motors and Ford Motor, thanks to a remarkable run-up in its stock this year. It seemed its chief executive, Elon Musk, could do no wrong. But a spate of negative news this week has brought the electric-car... - [New York Times](#)
- 07-07-2017 **Millions Meant for Rail Tunnel Subsidize Ferry Rides for a Few**
 With the precarious condition of the century-old rail links between New York City and New Jersey threatening to disrupt lives for the rest of the summer, commuters may wonder what became of all the money that had been pledged for a new train tunnel under the Hudson River.... - [New York Times](#)

- 07-07-2017 **Tioga, Chemung counties to benefit from state road repair funding**
Tioga and Chemung counties will be among eight counties that will benefit from \$59.2 million that will come from the state for road paving and repair initiatives this summer and fall. The funding was announced by Gov. Andrew Cuomo Thursday. He stated that these improvements will support the region's Southern Tier economic... - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 07-07-2017 **NJ Transit service back to normal after train derailment**
NEW YORK (AP) - New Jersey Transit says trains are operating on or close to schedule after an earlier train derailment at Penn Station... - [AP](#)
- 07-07-2017 **State police to target aggressive drivers during statewide mobilization**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) joined state Rep. Madeleine Dean, Abington Police, Buckle Up Pa and AAA Mid-Atlantic in Abington Township, Montgomery County, to highlight a statewide aggressive-driving mobilization that runs through August 26.... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 07-07-2017 **Chester County residents who owe Pa. Turnpike face suspended licenses**
Motorists traveling the Pennsylvania Turnpike who have overdue toll violations will have their motor vehicle registrations suspended if they don't pay up in the next couple of weeks. A new law, Act 165 which takes effect Aug. 4, provides tolling agencies much stronger enforcement measures to ensure motorists pay tolls, according... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 07-07-2017 **PA Police Departments On Lookout For Aggressive Drivers**
Starting Thursday, nearly five dozen Philadelphia suburban police departments will be on the lookout for aggressive drivers. The effort, funded by the state, is part of a growing program to help make roads safer. Officers from 58 local police departments – including Bucks, Chester,... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-07-2017 **SEPTA To Provide Riders With Real-Time Information On Bus, Train Arrival**
SEPTA says by later this month, riders should have reliable real-time information to keep track of their bus or train. New cellular modems in SEPTA's buses, trains and trolleys should provide more accurate location information to riders standing on a platform... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)