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Bill History:
06-23-16 S Meeting cancelled for 06/24/16, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S First consideration
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
HB 853  Gibbons, Jaret  (PN 3458) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle by adding that an offense of texting while driving would be aggravating circumstances. The bill provides for sentencing, too. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1487)

Bill History:
06-30-16 S Meeting set for 2nd Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S Reconsidered vote & voted favorably from committee, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S First consideration
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 871  Sankey, Thomas  (PN 3457) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer to scrap metal processor by adding that any owner who transfers a vehicle or a salvage vehicle to a scrap metal processor shall assign the certificate of title or certificate of salvage to the scrap metal processor. Such certificate of title or certificate of salvage is exempt from the requirements of notarization and verification by a corporate officer. The bill provides for certificate of title and vehicles with defective or lost title. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1066, 1727)

Bill History:
06-30-16 Laid out for discussion 2:39pm
06-30-16 S 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted
06-30-16 Second consideration 2:40pm
06-30-16 S Over in Senate
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 898  Boyle, Kevin  (PN 1121) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in preliminary provisions, to further define "emergency vehicle" to include a vehicle that is owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a city of the first class (Philadelphia) and used to respond to an emergency at a correctional institution in that city or to escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured prisoners in that city, and a vehicle owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that is used by an emergency service responder as dispatched by the commission's traffic operations center. The driver of a vehicle that is owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a correctional institution in the city or to escort an ambulance which is transporting a sick or injured prisoner in the city shall comply with maximum speed limits, red signal indications and stop signs. After ascertaining that the vehicle will be given the right-of-way, the driver may proceed through a red signal indication or stop sign. Regarding visual and audible signals on authorized and emergency vehicles, the regulations shall not be construed to require a limit, modification or change of the lighting in vehicles legally complying with regulations as of the date of enactment as long as the vehicle is used in a manner that is otherwise in compliance. Effective in 60 days

Bill History:
06-30-16 Third consideration 2:12pm
06-30-16 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
06-30-16 H Received as amended in House and rereferred
House Rules
HB 950  Bloom, Stephen

(PN 2625) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for permissible actions adding that a traffic control signal is considered out of operation or is not functioning properly in situations including but not limited to a signal that uses inductive loop sensor or other automated technology to detect the presence of vehicles that fails to detect a vehicle. Sets an expiration date of July 15, 2027. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1166, 1850)

Bill History:
12-07-15 S First consideration
02-08-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
02-08-16 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Rule 9)
05-23-16 S Press conference held
06-30-16 S Discussed during meeting, House Transportation -- House Transportation

HB 1079  Taylor, John

(PN 1386) Act repealing the act of July 16, 1941 (P.L.386, No.149), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment, construction, operation and maintenance of a mountain ridge road or parkway in the Pocono Mountains through, bordering or accessible to the counties of Monroe, Northampton, Carbon, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike, to be known as the "Pocono Mountain Memorial Parkway"; providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Parkway Commission, and conferring powers, and imposing duties on said commission; authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of such parkway; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the parkway; making such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; prescribing conditions upon which such parkway shall become free; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and other agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Highways and authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue refunding bonds."

Bill History:
06-23-16 S Meeting cancelled for 06/24/16, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-29-16 S First consideration
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1199  Taylor, John

(PN 1574) Act repealing the act of May 27, 1965 (P.L.63, No.50), entitled "An act authorizing the Department of Highways, with the approval of the Governor, to erect and maintain a bridge over the Monongahela River in Washington and Allegheny Counties, and to provide the necessary


approaches and connections with State highways; empowering counties to pay certain damages, and making an appropriation." Effective in 60 days.

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**HB 1202 Taylor, John**

(PN 1577) Act repealing the act of May 28, 1943 (P.L.796, No.333), entitled "An act establishing as state highways, certain county highways and requiring their construction, repair and maintenance as such." Effective in 60 days.

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**HB 1335 Lawrence, John**

(PN 1817) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for emergency telephones along Pennsylvania Turnpike. The bill provides that the call boxes may be provided. Currently they are required. Effective in 60 days.

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**HB 1347 Reese, Mike**

(PN 2444) Act designating a portion of State Route 981 in Mount Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, as the James Paul Takitch Honorary Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1847)

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**HB 1413 Heffley, Doyle**

(PN 2668) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), changing the inspection requirements for motor carrier vehicles with a registered gross weight in excess of 17,000 pounds from a semi-annual to annual basis, and providing that Pennsylvania motor truck businesses be refunded their registration fee if a truck is stolen or demolished, and they cannot replace the vehicle. Refunds shall be pro-rated based on the number of months the vehicle was operational. Further provides that regarding apportioned registrations, only the fees paid for the Commonwealth portion of the registration shall be eligible for a refund. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1951)

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HB 1455  Pashinski, Eddie Day

(PN 2461) 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, 2016, 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. (Prior Printer Number: 2047)

Bill History:
06-27-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Local Government -- Senate Local Government
06-27-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Local Government
06-27-16 S First consideration
06-30-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-30-16 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

HB 1597  Murt, Thomas

(PN 3396) Act designating a portion of State Route 2026, also known as Blair Mill Road, in Montgomery County as the Private First Class Paul T. Wright Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2304)

Bill History:
06-10-16 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S First consideration
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1660  Reed, Dave

(PN 2438) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Clymer Borough, Indiana County, as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:
06-06-16 S Removed from the table
06-07-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-07-16 Second consideration 4:06pm
06-29-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-29-16 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

HB 1673  Sonney, Curt

(PN 2568) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for registered gross weight; and, in fees, providing for recreational trailers. The annual fee for registration of a recreational trailer shall be determined by its registered gross weight as follows: $12 for less than 8,000 pounds; $35 for 8,000-13,000 pounds, and $90 for more than 13,000 pounds. The bill provides for an optional $425 five-year registration for vehicles of more than 13,000 pounds. (b) Optional five-year registration.--A recreational trailer with a registered gross weight of 13,000 pounds or less may be registered for a period of five years upon payment by the
registrant of the applicable fee for such period. A permanent registration of a recreational trailer may be transferred to another recreational trailer one time upon payment of the fee. The bill provides for applicability to a combination of vehicles consisting of a motor vehicle towing a recreational trailer. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2479)

**Bill History:**
- 06-14-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
- 06-14-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
- 06-14-16 S First consideration
- 06-27-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 06-27-16 S Laid on the table

HB 1703  Millard, David  (PN 2849) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles (ATV), further providing for operation by persons under age sixteen to abide by the age recommendation warning label affixed by the manufacture; provides that a person eight or nine years of age operating an ATV not bearing a certification label to have an engine size of 70 cc or less. Within five days, a youthful operator shall present the appropriate safety certificate that was valid at the time of demand at the office of the issuing authority. The sound level intensity produced by an ATV manufactured on or after January 1, 1998, shall not exceed 96dba, or decibels, when measured at 20 inches. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 2531)

**Bill History:**
- 06-23-16 S Meeting cancelled for 06/24/16, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
- 06-28-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
- 06-28-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
- 06-28-16 S First consideration
- 07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1713  Pickett, Tina  (PN 3456) Act designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming and Sullivan Counties as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming County as the Thomas A. Paternostro Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2566)

**Bill History:**
- 06-07-16 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
- 06-07-16 S First consideration
- 06-30-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 06-30-16 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

HB 1739  Murt, Thomas  (PN 2610) Act designating a portion of State Route 2034 in Montgomery County as the Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-30-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
- 06-30-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
- 06-30-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
- 06-30-16 S First consideration
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<td>White, Martina</td>
<td>(PN 2733) Act designating a portion of State Route 1013 in Philadelphia County as the Michael R. Goodwin, Sr. Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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<td>HB 1838</td>
<td>White, Martina</td>
<td>(PN 2838) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) creating a special motorcycle plate for firefighters. The Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association Charitable Foundation shall receive $15 of the fee paid by the applicant for the plate. Effective in 60 days.</td>
<td>06-30-16 Second consideration 3:50pm 06-30-16 H Over in House 06-30-16 H Rereferred to House Appropriations 07-01-16 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations 07-01-16 H Voted favorably from committee on House Appropriations</td>
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<td>HB 1856</td>
<td>James, Lee</td>
<td>(PN 2870) Act designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 62 over the Allegheny River in Oil City, Venango County, as the Specialist Jonathan R. Kephart Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.</td>
<td>06-29-16 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations 06-29-16 H Set on the House Calendar 06-29-16 H Laid out for discussion 4:12pm 06-29-16 Third consideration 4:12pm 06-29-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:200/N: 0)</td>
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<td>HB 1895</td>
<td>Metzgar, Carl</td>
<td>(PN 2971) 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. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2944)</td>
<td>06-15-16 Second consideration 12:49pm 06-28-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar 06-28-16 S Laid on the table 06-28-16 S Removed from the table 07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar</td>
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<td>HB 1923</td>
<td>Santora, James</td>
<td>(PN 3023) Act designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Drexel Hill, Delaware County, as the Officer Dennis McNamara Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.</td>
<td>06-29-16 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations 06-29-16 H Set on the House Calendar 06-29-16 H Laid out for discussion 4:12pm 06-29-16 Third consideration 4:12pm 06-29-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:200/N: 0)</td>
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HB 1955  Simmons, Justin

(PN 3354) Act designating a portion of State Route 309 in Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, as the Officer David M. Petzold Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3083)

Bill History:
06-30-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S First consideration
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1998  Petri, Scott

(PN 3515) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in parking authorities, further providing for special provisions for authorities in cities of the first class by adding that the powers of an authority in a city of the first class (Philadelphia) shall be exercised by a board composed of six members. The majority of the members must be residents of that city and each member must be a resident of the county in which the city is located or work or maintain a business in the city. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3208)

Bill History:
06-21-16 Third consideration 6:10pm
06-21-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:127/N: 68)
06-29-16 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Local Government
07-01-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol, Senate Local Government -- Senate Local Government
07-01-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Local Government

HB 2025  Reese, Mike

(PN 3352) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, adding that temporary registration cards issued to a vehicle acquired in Pennsylvania for transportation to another state for registration shall be valid for 60 days. Additionally, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for suspension of certificates of appointment and for certification of mechanics. The bill authorizes the imposition of a monetary penalty on inspection stations that are not properly equipped or otherwise in violation. A schedule of all penalties, points and suspension may be established by the department by publishing a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin until the regulations governing these penalties are promulgated by the department. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3252)

Bill History:
06-23-16 S Meeting cancelled for 06/24/16, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S First consideration
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 2058  Farry, Frank

(PN 3428) Amends Titles 35 (Health and Safety) and 42 (Judiciary), in Title 35 in emergency medical services (EMS) system and services, by authorizing paramedics to provide blood draw services to law enforcement upon request to perform a legal blood draw on behalf of the agency from persons suspected of violating 75 Pa.C.S. 1543(b)(1.1) (relating to driving while operating privilege is suspended or
revoked), 3735 (relating to homicide by vehicle while driving under influence), 3735.1 (relating to aggravated assault by vehicle while driving under the influence), 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) or 3808(a)(2) (relating to illegally operating a motor vehicle not equipped with ignition interlock). Additionally, in Title 42, the bill extends criminal laboratory user fee to EMS agencies, which shall be used solely for provisions of criminal laboratory services. The paramedic user fee for laboratory services provided by a paramedic shall be paid to the emergency medical services agency and shall be used solely for the provision of criminal laboratory services. Portions are effective in 90 days and the rest is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 3327)

**Bill History:**
06-07-16 Laid out for discussion 2:06pm
06-07-16 Third consideration 2:06pm
06-07-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:186/N: 0)
06-14-16 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
06-30-16 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room 461 Main Capitol, Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. -- Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

**HB 2071** 
Vereb, Mike
(PN 3350) Act designating the pedestrian walkways on the Matsonford Bridge, located on State Route 3016 over the Schuylkill River, connecting the Boroughs of West Conshohocken and Conshohocken, Montgomery County, as the Clay-Doc Walk in memory of West Conshohocken Borough Police Chief Joseph G. Clayborne III and Conshohocken Borough Police Chief James H. Dougherty, Sr. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
06-30-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-30-16 S First consideration
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**HB 2157** 
Millard, David
(PN 3504) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for probationary licenses by halving the credit time served before being eligible to petition for a probationary license. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
06-28-16 H Meeting set for 10:15 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Transportation -- House Transportation
06-28-16 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation
06-28-16 H Reported as amended House Transportation
06-28-16 H First consideration
06-28-16 H Rereferred to House Rules

**HB 2180** 
Markosek, Joseph
(PN 3555) Act appropriating $8,640,000 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. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later.

**Bill History:**
06-29-16 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
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<td>Sankey, Thomas</td>
<td>(PN 3583) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new chapter relating to automated license plate reader systems. Provides a State or local law enforcement agency may only use such a system for the purpose of protecting public safety, conducting criminal investigations or ensuring compliance with Federal, State and local laws. Further provides a government entity may only use the system for the purpose of enforcing State and local parking laws and controlling access to a secured area. Except for those purposes, the use of an automated license plate reader system shall be prohibited. Also provides for required training; positioning of system; frontal view recorded images prohibition; use of registered vehicle owner information; preservation and disclosure of captured data; and for destruction of data. The section relating to destruction of data shall take effect immediately and the remainder of the bill shall take effect in 60 days.</td>
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<td>HB 2203</td>
<td>Marshall, Jim</td>
<td>(PN 3599) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new chapter providing for autonomous and connected vehicles. Provides for the development, testing and operation of autonomous vehicles in the Commonwealth. Further provides for the requirements for the safety and control of the vehicles, vehicle testers and the traveling public. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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<td>(PN 3602) Act designating a portion of State Route 145 in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, as the Cpl. Joshua B. Smith Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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<td>(PN 3635) Act designating Exit 15 of State Route 43 in Fayette County as the Lance Corporal Russell W. Naugle Vietnam Veteran Exit. Effective in 60 days.</td>
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06-27-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2220  **Warner, Ryan**  
(PN 3636) Act designating Exit 18 of State Route 43 in Fayette County as the Staff Sgt. John P. Wanto Vietnam Veteran Exit. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 06-24-16 H Filed  
06-27-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2224  **Simmons, Justin**  
(PN 3652) Act designating a portion of State Route 2029 in Lehigh County as the Blankstone Alpaca Farm Highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 06-27-16 H Filed  
06-28-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2230  **Everett, Garth**  
(PN 3669) Act designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming and Sullivan Counties as the Lieutenant Commander John J. Peterman Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of State Route 220 in Lycoming County as the Thomas A. Paternostro Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 06-28-16 H Filed  
06-29-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2233  **Taylor, John**  
(PN 3683) 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 PennDOT approval. Also outlines rules governing violations. The addition of Pa.C.S. 3368.1(e) shall take effect 60 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice under section 4. Section 4 is effective immediately. The remainder of the act is effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 06-29-16 H Filed  
06-30-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2235  **Gibbons, Jaret**  
(PN 3685) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in Pennsylvania Turnpike, allowing any county that receives an Act 44 allocation to use any remaining funds to assist their municipalities through a grant program. Unused funds would carry over to the next fiscal year. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:** 06-29-16 H Filed  
06-30-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2236  **Gibbons, Jaret**  
(PN 3686) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new section establishing a pilot program to provide for automated enforcement systems on interstate highways within the Commonwealth. The new section shall only apply to active work zones on interstate highways or freeways under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The system shall not be used unless at least two appropriate warning signs are
conspicuously placed before an active work zone notifying the public that a device is in use and a notice identifying the location of the system is posted on the department's and the commission's website throughout the period of use. Further provides for liability; notice of violation; penalty; defenses; and the authority of the department and the commission. Also provides for the distribution of fine money. Requires the department and the commission to file an annual report on the program for the preceding year the chairman and minority chairman of the House and Senate Transportation committees. The new section shall expire after five years. Also requires the Secretary of Transportation and the Chairman of the Turnpike Commission to publish a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when an automated speed enforcement system is operational. Deposits revenue into the Motor License Fund and provides for an annual appropriation to the Department of Transportation for work zone safety funding. The bill's penalty provisions shall take effect 60 days after the publication of the notice. The publication of notice requirement shall take effect immediately and the remainder of the legislation shall take effect in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
06-29-16 H Filed
06-30-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**HB 2240** Diamond, Russell
Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, for registration & certificate of title required; in licensing of drivers, for carrying & exhibiting driver's license on demand; & in inspection of vehicles.

**Bill History:**
06-30-16 H Filed
07-01-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**HB 2255** Benninghoff, Kerry
(PN 3626) Amends Title 74 limiting Pennsylvania State Police utilization of the Motor License Fund. In 2016-17 utilization is limited to $755,158,000, in 2017-18 the limit is $600 million and in 2018-19 the limit is $500 million. In following years the Office of the Budget will determine the limit based on the Consumer Price Index. Effective immediately.

**Bill History:**
06-23-16 H Filed
06-24-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**SB 535** Vulakovich, Randy
(PN 1973) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to allow for the use of electronic speed meters or radar devices, including LIDAR, by any police officer in the Commonwealth upon completion of a training course approved by the Pennsylvania State Police and MPOETC. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 492)

**Bill History:**
06-23-16 S Over in Senate
06-27-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations 06-27-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-27-16 S Passed over in committee Senate Appropriations
06-27-16 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

**SB 559** Rafferty, John
(PN 536) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding that if a speeding offense is charged as a result of use of a speed timing devices, no points shall be assigned unless the speed recorded is ten or more miles per hour in excess of the legal speed limit. The
legislation also authorizes the use of electronic speed meters or radar or LIDAR by full-time police officers employed by the full-service police department of a political subdivision or regional police department situate in a county of the first class, second class, second class A or third class if official warning signs indicating the use of these devices are erected within 500 feet of the border of the political subdivision on the main arteries entering that political subdivision. The bill provides for testing of such devices. Effective in 120 days.

**Bill History:**
06-15-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-15-16 S Laid on the table
06-15-16 S Removed from the table
06-27-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-27-16 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

**SB 956**  
Ward, Kim
(PN 1953) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1017 over Mill Creek in Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, as the Lieutenant Eric Eslary Memorial Bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 981 in Mount Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, as the James Paul Takitch Honorary Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1179)

**Bill History:**
06-28-16 Laid out for discussion 1:45pm
06-28-16 Third consideration 1:45pm
06-28-16 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:198/N: 0)
06-29-16 S Received as amended in Senate and rereferred Senate Rules and Executive Nominations
07-01-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations -- Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

**SB 983**  
McGarrigle, Thomas
(PN 1852) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language to allow the parent, including an adoptive parent or foster parent and spouses, of a child or adult child who is in their care to secure a disability license plate for their vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1219)

**Bill History:**
06-15-16 S Signed in the Senate
06-15-16 H Signed in the House
06-16-16 G In the hands of the Governor
06-26-16 G Last day for Governor's action
06-23-16 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 55)

**SB 1032**  
Yaw, Gene
(PN 1341) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles by prohibiting an individual from smoking in a vehicle which is transporting a child under 12 years of age. The bill provides for grading of the offense and definitions. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
06-28-16 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-28-16 S First consideration
06-30-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-30-16 Second consideration 2:41pm
07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**SB 1073**  
Browne, Patrick
(PN 1984) The General Appropriation Act of 2016 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 Legislative Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 1423, 1459, 1485, 1459)

Bill History:
06-30-16 H Re-reported on concurrence as committed House Rules
06-30-16 H Set on the House Calendar
06-30-16 Laid out for discussion 6:20pm
06-30-16 H House concurred in Senate amendments to House amendments (Vote Y: 144/N: 54)
07-01-16 S Signed in the Senate

SB 1123  Vogel, Jr., Elder
(PN 1937) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture), in weights and measures, further providing for standards for automotive fuel by adding that the department may, by publication of notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, adopt vapor pressure specifications for gasoline ethanol blends which shall remain in effect until ASTM adopts such specifications, at which point the ASTM vapor pressure specifications shall apply. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1544)

Bill History:
06-30-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-30-16 Laid out for discussion 1:55pm
06-30-16 S Senate concurred in House amendments (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
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Hereford Township at the Lehigh County line through Washington Township in Berks County as the First Lieutenant William R. Gendebien Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-07-16 S First consideration
- 06-30-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 06-30-16 S Laid on the table
- 06-30-16 S Removed from the table
- 07-01-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**SB 1233 Aument, Ryan**
(PN 1828) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in preliminary provisions, adding to the definitions of "emergency service responder" and "emergency vehicle" a police officer who is also a member of a county or regional municipal Special Emergency Response Team which is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction). Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-23-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 06-23-16 Laid out for discussion 4:34pm
- 06-23-16 Third consideration 4:34pm
- 06-23-16 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
- 06-27-16 H Received in the House and referred to House Transportation

**SB 1267 Rafferty, John**
(PN 1893) Amends Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) making reforms to related to the Municipal Signal Partnership Program. Specifically, makes changes to various definitions, including "critical corridor" and "municipality," reduces local match financial assistance threshold from 50 to 20 percent of the total and provides for its composition from funds from sources other than private or municipal, and includes provisions for cities of the first or second class. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1805)

**Bill History:**
- 06-30-16 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation
- 06-30-16 H Reported as committed from House Transportation
- 06-30-16 H First consideration
- 06-30-16 H Laid on the table
- 07-01-16 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

**SB 1292 Browne, Patrick**
(PN 1961) The Capital Budget Act of 2016-2017 provides for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017 with a total appropriation of $1,110,000,000. Effective October 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 1872)

**Bill History:**
- 06-29-16 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 06-29-16 Laid out for discussion 3:39pm
- 06-29-16 Third consideration 3:39pm
- 06-29-16 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
- 07-01-16 H Received in the House and referred to House Appropriations

**SB 1315 Hutchinson, Scott**
(PN 1928) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4010 over Sugar Creek, Sugarcreek Borough, Venango County, as the Lieutenant Andrew J. White Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
- 06-23-16 S Meeting cancelled for 06/24/16, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
- 06-28-16 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee
Committee Stories

House Rules Committee
6/27/16, 11:25 a.m., 245 Main Capitol
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

HB 2071 Vereb, Mike - (PN 3350) Act designating the pedestrian walkways on the Matsonford Bridge, located on State Route 3016 over the Schuylkill River, connecting the Boroughs of West Conshohocken and Conshohocken, Montgomery County, as the Clay-Doc Walk in memory of West Conshohocken Borough Police Chief Joseph G. Clayborne III and Conshohocken Borough Police Chief James H. Dougherty, Sr. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

House Appropriations Committee
6/27/16, 11:30 a.m., 140 Main Capitol
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
The committee met to consider bills.

SB 1192 Wozniak, John - (PN 1717) Act authorizing the Department of General Services, with the approval of the Governor, to dedicate to Cresson Township a right-of-way from lands of the Commonwealth at the State Correctional Institution-Cresson, situate in Cresson Township, Cambria County, for the purpose of laying out and constructing a public roadway. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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**Senate Appropriations Committee**
6/27/16, 3:20 p.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room
By Mark W. Wolfe, Pennsylvania Legislative Services Intern

The committee met to consider bills.

HB 2180 Markosek, Joseph - (PN 3555) Act appropriating $8,640,000 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. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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**Senate Local Government Committee**
6/27/16, 4:51 p.m., Senate Rules Room
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

HB 1455 Pashinski, Eddie Day - (PN 2461) 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, 2016, 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 A or third class. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2047) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Sen. Blake spoke in support of the legislation and stated "it is only a may provision."

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**House Appropriations Committee**
6/27/16, 8:30 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol
By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

Following a delay caused by the Legislative Reference Bureau computer system crashing, the committee met to consider one bill.

SB 1073 Browne, Patrick - (PN 1485) The General Appropriation Act of 2015 provides from the General Fund interim funding 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, 2015, to June 30, 2016, 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, 2015; 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 and the Justice Reinvestment 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, 2015, to June 30, 2016; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, 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 Department of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund and the State Lottery Fund for the Executive Department of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The bill is retroactive to July 1, 2015 and effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1423, 1459)

The bill was reported as amended with Rep. Jim Christiana (R-Beaver) voting in the negative.

A09156 by Adolph, is the 2016-2017 budget. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Bill Adolph (R-Delaware) noted that the House has worked to move legislation in the areas of pension reform, liquor modernization, and gaming. "We're now at a point where we should be moving a General Appropriation bill," he stated. "The budget number is $31.55 billion."

Chairman Adolph highlighted the main aspects of the bill including the following:

- $200 million increase to basic education for a total of $5.895 billion which is the highest in Commonwealth history;
- $20 million increase for Pre-K Counts;
- $5 million increase for Head Start;
- $20 million increase for Special Education;
- $10.4 million increase for Early Intervention;
- $345 million increase for the School Employee Retirement Obligation which is the first time in 15 years that the state met the Actuarial Required Contribution (ARC);
- Provides funding for three additional State Police cadet classes;
- $153 million increase for the Department of Corrections;
- Transfers millions from Oil and Gas Fund to General Fund to fund conservation programs, Growing Greener, and the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund;
- $5 million increase to the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and $15 million to the Department of Human Services for treatment programs;
- $490 million increase for the Department of Human Services.

"I am recommending highly a yes vote for this amendment," Chairman Adolph concluded.

Minority Chairman Joe Markosek (D-Allegheny) also highlighted positive aspects of the bill and urged an affirmative vote. "This is a very good example of what we can do when we work together and this represents a very good piece of legislation relative to all the good things it will do for Pennsylvania but it is in line with the deadline we are all under this week," he stated. "All too often the folks in Pennsylvania have looked at us similar to the federal government, but we can work together and I think this is a good example of it. This budget proposal before us more closely meets Pennsylvanians' expectations for investments in education and quality of life programs and guards against across the board layoffs of state employees who are needed to deliver those services. While it fails to stop its reliance on one time funding moves, those actions have been historically smaller than they have been in the budget proposal and acknowledges that serious attempts must be made in 2017-18 to generate new revenue. While we still have work to do together this moves the process forward."

Click here to view the fiscal note attached to the bill.
House Transportation Committee
6/28/16, 10:15 a.m., 205 Ryan Office Building
By Kimberly Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

**HB 2157 Millard, David** - (PN 3504) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for probationary licenses by halving the credit time served before being eligible to petition for a probationary license. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as amended.

**A08776** by Taylor, provides that the most serious violators are not eligible for the reduced waiting period. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

David Kozak, research analyst for the committee, noted the amendment was requested by the Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

Rep. Jeff Pyle (R-Armstrong) asked if the bill is "like an enhanced OLL" (occupational limited license). Kozak replied essentially, but it does not have the same restrictions. Rep. Pyle mentioned a person in his district suspended for years and said the man's only offense was driving on a suspended license repeatedly and asked how that person would be affected. Kozak guessed the original offense would be ineligible, assuming the man has already tried to apply.

Rep. Kate Harper (R-Montgomery) asked how this bill fits in with the new law on ignition interlock and whether it applies to DUI. Kozak replied not if the license is suspended for the DUI, but confirmed such a person could get an ignition interlock. The probationary license, he said, is for suspensions such as driving on a suspended license as a result of a DUI. Rep. Harper advocated for incentivizing ignition interlock and worried that this bill does the opposite. A member of the audience confirmed the ignition interlock rules will still apply and this bill will not trump that.

Rep. Stan Saylor (R-York) worried for those individuals who are driving on suspended licenses and continually drive and get suspended and said this bill makes progress to help those who "did something stupid" when they were young. He guessed that thousands of people are driving on suspended licenses at any given time and argued for an avenue to address their issues and the need to get to work.

Rep. Ed Neilson (D-Philadelphia) asked for clarification on how the bill applies to someone with a suspended license for DUI. Kozak explained this would apply to someone that had an offense a long time ago but continued to drive and continually gets caught for that. Rep. Neilson questioned allowing someone who got a DUI and continues to drive on a suspended license to get a probationary license. Kozak clarified the ignition interlock will come into effect first.

Rep. Stephen Kinsey (D-Philadelphia) asked how time served is impacted. Kozak replied it depends on why the suspension was carried out. He noted the restrictions of the probationary license.

Rep. Bryan Barbin (D-Cambria) noted the argument is the same as that for ignition interlock and remarked that this does not solve all the problems, but it does help provide people a way to drive. He opined it is bad public policy to prevent people from driving for 20 years and said this provides "another way out for a large group of people."

On the bill as amended, Rep. Pyle commented "this is a really good topic that seems to resonate" and lamented that there was not more time to talk about it.

Rep. Harper appreciated the problem of suburban and rural people who need to drive, but worried about the applicability to habitual drivers. She thought people with seven suspensions would be put in jail and further suggested the probationary license becomes a reward for driving on a suspend license. She said she would vote the bill out of committee, but was not sure she could vote for it on the floor. Chairman John Taylor (R-Philadelphia) likened the program to an amnesty that can bring people into compliance with the law and further pointed out people driving on a suspended license are likely driving without insurance.
Rep. Rob Matzie (D-Beaver) remarked "it's that guy that got a ticket when he was 18" and has since turned around life and trying to follow the law. He argued the bill is worth consideration.

Chairman Taylor pointed out that "mere failure to respond to anything results in a suspension" and indicated that can lead to a cycle.

Rep. Mike Carroll (D-Luzerne) remarked it is a challenge to get a probationary license, but pointed out it was established as an alternative to those that could not get OLL. He argued for some period of suspension to allow the penalty to be served so people are not ignoring suspensions altogether. He called the bill a step in the right direction by minimizing the penalty "in a way that I think is fair."

SB 1155 Reschenthaler, Guy - (PN 1617) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, establishing a special license place for active members of the armed forces of the United States. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1594) - The bill was unanimously reported as amended.

A09071 by Taylor, delineates which branch of the armed services an individual served in. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Eric Bugaile, executive director of the committee, explained the amendment was needed to clarify applicability to active members and allows the display of the logo of the branch of the military instead of saying "active."

HB 1838 White, Martina - (PN 2838) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) creating a special motorcycle plate for firefighters. The Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association Charitable Foundation shall receive $15 of the fee paid by the applicant for the plate. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as amended.

A09002 by Taylor, strikes the language of the bill and extends the Special Organization Plate Program to include motorcycles and changes the effective date. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Bugaile explained a number of organizations would like to have special organization plates for motorcycles.

HB 2208 Simmons, Justin - (PN 3602) Act designating a portion of State Route 145 in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, as the Cpl. Joshua B. Smith Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

Rep. Justin Simmons (R-Lehigh) highlighted the life and career of Corporal Smith.

HB 2203 Marshall, Jim - (PN 3599) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new chapter providing for autonomous and connected vehicles. Provides for the development, testing and operation of autonomous vehicles in the Commonwealth. Further provides for the requirements for the safety and control of the vehicles, vehicle testers and the traveling public. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was reported as amended by a vote of 24-3 with Representatives Pyle, Marguerite Quinn (R-Berks), and Barbin voting in the negative.

Rep. Jim Marshall (R-Beaver) said the bill welcomes new technology while putting safety first and giving PennDOT flexibility to make decisions.

Kozak further explained the bill is a collaborative effort with the Senate Transportation Committee and provided an overview of the bill.

A08970 by Marshall, was stated to be a technical amendment that clarifies legislative intent. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Pyle noted that the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee recently had a "pretty good shootout" regarding agencies acting without committee knowledge. He asked who has responsibility if something goes wrong. Kozak replied the tester, such as Uber. Rep. Pyle questioned if PennDOT will have all rule promulgating authority and where the vehicles will be allowed. Kozak replied that they are allowed anywhere currently in the absence of a law, provided someone is behind the wheel. He explained the protections that the bill requires. He noted the types of
autonomous vehicles vary. Rep. Pyle suggested the committee see a demonstration. The chairman noted the committee had one a few months ago and indicated he would arrange another.

Rep. Quinn was uncomfortable voting for the bill without knowing what the vehicles do. Chairman Taylor pointed out this bill is about providing parameters in statute, not about the technology. He said the testing is taking place and noted

Rep. Barbin remarked this bill seems to be accepting progress on autonomous vehicles and allows PennDOT to come up with regulations while they are testing. He argued that allowing vehicles to be tested on public highways and coming up with regulations afterward puts people at risk. He asked if PennDOT has a comment that says this is necessary to do now. A member of the audience pointed out that these vehicles are already on the road and nothing in the law governs them. Rep. Barbin said he would vote against the bill because he believes the legislature should take more control and the testing should stop until the regulations are in place.

Rep. Matzie remarked this is about testing and applauded the bill.

Rep. Marshall pointed out the committee has had opportunities to ride in autonomous vehicles and argued the bill is necessary. He said it is an effort to regulate something that is out there already.

Concluding the meeting, Chairman Taylor noted that he had anticipated considering HB 1258 but that bill will not be considered today.

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House Rules Committee
6/28/16 11:50 a.m., 245 Main Capitol
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

HB 1923 Santora, James - (PN 3023) Act designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Drexel Hill, Delaware County, as the Officer Dennis McNamara Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

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House Appropriations Committee
6/28/16 12:00 p.m., 140 Main Capitol
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

HB 1739 Murt, Thomas - (PN 2610) Act designating a portion of State Route 2034 in Montgomery County as the Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 2071 Vereb, Mike - (PN 3350) Act designating the pedestrian walkways on the Matsonford Bridge, located on State Route 3016 over the Schuylkill River, connecting the Boroughs of West Conshohocken and Conshohocken, Montgomery County, as the Clay-Doc Walk in memory of West Conshohocken Borough Police Chief Joseph G. Clayborne III and Conshohocken Borough Police Chief James H. Dougherty, Sr. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

SB 956 Ward, Kim - (PN 1953) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1017 over Mill Creek in Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County, as the Lieutenant Eric Eslary Memorial Bridge; and designating a portion of State Route 981 in Mount Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, as the James Paul Takitch Honorary Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1179) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.
SB 1216 Stefano, Patrick - (PN 1774) Act designating the bridge carrying State Route 3087 over Jacobs Creek connecting Scottdale, Westmoreland County, and Everson, Fayette County, as the Private First Class Joseph Anthony Petrarca/Staff Sergeant John William Earnesty Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1738) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

SB 1217 Stefano, Patrick - (PN 1739) Act designating a portion of State Route 523 in Somerset County as the Private First Class Nils G. Thompson Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

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Senate Transportation Committee
6/28/16, 1:25 p.m., Senate Rules Room
By Mark W. Wolfe, Pennsylvania Legislative Services Intern

The committee met to consider bills.

SB 1032 Yaw, Gene - (PN 1341) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles by prohibiting an individual from smoking in a vehicle which is transporting a child under 12 years of age. The bill provides for grading of the offense and definitions. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was reported as committed, with Senators Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton) and Larry Farnese (D-Philadelphia) in opposition.

Sen. Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming), prime sponsor, said that the bill derives from two current regulations by the state:

- Regulating "what children do in cars," for example where they may sit and in what kind of chair, and
- Prohibiting smoking in bars.

Sen. Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny) asked whether the bill makes this a primary or secondary offense, whether a police officer can pull a driver over for witnessing this or just add the charge if a driver is pulled over for something else. Sen. Yaw replied that the offense is primary under this bill.

Sen. Boscola asked for clarification whether a police officer could pull a driver over with the mere suspicion that they are violating this law. Chairman John Rafferty (R-Montgomery) said that this would be the case, particularly if the smoking is done in plain view. Sen. Boscola expressed concern with the prospect of the police, who "already have a hard time…enforcing laws," becoming "smoke police" over people's private vehicles. She wondered if it might be a slippery slope into prohibiting smoking in the home.

Sen. Patrick Stefano (R-Fayette) asked if other states have enacted similar legislation. Chairman Rafferty indicated that there were, but listed no specifics. Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington) asked if there were any statistics from these other states pertaining to enforcement of this measure. Chairman Rafferty responded that there were currently none obtained by the committee. Sen. Bartolotta also asked whether vaping, which produces water vapor and is widely seen as an alternative to tobacco, would be prohibited in a car carrying a minor under the bill. Sen. Yaw replied that the law would address whatever smoking is currently defined as.

Minority Chairman John Wozniak (D-Cambria) declared that while enforcement of the law would be "very limited," it may hold significant educational impacts for the next generation of drivers, who may be motivated to adhere to its demands.

Sen. Farnese asked if a police officer who stops the car for this offense may then have grounds to perform a search of the vehicle. Sen. Yaw responded affirmatively, stating that it would be "the same as any other traffic stop." He also stated that the main purpose of the bill is to change behavior.

HB 1079 Taylor, John - (PN 1386) Act repealing the act of July 16, 1941 (P.L.386, No.149), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the establishment, construction, operation and maintenance of a mountain ridge road or
parkway in the Pocono Mountains through, bordering or accessible to the counties of Monroe, Northampton, Carbon, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne and Pike, to be known as the "Pocono Mountain Memorial Parkway"; providing for the creation of the Pennsylvania Parkway Commission, and conferring powers, and imposing duties on said commission; authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue bonds of the Commonwealth, payable solely from tolls, to pay the cost of such parkway; providing that no debt of the Commonwealth shall be incurred in the exercise of any of the powers granted by this act; providing for the collection of tolls for the payment of such bonds and for the cost of maintenance, operation and repair of the parkway; making such bonds exempt from taxation; constituting such bonds legal investments in certain instances; prescribing conditions upon which such parkway shall become free; providing for condemnation; granting certain powers and authority to municipal subdivisions and other agencies of the Commonwealth to cooperate with the commission; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Highways and authorizing the issuance of parkway revenue refunding bonds." - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 1413 Heffley, Doyle - (PN 2668) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), changing the inspection requirements for motor carrier vehicles with a registered gross weight in excess of 17,000 pounds from a semi-annual to annual basis, and providing that Pennsylvania motor truck businesses be refunded their registration fee if a truck is stolen or demolished, and they cannot replace the vehicle. Refunds shall be pro-rated based on the number of months the vehicle was operational. Further provides that regarding apportioned registrations, only the fees paid for the Commonwealth portion of the registration shall be eligible for a refund. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1951) - The bill was reported as committed, with Sen. Scott Wagner (R-York) voting in the negative.

Chairman Rafferty stated that the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) are opposed to this bill, while the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association (PMTA) supports it.

Sen. Wagner invoked Rule 16, wondering if his ownership of a trucking company represented a conflict of interest. Chairman Rafferty ruled that it did not.

Chairman Wozniak asked his Democratic colleagues to support the bill, stating that the possible increase in trucks registering within Pennsylvania would offset the costs that PennDOT claims it would lose should this bill become law. Representative Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon), prime sponsor, echoed this sentiment, claiming that the majority of trucks on Pennsylvania highways are registered in other states. Sen. Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh) asked if PennDOT has responded to this possibility of increased revenue through truck registration. Chairman Rafferty said that he has not heard comment. Rep. Heffley added that an additional 300 trucks registered in Pennsylvania would offset the figures that PennDOT is projecting in losses.

Sen. Wagner, himself a member of PMTA, indicated that he would be voting against this bill because of safety concerns with reductions in the frequency of required inspections, stating that he knew that some smaller companies would use this law to cut corners. He hopes to work further with PennDOT and PSP to look into their issues with the measure, declaring that he could come to support this bill in some form.

HB 1703 Millard, David - (PN 2849) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles (ATV), further providing for operation by persons under age sixteen to abide by the age recommendation warning label affixed by the manufacturer; provides that a person eight or nine years of age operating an ATV not bearing a certification label to have an engine size of 70 cc or less. Within five days, a youthful operator shall present the appropriate safety certificate that was valid at the time of demand at the office of the issuing authority. The sound level intensity produced by an ATV manufactured on or after January 1, 1998, shall not exceed 96dba, or decibels, when measured at 20 inches. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 2531) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

Sen. Bartolotta asked about the changes to the phrase "mufflers and noise control" contained in the bill. A committee staffer replied that the change from "noise" to "sound" is mainly technical and clarifying in nature.

HB 2025 Reese, Mike - (PN 3352) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, adding that temporary registration cards issued to a vehicle acquired in Pennsylvania for transportation to another state for registration shall be valid for 60 days. Additionally, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for suspension of certificates of appointment and for certification of mechanics. The bill authorizes the imposition of a monetary penalty on inspection stations that are not properly equipped or otherwise in violation. A schedule of all penalties, points and suspension
may be established by the department by publishing a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin until the regulations
governing these penalties are promulgated by the department. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3252) -
The bill was unanimously reported as amended.

A08900 by Rafferty, intended to "restore the original intent of the bill," was unanimously adopted.

SB 1315 Hutchinson, Scott - (PN 1928) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 4010 over Sugar
Creek, Sugarcreek Borough, Venango County, as the Lieutenant Andrew J. White Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60
days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

Sen. Scott Hutchinson (R-Venango) stated that the bill intends to honor a fallen firefighter.

SB 1322 Wozniak, John - (PN 9144) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 879 over Trout Run in
Goshen Township, Clearfield County, as the Private David Kyle McCracken Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. -
The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

Chairman Wozniak said that the bill is intended as a tribute to a soldier killed in action in Europe in 1944.

HB 835 Bloom, Stephen - (PN 3192) Act designating a portion of State Route 74 in Cumberland County as the
Marine Lance Corporal Gary Lee Ream Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1003) - The
bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 1597 Murt, Thomas - (PN 3396) Act designating a portion of State Route 2026, also known as Blair Mill Road, in
Montgomery County as the Private First Class Paul T. Wright Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer
Number: 2304) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 1787 White, Martina - (PN 2733) Act designating a portion of State Route 1013 in Philadelphia County as the
Michael R. Goodwin, Sr. Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as
committed.

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House Appropriations Committee
6/28/16, 3:30 p.m., 140 Main Capitol
By Andreas Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

SB 1073 Browne, Patrick - (PN 1984) The General Appropriation Act of 2016 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, 2016, to June 30,
2017, 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, 2016; 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 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1,
2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 Legislative Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 1423, 1459, 1485, 1459) - The bill was reported as amended with Rep. James Christiana (R-Beaver) voting in the negative.

A09227 by Adolph, allows the Secretary of the Budget to transfer funds from the Workers’ Compensation Security Fund in the amount not more than the amount certified by a request by the chairpersons of House and Senate Appropriations Committees if sufficient funds are not available in fiscal year 2016-2017 from the state appropriations for medical assistance. Any funds transferred shall be repaid in 90 days. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Bill Adolph (R-Delaware) apologized for a previous computer failure at the Legislative Reference Bureau that postponed the meeting. He said language that should have been included in the budget was discovered overnight, and was being presented as a language only amendment. “Similar language has been included in the Fiscal Code in the past, so it’s not a new provision,” he said.

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House Appropriations Committee
6/29/16, 12:00 p.m., 140 Main Capitol
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

HB 1923 Santora, James - (PN 3023) Act designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Drexel Hill, Delaware County, as the Officer Dennis McNamara Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

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Senate Transportation Committee
6/29/16, 1:40 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to reconsider the vote on House Bill 853.

HB 853 Gibbons, Jaret - (PN 3458) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle by adding that an offense of texting while driving would be aggravating circumstances. The bill provides for sentencing, too. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1487) - The bill was unanimously reconsidered and reported as committed.

Chairman John Rafferty (R-Montgomery) explained that at the earlier committee meeting he misspoke when he responded to the question from Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington) when he said that the bill included mandatory sentences. In response, Sen. Bartolotta said she is switching her vote from "no" to "yes."

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Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee
6/29/16, 2:52 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation and certain executive nominations.

Executive nominations were unanimously reported.
SB 1073 Browne, Patrick - (PN 1984) The General Appropriation Act of 2016 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 Legislative Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 1423, 1459, 1485, 1459) - The bill was unanimously reported as amended.

A09268 by Corman, omnibus amendment providing for the General Fund budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Jake Corman (R-Centre) explained that the amendment "has significant investments in public education" including a $200 million increase for basic education; $20 million increase for special education; a 2.5 percent increase for higher education; and a $40 million increase for PHEAA grants. He noted that the total spend is $31.53 billion.

Minority Chairman Jay Costa (D-Allegheny) urged an affirmative vote on the amendment and the bill.

SB 1123 Vogel, Jr., Elder - (PN 1937) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture), in weights and measures, further providing for standards for automotive fuel by adding that the department may, by publication of notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, adopt vapor pressure specifications for gasoline ethanol blends which shall remain in effect until ASTM adopts such specifications, at which point the ASTM vapor pressure specifications shall apply. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1544) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

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House Transportation Committee
6/30/16, 12:30 p.m., Room 60 East Wing
By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

SB 1267 Rafferty, John - (PN 1893) Amends Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) making reforms to related to the Municipal Signal Partnership Program. Specifically, makes changes to various definitions, including "critical corridor" and "municipality," reduces local match financial assistance threshold from 50 to 20 percent of the total and provides for its composition from funds from sources other than private or municipal, and includes provisions for cities of the first or second class. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1805) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

Executive Director Eric Bugaile offered a description of the bill and pointed out it is very similar to HB 950 which already passed out of the House.
Senate Transportation Committee
6/30/16, 1:28 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider five bills.

HB 853 Gibbons, Jaret - (PN 3458) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle by adding that an offense of texting while driving would be aggravating circumstances. The bill provides for sentencing, too. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1487) - The bill was reported as committed with Senator Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington) voting "no".

Sen. Bartolotta asked if the bill includes mandatory sentencing. Chairman John Rafferty (R-Montgomery) responded, "Yes."

HB 1347 Reese, Mike - (PN 2444) Act designating a portion of State Route 981 in Mount Pleasant Township, Westmoreland County, as the James Paul Takitch Honorary Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1847) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 1739 Murt, Thomas - (PN 2610) Act designating a portion of State Route 2034 in Montgomery County as the Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 1955 Simmons, Justin - (PN 3354) Act designating a portion of State Route 309 in Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, as the Officer David M. Petzold Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3083) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 2071 Vereb, Mike - (PN 3350) Act designating the pedestrian walkways on the Matsonford Bridge, located on State Route 3016 over the Schuylkill River, connecting the Boroughs of West Conshohocken and Conshohocken, Montgomery County, as the Clay-Doc Walk in memory of West Conshohocken Borough Police Chief Joseph G. Clayborne III and Conshohocken Borough Police Chief James H. Dougherty, Sr. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

House Rules Committee
6/30/16, 12:15 p.m., Room 245 Main Capitol
By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

HB 1838 White, Martina - (PN 2838) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) creating a special motorcycle plate for firefighters. The Pennsylvania Professional Fire Fighters Association Charitable Foundation shall receive $15 of the fee paid by the applicant for the plate. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

HB 2208 Simmons, Justin - (PN 3602) Act designating a portion of State Route 145 in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, as the Cpl. Joshua B. Smith Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

Senate Appropriations Committee
6/30/16, 2:58 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Andreas Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
The committee met to consider bills.

**SB 1320 Browne, Patrick** - (PN 1932) Amends the Fiscal Code providing for general budget restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts. The bill states that the secretary may create restricted receipt accounts for the purpose of administering Federal grants only for the purposes designated in this section and proceeds to list those programs for which restricted receipt accounts may be established in the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Education, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the Executive Offices. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

Sen. Scott Wagner (R-York) asked for clarification on what is being voted on, and asked if there would be another opportunity to vote on the Fiscal Code, to which Chairman Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh) said yes.

**House Rules Committee**
6/30/16 4:30 p.m., 245 Main Capitol
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

**SB 1073 Browne, Patrick** - (PN 1984) The General Appropriation Act of 2016 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 Legislative Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 1423, 1459, 1485, 1459) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

**Press Conferences**

**OFFICIALS DISCUSS ACT 89 TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRESS**
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | June 28, 2016

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Secretary Leslie Richards along with David Black, President and CEO of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber, and Owen O'Neil, Executive Director of the Lehigh & Northampton Transportation Authority (LANTA), briefed reporters today on the progress made in transportation since the enactment of Act 89 in 2013.
Sec. Richards commented, “As I go around the country, many states continue to struggle with the question of finding adequate funding resources for critical highway and bridge needs.” She noted, “We in Pennsylvania are enjoying the benefits of the bipartisan consensus included in Act 89.” Sec. Richards reported that PennDOT is “on track to award roughly $2.4 billion this calendar year for roughly 820 highway and bridge projects.” She said that this is in addition to the $2.5 billion awarded last year. Sec. Richards also noted the number of structurally deficient bridges has fallen from a high of 6,034 in 2008 to 3,783 as of March 31. She reported that the public-private partnership bridge bundling project will replace 558 structurally deficient bridges by 2018.

Sec. Richards also pointed out that due to Act 89, transit agencies across the commonwealth are receiving $495 million in capital funding for bus and other equipment investment. She also discussed the need to find a proper balance between State Police needs from the Motor License Fund and the ongoing costs of maintaining and restoring the existing highway and bridge system while allowing for some added capacity. Sec. Richards explained that the state police budget is expected to grow at a rate of four percent per year while the Motor License Fund is growing at less than one percent per year. She said that the governor and the legislature all recognize the problem. Sec. Richards added that there is a growing public understanding of the current system of funding is not sustainable. She reported the department and the State Police are collaborating in finding a solution. She cautioned, “If we are going to continue to make improvements and upgrades to help commerce and the public, this collaboration is vital.”

Black told reporters, “As Pennsylvanians, we all win with better roads and better transportation networks.” He highlighted some of the projects underway and planned in the region due to the funding from Act 89. These projects include:

- The Central Susquehanna Valley transportation project (the largest new capacity project underway in Pennsylvania).
- The FedEx ground facility in the Lehigh Valley.
- The US 11/15 project in Perry County
- The widening of I-81 in Cumberland County
- The widening of I-83 in Dauphin County

O’Neil observed, “One of the things that makes Act 89 so unique is the truly multi-modal nature of the legislation and the significant amount of investment and recognition of the importance of transit throughout the state.” He stated, “One of the things Act 89 has done for transit is that is provides a reliable source of funding for capital improvements.” O’Neill also pointed out Act 89 allows transit systems the ability to match federal grants. He noted, “Revenue from Act 89 has helped a lot of transit systems across Pennsylvania to complete capital projects from large to small including timely replacement of buses, railcars, and paratransit vans.”

Sec. Richards, Black and O’Neil responded to questions from reporters.

**What ideas are on the table regarding State Police funding from the Motor License Fund?**

Sec. Richards: First of all, we are open to any solution. I do firmly believe that there is going to be a mixture of solutions. We keep coming up with ideas. The more ideas we have at the table we feel the more productive the conversation will be and the better our chances of coming up with some solution. We are talking about using motor license funds that go to the municipalities that right now receive free service from the State Police and not paying for State Police services to see if there is some way to get their buy-in to charge some fee for the services. We are working on a fee structure for municipalities. We are working with the $5 dollar county registration fee and if there is some way we use that money. We are open to talk about some increase of the sales tax or maybe a sales tax on a new item.

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**PA Bulletin**

**DEP: TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIESEL-POWERED EQUIPMENT RESCHEDULED MEETING**

The Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel-Powered Equipment meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2016, is rescheduled for Friday, July 22, 2016, at 10 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Protection New Stanton Office Building, New Stanton. Questions concerning the meeting can be directed to Allison D. Gaida, Bureau of Mine Safety at (724) 404-3147 or agaida@pa.gov. The agenda and meeting materials will be available on the Department
of Environmental Protection’s website at www.dep.pa.gov (select “Public Participation,” then “Advisory Committees,” then “Mining Advisory Committees,” then “Technical Advisory Committee on Diesel Powered Equipment”).

**PENNDOT: PROPOSED DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL FOR PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION ASSISTED BLOCK GRANTS**
The Department of Transportation is providing notice of its proposed goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation of 9.64 percent, expressed as a percentage of total Federal Aviation Administration funding. The proposed methodology used in determination of the goal is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Equal Opportunity, 400 North Street, 5th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0041, (717) 787-5891, (800) 468-4201, fax (717) 772-4026. The documents can be viewed online at http://www.padbegoals.org/. Documents will be available for inspection for 30 days from the date of this notice. The Department also will accept written comments on the methodology and proposed goal for 45 days from the date of this notice. Comments, questions or suggestions regarding this notice may be directed in writing to Dustin Hobaugh, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise/Title VI Division Chief at the previously listed address.

**DOT: RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THE SECTION 5310 PROGRAM**
The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Public Transportation, will receive applications for the State-administered Section 5310 Program. The application is due by the close of business on Friday July 15, 2016 and can be found at https://spportal.dot.pa.gov/Planning/AppReg/BPT-5310/Pages/default.aspx. Additional information can be obtained by calling John Levitsky, Bureau of Public Transportation, (717) 787-1206, jlevitsky@pa.gov.

**Upcoming Events**

**PA Turnpike Commission**
July 5, 2016 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Formal Telephone Commission Meeting. Agenda For additional information: (717) 831-7333

**State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons **“Canceled”
July 7, 2016 - 9:00 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

**PA Public Utility Commission**
July 8, 2016 - 1:00 p.m.
Penn Estates Community Center, Oak Room, 443 Penn Estates Dr., East Stroudsburg
Public input hearing for requested rate increase by Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc.
For additional information: (717) 783-6152

**PA Public Utility Commission**
July 8, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem
Public input hearing for requested rate increase by Community Utilities of Pennsylvania, Inc.
For additional information: (717) 783-6152

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**In the News**

06-30-2016 Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) - June 2016 (Press Release)

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06-30-2016 Stack, Legislators Discuss Future of PA Military Installations
Warm weather, long weekend adds up to busy travel holiday
It's simple math. Warm weather, low gas prices and a long holiday weekend add up to one thing: busy highways. AAA is projecting that 43 million Americans will travel this weekend, the highest amount ever for July 4 and 5 million more than Memorial Day. About... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Before holiday weekend, police remember those killed by drunken drivers
The 66 small American flags placed in a planter outside the Westmoreland County Courthouse by law enforcement officers Wednesday morning were reminders of the dangers of drinking and driving as the Fourth of July holiday approaches. Each flag represents a person killed in alcohol-related accident in the... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

Uber to start tracking erratic driving behavior
SAN FRANCISCO — Using smartphone sensors to peek over its drivers’ shoulders, Uber is promising to keep a closer eye on their behavior while discouraging speeding or slamming on the brakes... - AP

Radio rage: How Joe from Brick feels about gas-tax hike
EWING, N.J. - For a good three hours Tuesday morning, the conservative radio host was filling the airwaves with invective against the proposed gas-tax hike, ripping into a deal brokered in the "middle of the night" by Gov. Christie and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto. Then, during a... - Philadelphia Inquirer

What N.J. Tax Compromise Might Do
An analysis by the liberal-leaning New Jersey Policy Perspective of the tax bill that passed the New Jersey Assembly shows that the average household would save more from a lower sales tax and increased retirement-income exemptions than the additional costs from the 23-cent hike in the gasoline... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Inquirer editorial: Hit the brakes on Chris Christie’s gas-tax plan
At some point during the early-morning hours Tuesday, Gov. Christie and Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto walked into a Statehouse hallway for a public hug on a $34.8 billion budget deal that wasn’t really a deal, because the hug was missing Senate President Steve Sweeney - as well as a... - Philadelphia Inquirer

The first round of SEPTA Key cards are sold out
Sixteen days after their debut all 10,000 of the SEPTA Key cards made available for an early adopter program have been sold. The electronic fare card introduced by SEPTA June 13 presently allows riders to buy monthly or weekly passes through a card that can be... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Christie to reluctant Senate: Back Assembly’s gas-tax plan
TRENTON - Gov. Christie on Wednesday pressed the Senate to approve a deal to raise the state’s gas tax in exchange for a sales-tax cut, ahead of a voting session Thursday. “They...
complained for months that I wasn't saying or doing anything. Now I have," the governor said at a Statehouse news conference as he promoted the... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-30-2016  
**What's eating up a growing share of transportation funds? It's not road and bridge work**  
One of the biggest issues facing PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards has nothing to do with repairing roads or replacing bridges. It's coming up with a way to fund the state police who patrol the vast majority of them. Unless an alternative funding source is found to pay for state police... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-30-2016  
**43 arrested for insurance fraud by Pa. attorney general's office**  
Five midstate residents are among 43 people arrested statewide for $275,000 worth of insurance fraud in a June sweep by the state attorney general's office. Charged were: Johnny Dukes II, 33, 1900 block of Mulberry St., Harrisburg, and Jennifer Dukes, 39, of the 2500 block of Walnut Street, Harrisburg, Dauphin County,... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-30-2016  
**Pennsylvania border drivers eye the end of low N.J. gas prices**  
PHILLIPSBURG, N.J. — With a looming 23-cent gas tax increase set to take effect in New Jersey, motorists like Rick Krieger of Forks Township seem resigned to the fact that their days of jumping the border to buy cheaper gas in the Garden State are numbered. "I guess I'll be buying all of my gas in Pennsylvania," said Krieger, a... - Allentown Morning Call

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**Cheapest travel weekend in 11 years**  
WILKES-BARRE — Gas prices, which averaged $2.39 a gallon in the Scranton/ Wilkes-Barre area Wednesday, are the lowest they have been in 11 years for the Fourth of July weekend. This weekend is expected to have the highest travel volume on record, with more travelers than Memorial Day weekend, according to AAA Mid-Atlantic.... - Scranton Times

06-30-2016  
**AAA predicts record-breaking travel volume for July 4 holiday**  
WILKES-BARRE — The Fourth of July weekend is expected to have the highest travel volume on record with more travelers than Memorial Day weekend, according to AAA Mid-Atlantic. Lower gasoline prices are prompting more people to travel, AAA spokeswoman Jana Tidwell said.... - Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice

06-30-2016  
**Editorial: Local police should be allowed to use radar**  
The Issue: Legislators in Harrisburg once again are considering giving local police access to the technology. Our Opinion: This move is long overdue and should be enacted in the interest of public safety. Pennsylvania is on the road toward ridding itself of some distinctions it... - Reading Eagle

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**Erie mayor to address EMTA charter dispute**  
ERIE, Pa. -- Erie Mayor Joe Sinnott has scheduled a 2 p.m. news conference Thursday at City Hall to discuss the ongoing city-county dispute over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority’s operating charter. Erie County Council has refused to approve a charter for EMTA, the
Go to N.J. to fill up? How the gas tax could affect you
New Jersey could see a sharp increase in fuel prices as soon as Friday, if a deal to increase the state's gas tax is approved. But what does that mean for out-of-state drivers who stop in the Garden State for low prices at the pump? "I don't think it will do anything to anybody," said Cathleen Lewis, a...
- Easton Express-Times

Poll: Do you like PennDOT’s fix for 13th St. interchange?
Red, stop. Green, go. Yield ... wait your turn. We're all familiar with basics of traffic rights-of-way, signs and signals, but the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's plan to rebuild and realign the irksome interchange at Route 22 and 13th Street in Easton is...
- Easton Express-Times

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- Beaver County Times

House gambling expansion bill could have casinos offer online gaming, slots at airports
Along with a spending plan that stole much of the spotlight Tuesday, the state House of Representatives approved a sweeping gambling expansion bill that regulates fantasy sports, allowing online gaming by casinos and permits slot machines at airports. The House approved the measure 114-85, with Democratic and Republican...
- Beaver County Times

Record high number of holiday travelers predicted
This Independence Day weekend, it is projected about 43 million Americans will be traveling, a record high. AAA predicts 84 percent of holiday travelers, or more than 36 million, will drive to their Independence Day destination, a 1.2 percent increase from last year....
- Washington Observer-Reporter

DUI: Don't let this be you this weekend (editorial)
Matthew Scott Diehl hit and killed Loganville Fire Chief Rodney Miller April 27, 2013 on I-83. Editor's note: A version of the following editorial originally ran before Thanksgiving in 2014. The message urging people not to drink and drive bears repeating today as many local folks prepare for...
- York Daily

Millions expected to hit roads nationally this weekend
With the onset of Fourth of July weekend, AAA estimates nearly 43 million Americans will take to the road, skies, waterways and rails to travel for their plans. A holiday travel forecast from AAA said that this year, drivers have saved an estimated $20 billion compared to January through July of...
- Towanda Daily Review

Oversized load to close Sunbury roads, bridges
The first of 36 super loads nearly two-thirds the size of a football field will move through Sunbury and to the power plant at Hummel Station in Monroe Township beginning this evening. Classified as a super load due to its weight and dimensions, tonight's 700,000 pound load is 204 feet long, 16 feet wide and 18 feet high....
- Sunbury Daily Item

Officials: Don't drink and drive car or boat
SUNBURY – Northumberland County officials want motorists and boaters to be safe this holiday weekend and avoid operating a motor vehicle on the road or water when intoxicated. At a press conference at the boat launch at Shikellamy State Park on Packer Island, officials said they would aggressively enforce DUI laws with roving...
- Sunbury Daily Item
Bus driver gets jail for DUI in a school bus with 40 students
MEDIA COURTHOUSE >> A bus driver that had Xanax and methadone in his system while transporting approximately 40 Garnet Valley High School students on a trip to New York was sentenced to six to 23 months in prison Tuesday. Joseph Steven Hill, 51, of Philadelphia, entered a “no contest”... - West Chester Daily Local News

Area police on the lookout for July 4 drunk drivers
MONTGOMERY TWP. >> Law enforcement officials in Montgomery Township will be out in force this July 4 holiday weekend in an effort to combat drunk driving. The Montgomery Township Regional DUI Enforcement Team plans to conduct sobriety checkpoints at undisclosed locations in Montgomery Township,... - Lansdale Reporter

Arcola Road bridge connecting Upper Providence, Lower Providence to reopen July 1
LOWER PROVIDENCE >> The long-awaited reopening of the Arcola Road bridge over the Perkiomen Creek will follow after a 2:30 p.m., Friday, July 1, ribbon-cutting ceremony at the middle of the bridge. The “structurally deficient” bridge, last updated in 1931, was... - Norristown Times Herald

Honor for slain Upper Darby police officer gets OK
HARRISBURG >> Slain Upper Darby Police Officer Dennis McNamara is not forgotten. A bill sponsored by state Rep. James R. Santora, R-163, of Upper Darby, Wednesday won unanimous approval in the House to honor the only police officer in Upper Darby to be murdered in the line of duty. HB1923... - Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times

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Contract for United Airlines Flight Attendants Would Truly Unite Them
United Airlines and leaders of its flight attendants’ union have agreed to a new labor contract that will unify the cabin crews for the first time since United’s merger with Continental Airlines more than five years ago. The deal, which still requires a vote by the union’s full membership,... - New York Times

Auto Insurance Is Costlier at Lower Incomes, Study Says
Being on the lower end of the wage scale can mean paying much more for car insurance, even for good drivers. Factors like renting rather than owning a home, holding just a high school diploma and working an hourly wage job can mean substantially higher costs... - New York Times

Uber unveils software update aimed at improving driver safety– and takes credit for a decline in drunk driving
Uber unveiled a bevy of new features Wednesday aimed at improving driver safety– and at the same time seemed to credit its app with curbing drunk driving in at least one American city. The ride-hailing firm rolled out a series of software updates that take aim... - Washington Post

Atlantic City airport receives $1.5 million for runway rehab
EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP — The Federal Aviation Administration has given a $1.5 million grant to the South Jersey Transportation Authority to renovate a runway at Atlantic City International Airport, the agency announced Wednesday. The SJTA said the money will be used to rehab Runway 22’s... - Atlantic City Press
06-30-2016 **Nice weather, low gas prices will greet more than 36 million Fourth of July automobile travelers**
Sunny weather and low gas prices will make traveling ideal this Fourth of July weekend. With 43 million travelers across the United States expected to travel from Thursday to Monday, this year's Fourth of July holiday weekend is slated to beat the record of 42.3 million travelers set in 2007 and 2015
- *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*

06-30-2016 **SEPTA pitches in as Amish from Lancaster County visit Philadelphia Zoo**
Members of Lancaster County's Amish community got a hand from Philadelphia's public transit service during a visit to the city Wednesday. The 62 Peach Bottom residents took an Amtrak train to 30th Street Station where they were met by a SEPTA representative who helped them board a
- *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*

06-30-2016 **Feds ground proposal to ban drones on game lands, but alternative in works**
A move by the Pennsylvania Game Commission to ban the flying of drones over its 1.5 million acres of game lands has been temporarily grounded. A proposal to ban drones was prompted by a series of incidents in which they disturbed wildlife, particularly at Middle Creek Wildlife Management
- *Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*

06-30-2016 **Christie Touts Transportation Plan, Says Senate Should Act**
TRENTON, N.J. (CBS/AP) — New Jersey Governor Chris Christie on Wednesday touted an anti-tax crusader's endorsement of his 23 cent per gallon gasoline tax hike along with a sales tax cut, and all but dared lawmakers not to act on his plan. Christie spoke Wednesday during a statehouse news conference after the
- *KYW News Radio 1060*

06-30-2016 **NJ Gas Tax Could Go From 2nd Lowest To 7th Highest In Country**
TRENTON, NJ (CBS) – The thought of paying more at the pump isn't sitting well with New Jersey drivers. "It's really going to hurt people because they have to travel, get back and forth to work. It's not fair," says Kirk McNeil, of Camden. But a 23-cent-per-gallon tax increase could soon become reality, taking New
- *KYW News Radio 1060*

06-30-2016 **Supreme Court ruling could reduce penalties in some DUI cases**
Those who were recently busted while boozing and cruising could be getting a bit of a break on their penalties as prosecutors review hundreds of pending cases. in light of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling "It's a big case, and we had to react right away, as did other counties...
- *Harrisburg Patriot-News*

06-30-2016 **Road closures, parking, public transit in Philadelphia during the July 4th weekend**
The Fourth of July weekend is marked by a range of big events in Philadelphia. But accompanying those festivities are road closures, busy streets and adjusted transit schedules. If you're getting around the city this weekend, here's what you need to know. DRIVING...
- *Philadelphia Inquirer*

06-30-2016 **PennDOT secretary sends letters to teen traffic offenders**
The secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is using a personal approach to address young drivers who are convicted of traffic violations. Recently, drivers age 16 through 20 cited for driving infractions received a letter from Leslie S. Richards reminding them of the importance of...
- *Hazleton Standard-Speaker*

06-30-2016 **Debate continues over Hazleton airport appointment**
An Avoca man's transition from a part-time post at Hazleton Regional Airport to its manager rekindled a debate between the mayor and city council over appointment powers. A dispute over appointment procedures for administrators and commission members recently resurfaced after the administration selected a new airport...
- *Hazleton Standard-Speaker*
06-30-2016  Increased DUI enforcement planned over July 4 weekend
Last year, more than 2,900 vehicle crashes occurred during the Fourth of July weekend, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. To help decrease that number, the Center for Traffic Safety is enhancing its patrols during this year's Independence Day weekend. - Hanover Evening Sun

06-30-2016  PennDOT roadwork schedule July 5-8
The York Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has announced the following PennDOT Maintenance Force activity schedule for the week of July 5 to 8. All work is tentatively scheduled for Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anticipated traffic restrictions are listed. - Hanover Evening Sun

06-30-2016  Court decision to have little effect on DUI enforcement
BAC limits for motorists apply to boaters. SUNBURY — Motorists and boaters were cautioned Wednesday that a recent US Supreme Court decision will not change enforcement of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) laws that much. But Tony Matulewicz, Northumberland County... - Milton Standard

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06-30-2016  State police: Remember safety over the holiday weekend
State police: Remember safety over the holiday PUNXSUTAWNEY Captain Bernard J. Petrovsky, Commanding Officer, Pennsylvania State Police, Troop C, Punxsutawney would like to remind motorists safety should be the number one priority when traveling during the Independence... - Clarion News

06-30-2016  Barletta discusses infrastructure during Carlisle visit
Between 2010 and 2040, the U.S. economy is projected to lose $2.7 trillion because of the deterioration of infrastructure, according to a report issued by the American Society of Civil Engineers. U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, R-Hazelton, spoke Wednesday about the nation’s... - Carlisle Sentinel

06-30-2016  Harrisburg condemns apartments near wall collapse
HARRISBURG – The city has condemned the McFarland apartment building and a Cameron Street warehouse damaged by a wall collapse, spokeswoman Joyce Davis said Tuesday. McFarland must evacuate the 8-unit apartment building as soon as possible because it is considered unsafe. The Codes Bureau says the apartments must... - Carlisle Sentinel

06-30-2016  Bill would allow speed cameras in highway work zones
Legislation pending in the state Senate would allow cameras to photograph the license plates of drivers who speed through highway construction zones. SB840, sponsored by Sens. David G. Argall, R-Schuylkill/Berks, and Judith L. Schwank, D-Berks, would establish a five-year pilot program... - Carlisle Sentinel

06-30-2016  Airport exhibit honoring Philly's rich convention history will welcome DNC visitors
When delegates and visitors arrive for the Democratic National Convention next month, it will mark the 12th presidential convention in Philadelphia history. In 1848, the Whig Party nominated Zachary Taylor for President at the former Chinese Museum at 9th and Sansom Streets. In 1856, the American... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-30-2016  State picks Harrisburg sinkhole-ravaged block as priority for $8.5 million in disaster relief

Harrisburg officials have been searching for more than two years for money to help residents along South 14th Street after a giant sinkhole erupted, prompting the condemnation of at least 10 homes. Residents in the 1400 block of South 14th have lived in fear and limbo... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

06-30-2016  
**House Transportation**  
**House Transportation Committee**  
6/30/16, 12:30 p.m., Room 60 East Wing  
By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to consider legislation. SB 1267 (PN 1893) Amends Titles 74 (Transportation) and 75 (Vehicles) making reforms to related to the Municipal Signal Partnership Program. Specifically, makes changes to various definitions, including "critical corridor" and "municipality," reduces local match financial assistance threshold from 50 to 20 percent of the total and provides for its composition from funds from sources other than private or municipal, and includes provisions for cities of the first or second class. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1805) - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

06-30-2016  
**Senate Appropriations**  
6/30/16, 2:58 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room  
By Andreas Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to consider bills. SB 1320 (PN 1932) Amends the Fiscal Code providing for general budget restrictions on appropriations for funds and accounts. The bill states that the secretary may create restricted receipt accounts for the purpose of administering Federal grants only for the purposes designated in this section and proceeds to list those programs for which restricted receipt accounts may be established in the Department of Community and Economic Development, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Education, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs, the Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the Executive Offices. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

06-30-2016  
**Senate Floor**  
June 30, 2016, 11:00 a.m.  
By Kimberly Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The Senate reconvened yesterday's session at 11:18 a.m. All bills reported from committee for the first time in Wednesday's session received first consideration.

06-30-2016  
**Senate Transportation**  
6/30/16, 1:28 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room  
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to consider five bills. HB 853 (PN 3458) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle by adding that an offense of texting while driving would be aggravating circumstances. The bill provides for sentencing, too. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1487) - The bill was reported as committed with Senator Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington) voting "no".

06-30-2016  
**Senate Transportation**  
6/29/16, 1:40 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room  
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
The committee met to reconsider the vote on House Bill 853. HB 853 (PN 3458) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in serious traffic offenses, further providing for the offense of homicide by vehicle and for the offense of aggravated assault by vehicle by adding that an offense of texting while driving would be aggravating circumstances. The bill provides for sentencing, too. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1487) - The bill was unanimously reconsidered and reported as committed.
(Press Release)

SEIU PA: Pennsylvania’s Largest Healthcare Union Welcomes New President
(Press Release)

Pittsburgh cab company evolves to compete with ride-share firms
Yellow Cab of Pittsburgh is ditching its old name and old way of doing business as part of a multimillion dollar effort to remake itself as zTrip Taxi. The change means all but about 10 of the century-old company's yellow cars will be replaced this summer by new silver-painted vehicles sporting the... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

New Jersey drivers brace for possible end of cheap gas
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - New Jersey's low gas prices have always served as a welcome antidote for residents burdened by a seemingly endless series of toll and fee increases, not to mention the nation's highest property taxes... - AP

Pennsylvania House bans using drones in private surveillance
HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - The Pennsylvania House is voting to criminalize the use of drones to put people under surveillance in private places... - AP

Extra men, extra equipment; The race to open U.S. 11/15
It's no secret that the decision by PennDOT to close Route 11/15 south of Marysville was an unpopular one with local residents and businesses. So when PennDOT signed a contract with J.D. Eckman, it did so with several stipulations — among them a powerful pair of incentives and penalties... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

House approves sweeping gambling expansion bill, sending it to Senate
Without any debate, the House voted on Tuesday 114-85 to approve a bill that would represent Pennsylvania's third expansion of gambling in six years. It would create an online gaming industry, regulate fantasy sports betting and allows gambling in airports. Here's a nuts and bolts review of the sweeping gambling expansion the Pa.... - Harrisburg Patriot-News

Could slots be coming to LVIA? An explainer
HARRISBURG (AP) — The House passed legislation Tuesday to expand legalized casino-style gambling to websites, airports and mobile applications... - AP

Airport Authority looking to develop 300 acres
No longer suffocating under its own debt, the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority has decided to keep nearly 300 acres of flight path land it had planned to sell to Lehigh Valley Industrial Park Inc. Now that the authority's $9.9 million land sale for the FedEx Ground... - Allentown Morning Call

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Adopt stiffer penalties for using stolen guns
Blaming guns for killing people is like blaming spoons for the current heroin epidemic or obesity. The state Liquor Control Board regulates alcohol and PennDOT regulates vehicles but neither agency is culpable for drunk driving deaths. A gun law that makes sense for being found guilty of possessing a stolen... - Allentown Morning Call
Local police, CATA team up for bomb training
UNIVERSITY PARK A state trooper, clad in body armor, boards an idling CATA bus to investigate a suspicious package. A second trooper, also in armor, follows closely behind, carrying tools that will help identify and disarm what could potentially be an explosive... - State College Centre Daily Times

New Jersey Central train station sold for $1.2M
WILKES-BARRE — The former New Jersey Central train station in Wilkes-Barre has a new owner. George Albert, on behalf of Wyoming-based Market Square Properties Development LLC, has purchased the station for $1.2 million. Andrew Reilly, executive director of the Luzerne County Redevelopment... - Wilkes-Barre Times Leader

Drinking and driving is as illegal in a boat as it is in a car. So far in 2016, there have been 17 BUI (boating under the influence) cases in Pennsylvania, and that number is expected to increase. Last year’s BUI total was 48, according to Mark Pisko, a waterway... - Reading Eagle

PennDOT officials discuss bridge replacement in Exeter
Exeter Township, PA The Exeter Township supervisors heard a presentation on a plan to replace a bridge on Shelbourne Road near Wingspread Drive. PennDOT officials attended the meeting Monday night to explain the existing bridge, which crosses over a tributary of the Antietam Creek, is... - Reading Eagle

Letter: Municipal radar is just a cash cow
Editor: Calling for municipal police radar is a pure cash cow ("More radar dead ahead," Reading Eagle, June 21). Speed limits are already underposted, and some communities allow tickets at 6 mph over the limit. Radar makes many errors, and if multiple vehicles are present, it cannot tell which one... - Reading Eagle

Erie County Council OKs county withdrawal from EMTA
ERIE, Pa. -- The Erie County Council-imposed deadline in the city-county dispute over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's operating charter is fast approaching, but there is no deal in place. In fact, County Council on Tuesday night took steps to pull away altogether... - Erie Times-News

Our view: Clock ticking on EMTA charter renewal
ERIE, Pa. -- Erie City Councilman David Brennan gets points for trying. As Kevin Flowers reported, Brennan proposed a $2 million swap to end the untenable standoff between City Council and Erie County Council over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's operating charter.... - Erie Times-News

Rt. 22 interchange pegged for Easton would be among 1st of its kind in Pa.
Easton's mayor has called it the city's biggest transportation issue, while motorists driving in the area have often called it names that can't be repeated. For years, talk of reconfiguring the 13th Street interchange with Route 22 hasn't yielded much in the way of action. Last August, a group of elected... - Easton Express-Times

$10M project approved by toll bridge commission
The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission approved a $10 million contract Monday to expand a maintenance garage near the Interstate 78 bridge. The garage in Williams Township was built in 1989 and "has become increasingly cramped, inefficient and operationally challenged," according... - Easton Express-Times

Toyota Recalls 1.4 Million Vehicles for Airbag Problem
TOKYO — Toyota Motor said Wednesday it was recalling 1.43 million vehicles worldwide over a
possible airbag fault. But it said the components in question had not been manufactured by Takata, the airbag supplier at the heart of the largest safety recall in the history of the car industry.... - New York Times

06-29-2016 | Compensating Volkswagen’s Victims
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The federal government’s $14.7 billion settlement with Volkswagen over the company’s emissions cheating scandal is one of the largest consumer class action payouts in American history and a significant hit for the company. It should also act as a deterrent to future bad behavior by... - New York Times

06-29-2016 | SafeTrack’s next phase includes Metro shutdowns near Reagan National Airport
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Metro’s long-term subway maintenance effort, which so far has caused disruptions almost exclusively for daily commuters, is about to also have a big impact on visitors to the Washington region, with two weeks of rail-line shutdowns near Reagan National Airport.... - Washington Post

06-29-2016 | Hogan says he’ll keep fighting Democrats over funding road projects
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Gov. Larry Hogan (R) (Bill O’Leary/The Washington Post) Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) said Tuesday night that he plans to continue to fight the Democratic-controlled legislature over the funding of transportation road projects and enlisted the help of local elected... - Washington Post

06-29-2016 | Tesla starts tapping into tax credits for factory, selling part to MGM
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Electric carmaker Tesla has received and sold about $20 million in transferrable tax credits from the state, marking some of the company’s first moves to tap into a $1.3 billion incentive package that lured a massive battery factory to Northern Nevada... - AP

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06-29-2016 | 'Thunder Pig' returning to airport
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The Air Heritage Museum C-123K Provider airplane, nicknamed the “Thunder Pig,” will be on display at the Somerset County Airport from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Attendance is free and open to the public, but the museum is requesting a small donation to tour the aircraft.... - Somerset Daily

06-29-2016 | Money granted to study widening county roads
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Lawrence County Commissioners were awarded a grant this week to study the widening of several rural roads. The project is aimed at creating wider road shoulders to accommodate Amish buggies, cyclists and other modes of transportation. Doniele Russell of the Lawrence County Planning Department, told... - New Castle News

06-29-2016 | Restoration work underway on historic Sugarcreek Bridge
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Rehabilitation and restoration work began Monday on the Sugarcreek Truss Bridge in Sugarcreek Borough. The bridge has been designated a historic structure by the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office. "To determine if a structure is historic it must be decided whether or not... - Oil City Derrick

06-29-2016 | Work on Clarion County bridges to begin in July
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CLARION COUNTY - Two bridges located about a half-mile apart on Route 861 over Wildcat Run in Madison Township, Clarion County, are scheduled to be replaced this summer. Work on the bridges will begin in July, according to PennDOT. Construction on the Diamond No.1 bridge is scheduled to begin the first... - Oil City Derrick
Burlington County residents not sold on New Jersey's proposed 23-cent gas tax hike
New Jersey has one of the nation's lowest gasoline taxes and one of the highest sales taxes. Should the state raise one tax and reduce the other as part of a deal to pay for highway, bridge and mass transit repairs and upgrades? Burlington County motorists were weary of the idea, saying the proposed... - Levittown Bucks County Courier Times

Sell, fix or do nothing: Local VW diesel owners weigh their options in landmark settlement
After months of uncertainty, some local owners of Volkswagen diesel vehicles have a clearer picture of the road ahead. A settlement of VW’s emissions testing scandal gives them the option of having their cars bought back by VW or fixed by the company to comply with... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

Bridge to nowhere will stand as a symbol of failure
THE ISSUE The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will soon be accepting bids for completion of a $2.2 million project to replace a seldom-used bridge carrying Conestoga Creek Road across the Conestoga River. The bridge is on a milelong stretch between two major roads: Weaver Valley (Route 897) and... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

Memorial with names of 3,000 people killed in Pa. DUI-related crashes makes stop in Lancaster
A memorial wall on display in a trailer across from Binns Park Tuesday was a sober reminder of what can happen when people drink and drive. The memorial lists the names of 3,000 people killed in DUI-related crashes in Pennsylvania dating back to the 1980s, according to Mike Martin, events... - Lancaster Intelligencer Journal

Security Remains Tight At Philly International Following Terror Attack In Turkey
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Security at Philadelphia International Airport remains tight following the attack overseas in Turkey. Uniformed Philadelphia Police officers patrolling, Explosive Detection K-9 Team making the rounds, as usual officials say there's a heightened... - KYW News Radio 1060

Transportation backs up GBLEUES agreement talks
SHIPPENSBURG - Debate between the Shippensburg Area School District and Shippensburg University regarding the future of Grace B. Luhrs Elementary School is stuck at a red light. The costs of transporting students to and from the school remains the key... - Chambersburg Public Opinion

Agree on inefficiency of bus scheduling
Charlotte Corrao Editor, Originally I was planning to bring this complaint solely to state Rep. Tarah Toohil’s office. I since read a recent letter to the editor in the Standard-Speaker by Marcy Oldham. I can also attest to the ridiculous way the drivers of Easton Coach, contracted by Hazleton Public Transit,... - Hazleton Standard-Speaker

Cops: 'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over'
The Center for Traffic Safety and law enforcement agencies in York and Adams counties will be partnering over the upcoming holiday weekend to crack down on drunk driving. Roving patrols and DUI checkpoints will be employed as part of the Center's Sobriety Checkpoint and Expanded DUI/Underage Drinking Enforcement Program.... - York Dispatch

Centre trail grant application gets the green light
BELLEFONTE - The Centre County commissioners announced Tuesday the necessary pledges have been made to complete the grant application for a proposed greenway trail connecting Bellefonte to Milesburg. Last week commissioners approved a resolution for the Greenways Trails and... - Lock Haven Express
06-29-2016  **Beaver Run bridge work to begin in July**
The project contractor for a bridge replacement on Route 209 in Mahoning Township said the work should have a minimal impact on traffic. Rory McGlasson of Plenary Walsh Keystone Partners, who is teaming with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to replace 558 aging bridges in... - *Lehighton Times News*

06-29-2016  **House approves SCI Cresson access road**
A public access road to a former state prison in development for a natural gas power plant is one step closer to becoming law. The House of Representatives on Monday unanimously approved conveyance of 3 acres of state property to Cresson Township for a right-of-way to build a... - *Altoona Mirror*

06-29-2016  **Bridges to honor trooper, soldier**
Two bills naming Cambria County bridges after a World War II soldier killed in action and a state trooper who died in the line of duty were signed into law Tuesday, state officials announced. The first bill named a bridge along Cooney Road, spanning Route 22 in... - *Altoona Mirror*

06-29-2016  **Senate Floor**
*June 29, 2016, 11:00 a.m.*
By Kimberly Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The Senate convened at 11:31 a.m. and opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Communications from the governor were referred to the Senate Rules and Executive Nominations Committee. Bills were received from the House and referred to committee as appropriate; new Senate bills were introduced and referred to committee.

06-29-2016  **Senate Rules and Executive Nominations**
*6/29/16, 2:52 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room*
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider legislation and certain executive nominations.

06-28-2016  **Nurse Practitioners Statement: Legislation to Expand Health Care Access**
(Press Release)

06-28-2016  **Attorney General announces settlement with Volkswagen over ‘Defeat Devices’**
(Press Release)

06-28-2016  **Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of PA: Attorney E-Newsletter June 2016**
(Press Release)

06-28-2016  **EPA: Seventeen Projects Unveiled to ‘Green’ Local Communities, Create Jobs**
(Press Release)

06-28-2016  **Business, Workforce Leaders Support $10 Million in State Budget for Worker**
(Press Release)

06-28-2016  **Auditor General DePasquale Provides Update to County Officials on 418 Audits**
(Press Release)

06-28-2016  **Pittsburgh International Airport to host 5K race**
Runners will have the opportunity to compete in a 5K Oct. 1 on the grounds and taxiways near hangars and aircraft at the Pittsburgh International Airport, the Pittsburgh marathon organizers and the Allegheny County Airport Authority announced Monday. The airport will have its first 5K race... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
7/1/2016

06-28-2016  **Drone delivery of vaccines would be cost-effective in developing nations**
Logic might dictate that unmanned drones could better deliver vaccines in developing countries when compared with ground-based transportation. Going over rather than through areas featuring rough roads, difficult terrain including mountains and jungles, and areas of unrest or open... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-28-2016  **Port Authority looks to reduce number of bus stops**
Port Authority is embarking on a seven-year project to review more than 7,000 bus stops to eliminate those that are too close together or don't serve enough riders. Spokesman Adam Brandolph said the goal of the project, which began this spring, is to make the system more efficient by reducing travel time,... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-28-2016  **Port Authority to open its Harmar garage for park-and-ride**
Port Authority of Allegheny County announced a new park-and-ride along the P10 Allegheny Valley Flyer bus route. But the new parking site — at the authority's shuttered Harmar garage — won't open until Sept. 25, nearly eight weeks after a park-and-ride in nearby Springdale Township is slated to close.... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

06-28-2016  **Tour operator adds 3rd charter destination out of Pittsburgh**
A tour operator plans to offer charter flights from Pittsburgh International Airport to its third Caribbean destination. Vacation Express offers nonstop service to Cancun, Mexico, and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Beginning in 2017, it will add roundtrip flights to Montego Bay, Jamaica,... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

06-28-2016  **Pittsburgh Tuesday takes**
Lend a hand: Our neighbors in West Virginia have begun the arduous task of recovering from what have been called once-in-a-thousand-year floods. At least two dozen people lost their lives. Many in our region already have pitched in to help. More help is needed. Be as generous as you can with... - *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

06-28-2016  **Discount airline to land at Newark with opening up of slots**
NEWARK, N.J. (AP) - Allegiant Air has been given final approval to begin offering service at Newark Liberty International Airport, making it the first discount carrier to operate there since a federal lawsuit charged United, Newark’s dominant airline, with monopolizing takeoff and landing... - *AP*

06-28-2016  **City wins chance to study Vine Expressway enhancements**
Saying it was time to address problems created by construction of the Vine Street Expressway, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx joined Philadelphia officials Monday to announce a new initiative to address those problems. The expressway, part of I-676, opened in 1991, connecting I-95 to... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*

06-28-2016  **Trenton tango: Lawmakers mull gas tax hike for sales tax cut**
TRENTON - New Jersey lawmakers left the Statehouse on Monday without a deal to replenish the state's depleted fund for roads and bridges, but are negotiating a possible gas tax hike in exchange for a reduction in the sales tax. Throughout a marathon legislative session, being held before the... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*

06-28-2016  **'Injustice': Harrisburg's immigrant community fights for reforming deportation, IDs**
HARRISBURG - Many in Harrisburg's immigrant community have been touched by the government's deportation policies. Some have lost family members, others have lost friends and neighbors. It's a system that many in Pennsylvania are fighting to end. Community members, activists and clergy held a vigil Monday night to show... - *Harrisburg Patriot-News*
06-28-2016 **Sweeping legislation hikes gas tax in New Jersey**
TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — In an early morning vote Tuesday the Democrat-led Assembly, with Republican Gov. Chris Christie' support, passed sweeping legislation to raise New Jersey's gasoline tax by 23 cents per gallon while funding road and bridge work and slashing the sales tax from 7 percent to 6... - *AP*

06-28-2016 **Five things to know about the New Jersey gas tax hike**
Early Tuesday the Democrat-led New Jersey State Assembly, with Republican Gov. Chris Christie' support, passed sweeping legislation to raise the state's gasoline tax by 23 cents per gallon. Here's what you need to know about the legislation: •According to the New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority, the... - *Allentown Morning Call*

06-28-2016 **Rear-facing child car seats: How to safely buckle up**
Earlier this month, Pennsylvania enacted a new law mandating rear-facing car seats for children under 2 years of age. But it's not enough to simply have that seat facing backward. The seat has to be properly installed in your car to be effective. "Seventy-three percent of child car seats aren't installed correctly," says... - *Allentown Morning Call*

06-28-2016 **AAA Mid-Atlantic: Fourth of July travel volume will be highest on record**
WILKES-BARRE — Over 12,000 more Wilkes-Barre area residents will travel for Independence Day this year than did for Memorial Day, according to information from AAA Mid-Atlantic. And the agency says Americans will take more trips than ever this Independence Day weekend.... - *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*

06-28-2016 **Letter: Seek a safe alternative to pulling over cars**
Editor: Regarding the use of radar by local police ("More radar dead ahead," Reading Eagle, June 21), I am concerned that an officer pulling a motorist over on our crowded roads with no shoulders would put the officer at risk of injury or worse, as motorists already are speeding on these narrow roads... - *Reading Eagle*

06-28-2016 **Our view: Clock ticking on EMTA charter renewal**
ERIE, Pa. -- Erie City Councilman David Brennan gets points for trying. As Kevin Flowers reported, Brennan proposed a $2 million swap to end the untenable standoff between City Council and Erie County Council over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's operating charter.... - *Erie Times-News*

06-28-2016 **Easton bridge traffic pattern switches as completion date nears**
Traffic has switched to the west side of the Riverside Drive bridge which connects Downtown Easton to Route 611 and the Slate Belt. Work began on the dilapidated structure in April 2015 and is expected to be completed in mid to late August, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation... - *Easton Express-Times*

06-28-2016 **Three county bridges to be reconstructed in July under rapid replacement program**
Fourteen bridges in Beaver County are set to be replaced by the end of 2017, and three of those projects will start in July. The three bridges have been in use for a combined 240 years, which underscores the need for immediate repairs and upgrades to those structures.... - *Beaver County Times*

06-28-2016 **Chippewa township leaders hope PennDOT project heeds traffic concerns**
CHIPPEWA TWP. – Township leaders want PennDOT to help relieve congested roads. Drivers have faced delays on Darlington Road for years. But there hasn’t been an easy solution to improve traffic flow on state-owned Darlington and Shenango roads, Chippewa Township Manager Mark Taylor said.... - Beaver County Times

Sunbury mayor adds caveat with considering closing train intersections
SUNBURY – The Sunbury City Council will continue negotiating with Norfolk Southern Railroad Company over the next six months and eventually vote on a plan that would address blight at six of 11 city intersections, including three that could be closed. Mayor David Persing asked city council members to grant permission to... - Sunbury Daily Item

Gas prices drive holiday travel AAA expects record 43 million to spend weekend away
A record 43 million Americans will travel by car, plane, train, bus or boat this weekend to celebrate the July 4th holiday, according to AAA projections. Eighty-four percent of holiday travelers — more than 36 million people — will drive to their destinations, an increase of 1.2 percent over... - Sunbury Daily Item

Takata Chief Executive to Resign as Financial Pressure Mounts
TOKYO — The chief executive of Takata said on Tuesday that he would step down, as the embattled car parts supplier looks to attract much-needed financial support to deal with the fallout from the largest automotive safety recall in history. The decision by the chief executive, Shigehisa Takada, reflects the... - New York Times

VW settles Diesel Emissions Case in U.S., Clearing Just One Hurdle for Its Finances
Volkswagen has solved one big problem stemming from its diesel emissions deception, as the carmaker agreed on Tuesday to pay nearly $15 billion to settle claims in the United States. But the final financial toll — once the company deals with a long list of fines, lawsuits and criminal investigations around the world — will... - New York Times

American Drivers Regain Appetite for Gas Guzzlers
The single most effective action that most Americans can take to help reduce the dangerous emissions that cause climate change? Buy a more fuel-efficient car. But consumers are heading in the opposite direction. They have rekindled their love of bigger cars, pickup trucks and sport utility vehicles,... - New York Times

Spirit Airlines Wants to Stay Cheap but Not So Tawdy
"There is a big change in terms of focusing on our operations," Mr. Fornaro said in an interview. “This is how we want to be viewed: on time, friendly, clean and efficient.” The question is whether Mr. Fornaro, a longtime industry executive, can improve the airline’s operations and reputation while maintaining the... - New York Times

Volkswagen agrees to pay consumers biggest auto settlement in history
Volkswagen's settlement with nearly 500,000 U.S. diesel owners and government regulators over polluting vehicles could cost them more than $15 billion. (Reuters) Volkswagen will settle its emissions scandal case for $14.7 billion, the largest payout by an automaker to consumers in U.S. history, in an... - Washington Post

Tesla’s quiet talks with this company could help redefine the gas station as we know it
One of the biggest problems for electric cars is encouraging adoption among drivers who may be skeptical about refueling. What if you run out of battery and there isn't a charging station for miles around? Although this isn't much of an issue for daily commuters who can fill up their electric... - Washington Post

How much Uber drivers actually make per hour
Nearly two-thirds of Uber drivers use the ride-hailing service to collect additional income to
supplement full- and part-time jobs. But in three large metropolitan cities, drivers make far less than the national average, about $20 per hour, after expenses. In Detroit, drivers make on average $8.77 per hour.... - *Washington Post*

**06-28-2016**

**Blood test ruling could impact ongoing DUI cases**

By Sarah DeSantis

THE NEWS-ITEM

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SUNBURY — Suspects facing driving under the influence charges will have their cases suspended while the county court system determines how to proceed in light of Thursday’s Supreme Court ruling that invalidated criminal penalties for... - *Shamokin News-Item*

**06-28-2016**

**Editorial | Electronic signs not used to fullest extent**

Another successful Thunder in the Valley is in the books. After a slightly damp start on Thursday, the 19th rally ended with plenty of sunshine and warm temperatures on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thousands of motorcyclists attend the yearly event. Some bikers cruised the... - *Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*

**06-28-2016**

**Open to options**

With the rise in natural gas drilling, it’s making sense for owners of fleet vehicles to consider alternatives to diesel. Locally, Mlaker Trailways is looking to change its fleet of buses over to propane fuels in the next four or five years. The company already has one... - *Somerset Daily*

**06-28-2016**

**Hatfield Township touts $100K in county grant money to expand trail connections**

HATFIELD TWP. >> A recent round of grant awards from Montgomery County means good news for those looking to walk, bike or run across Hatfield Township. Township Manager Aaron Bibro announced June 22 the township has received $100,000 in county grant money to fund several links in a township-wide... - *Lansdale Reporter*

**06-28-2016**

**Philadelphia International Airport announces $30 million, eight-restaurant Terminal B transformation**

PHILADELPHIA >> Over the course of 24 months, Terminal B at the Philadelphia International Airport will undergo a dramatic $30 million transformation. The transformation will allow travellers to saunter up to any one of 1,000 iPads scattered throughout the facility and order from an array of Top... - *Lansdale Reporter*

**06-28-2016**

**NJ Lawmakers To Vote On Proposed Gasoline Tax**

TRENTON, N.J. (CBS) — Wearing the same bright colors, typically used to caution drivers, hundreds of construction workers were at the statehouse on Monday, trying to get the attention of New Jersey lawmakers. Without action, the Transportation Trust Fund, that pays for road and... - *KYW News Radio 1060*

**06-28-2016**

**Rabbit Transit expands rides for vets**

York County veterans won't be left without a ride to or from the Lebanon veteran's hospital after an anonymous donor gave $20,000 to expand a volunteer-driven veteran's ride program. Richard Farr, executive director of Rabbit Transit, said the donation, as well as other monetary contributions, allows the program to be expanded to... - *York Dispatch*

**06-28-2016**

**Pittsburgh transportation company jumping on zTrip ride, pulling back on Yellow Cab**

The Yellow Cab flag was lowered today as the legendary cab service introduced its new fleet of zTrip cars. Marking an end to an era, 60 new silver Toyota Scions branded with the zTrip logo...
drew off the lot this morning as part of the new 125-car fleet. President Jamie Campolongo has decided to scale back on the traditional cab... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

06-28-2016  
**House Appropriations**
6/28/16, 3:30 p.m., 140 Main Capitol
By Andreas Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
The committee met to consider bills. SB 1073 (PN 1984) The General Appropriation Act of 2016 provides for 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 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, 2016, to June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, 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, 2016; 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 Legislative Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 1423, 1459, 1485, 1459) - The bill was reported as amended with Rep. James Christiana (R-Beaver) voting in the negative.

06-28-2016  
**House State Government**
6/28/16, 9:00 a.m., Room G-50 Irvis Office Building
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
[v](http://media2.pahousegop.com/Generator.asp?videoname=292632359.wmv) The committee met to consider five bills. HB 1872 (PN 2893) Amends Title 37 (Historical & Museums) adding definitions of "archival record", "public record", "record", "State Archives", and "State Archivist". Adds language providing the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission shall oversee the State Archives. Further provides the State Archives shall be the official State repository for the permanent and historically valuable public records of the Commonwealth that are transferred to the commission. Also provides for abandoned property on loan; for protection and recovery of Commonwealth and local government records; access to older public records; and Commonwealth and local government archival records. Removes certain historical properties that the Historical Commission has transferred or sold to other entities. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as committed.

06-28-2016  
**House Transportation**
6/28/16, 10:15 a.m., 205 Ryan Office Building
By Kimberly Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
The committee met to consider bills. HB 2157 (PN 3504) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for probationary licenses by halving the credit time served before being eligible to petition for a probationary license. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as amended.
06-28-2016  Senate Floor
June 28, 2016, 11:00 a.m.
By Kimberly Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services
The Senate convened at 11:11 a.m. and opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Bills were received from the House and referred to committee as appropriate; new Senate bills were introduced and referred to committee; and bills were reported from committee.

06-28-2016  Senate Transportation
6/28/16, 1:25 p.m., Senate Rules Room
By Mark W. Wolfe, Pennsylvania Legislative Services Intern
The committee met to consider bills.
SB 1032 (PN 1341) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles by prohibiting an individual from smoking in a vehicle which is transporting a child under 12 years of age. The bill provides for grading of the offense and definitions. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was reported as committed, with Senators Lisa Boscola (D-Northampton) and Larry Farnese (D-Philadelphia) in opposition.

06-27-2016  Stateline Daily: Prisons, Policing at Forefront of State Criminal Justice Action
(Press Release)

06-27-2016  Pitt's Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Dean to Step Down
(Press Release)

06-27-2016  PennDOT Driver License, Photo Centers Closed For Independence Day
(Press Release)

06-27-2016  Passport, Social Security card, driver's license... Bridge ID?
After seven months of study, officials have concluded that a Pittsburgh municipal identification card could help connect marginalized people to services and amenities, but could also function as an ID card — known as Bridge ID — for all city residents. The results and recommendations of a months-long feasibility study of the... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

06-27-2016  Everyone should realize the danger of being on railroad tracks
I was horrified to see the photos accompanying Brian O'Neill’s June 15 column about a local band couch surfing across the country (“Couch-Surfin' USA: The Band Played On”). One of these photos showed the band playing on railroad tracks while a freight train whizzed by... - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

06-27-2016  Greenfield Bridge implosion blessing for some businesses, pain for others
Call it the ups and downs of Pittsburgh's Greenfield Bridge coming down and starting to go back up. Some businesses reported a dip in customers in the six months since crews imploded the nearly century-old overpass. But others said they've noticed an uptick in business, a change they attributed to more commuters passing... - Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

06-27-2016  PATCO running on emergency track schedule for morning rush
The PATCO High Speed Line is running on an emergency track work schedule for Monday's morning rush hour. Westbound trains will run every 8-10 minutes while eastbound trains every 20-30 minutes, PATCO said. The work schedule is related to a track bed project now underway in... - Philadelphia Inquirer

06-27-2016  Six SEPTA rail lines restored; delays expected
Six SEPTA Regional Rail lines were suspended for about an hour Sunday afternoon because of an issue at the agency's Wayne Junction power station, officials said. The signal system and the overhead power lines that power the trains were down due to a "temporary equipment failure" at the substation, which powers... - Philadelphia Inquirer
Commentary: Walkers, drivers, cyclists - we can all get along  
by Terri Akman  
Having recently moved into Center City from the suburbs, my husband and I are among the many empty nesters who left behind lawn mowing, leaf raking, and spending way too much time in a car. We are enthusiastically embracing this simpler life, enjoying a vibrant city where something interesting is... - Philadelphia Inquirer

Ron Southwick: Give local police the radar gun  
It's a common complaint to police departments in Berks County: Residents are seething over speeding. Yet local police departments can't use radar to catch the clown driving 40 mph in a school zone. Pennsylvania is the only state in the nation that prohibits local police... - Reading Eagle

Reading Regional Airport Authority encouraged to promote facility  
Bern Township, PA The Reading Regional Airport Authority is being urged to market the airport's outstanding features because the facility is an invaluable economic asset to the community and region. "It's the best little airport in PA, but people don't know what's here,"... - Reading Eagle

PennDOT plans maintenance projects in Erie County this week  
ERIE, Pa. -- Pennsylvania Department of Transportation crews will patch portions of interstates 79 and 90 in Erie County this week. Patching is scheduled on Interstate 79 in Erie and Washington Township, on Interstate 90 in North East Township and on Interstate 90 eastbound in... - Erie Times-News

Lehman Township road master suspended from job  
Long-time Lehman Township supervisor John Sivick has been suspended from his job as roadmaster. The three-person elected board of supervisors voted on June 14 to suspend Sivick for 90 days, with pay, pending the outcome of a state ethics investigation. The suspension, effective June 15, will be reviewed after 90... - Pocono Record

Propane buses start making their mark in county  
School bus company looking to changing from diesel to propane school buses in Somerset County. Mlaker Trailways is looking to change its fleet of buses over to propane fuels in the next four or five years. The company already has one propane bus in the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School district, and is planning on... - Somerset Daily

Getting the Roads You Pay For  
New Jersey drivers buy their gasoline on the cheap. They pay less at the pump because New Jersey's 14.5-cent-a-gallon gas tax is one of the lowest in the country, but it is insufficient to improve or maintain the state’s roads, bridges and rails. While gas at the pump is a bargain, New Jersey drivers pay in other ways,... - New York Times

Volkswagen Faces Long Road Ahead, Even After a Civil Settlement  
Bringing Volkswagen to this pass was its admission last year that it had installed illegal software in 11 million cars worldwide to make them capable of defeating pollution tests. During emissions testing, the cars’ pollution controls systems were turned on, curbing toxic emissions at the cost of engine performance. But... - WASH

ORA poised to become trail system advocate  
The Oil Region Alliance's success in promoting the central portion of the Erie to Pittsburgh Trail has poised the agency to become an advocate for the trail system in a larger sense. The ORA manages the 3.7-mile McClintock Trail and also helps to promote the... - Oil City Derrick

Godshall calls for action on 309 Connector project
A local lawmaker has joined the chorus of voices calling for renewed progress on completing the Route 309 connector. State Rep. Bob Godshall, R-53rd District, called on the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to upgrade the priority of the 309 connector...

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**Chesco townships to receive over $1M for traffic improvements**

WEST CHESTER >> Several municipalities in the county will receive some extra funding for road-related maintenance, thanks to two Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) programs. PennDOT’s Green Light-Go program, along with the Automated Red Light...

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**GUEST COLUMN: Governance demands accountability (Part 1)**

Who will be held to account for the ill-effects of marijuana, should it be legalized for general sale in Pennsylvania? Before heading to Washington, D.C., in a national security capacity, Gov. Tom Ridge put his signature to Act 9. It raised the defined pensions of...

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**2 Unions, NJ Transit Reach Tentative Deals On Rail Contracts**

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The two remaining rail unions negotiating with New Jersey Transit have reached tentative agreements with the agency...

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**End Of A 3-Year Long Detour In Sight For Montco Residents**

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A detour that has impacted thousands of drivers in Montgomery County for about three years is about to come to an end. The contractor working on the Arcola Road Bridge assures the county it will be finished by the July 5th deadline. The Arcola Road bridge deteriorated for years before it failed inspection...

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**Pennsylvania Legislature taking proper steps to ensure childrens’ safety**

THE ISSUE In late May, Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf signed SB1152, which requires drivers to place children under 2 years old in a rear-facing car seat. The law will take effect Aug. 12. The current law requires children under 4 years old to be in a car seat, whether the seat faces forward or...

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**Should Lancaster Airport continue receiving its federal subsidy?**

For more than a half-century, airline flights out of Lancaster Airport operated without a subsidy. RELATED: Southern Airways sees sunny skies ahead at Lancaster Airport U.S. Rep. Joe Pitts helped modify the federal Essential Air Service program so that Lancaster would be eligible. However, he no longer thinks the...

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**Southern Airways sees sunny skies ahead at Lancaster Airport**

On a sunny afternoon last week, Bruce Oudenhoven was waiting for his flight on Southern Airways Express from Lancaster Airport to Washington-Dulles. Oudenhoven works for Appleton, Wisconsin-based Pierce Manufacturing, which builds fire trucks. A few times a year, Oudenhoven delivers a fire truck to...

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**Call off the call boxes**

My wife and I traveled the Pennsylvania Turnpike this week. Practically the whole length. We did not see one person at any of the call boxes. Like the Maytag repairman? Who maintains them? Are they politically connected? Is that why we still have them?

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**Supreme Court DUI decision to affect local cases**

Local attorneys were at odds on the potential ripple effect a recent United States Supreme Court case may have on Adams County blood alcohol tests. Grasping how to guard public safety while protecting individuals’ constitutional rights, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a divided opinion...
06-27-2016 **Back in time: Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center nearly ready to open**
In as little as a week’s time, visitors to Kinzua Bridge State Park may be able to take a journey back into history by simply walking under a giant tower. That tower — a smaller replica of the 20 towers that made up the Kinzua Viaduct — stands at the entrance of the Kinzua Bridge Visitors Center. - *Bradford Era*

06-27-2016 **PennDOT meeting on McKean County bridge projects slated**
CLEARFIELD — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation’s (PennDOT) Rapid Bridge Replacement Project will begin soon in McKean County, with a total of 17 bridges being replaced under the project. PennDOT officials said reconstruction will start on five of the bridges... - *Bradford Era*

06-27-2016 **Rabbit Transit expands rides for vets**
York County veterans won't be left without a ride to or from the Lebanon veteran's hospital after an anonymous donor gave $20,000 to expand a volunteer-driven veteran's ride program. Richard Farr, executive director of Rabbit Transit, said the donation, as well as other monetary contributions, allows the program to be expanded to... - *York Dispatch*

06-27-2016 **Senate Appropriations**
*6/27/16, 3:20 p.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room*
By Mark W. Wolfe, Pennsylvania Legislative Services Intern The committee met to consider bills. SB 1312 (PN 1938) Amends the Public School Code, in certification of teachers, providing standards for a Substitute Teaching Permit for Prospective Teachers at a school district, area vocational-technical school or intermediate unit. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1910) - The bill was reported as committed, with Minority Chairman Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia) and Sen. Christine Tartaglione (D-Philadelphia) voting in opposition.

06-27-2016 **Senate Education**
*6/27/16, 4:10 p.m., Senate Rules Room*
By Trevor J. Monk, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider bills. SB 1332 (PN 1968) Amends the Public School Code adding an article providing for administrative partnerships between school districts and for administrative partnership grant pilot program. It is the intent of the General Assembly to help school districts save money and operate more efficiently by encouraging partnerships of routine administrative functions between school districts. It is also the intent of the General Assembly to provide for additional opportunities between school districts to cooperatively develop joint or shared educational programs for students and educators. Two or more school districts may enter into an agreement to share superintendents, superintendent office personnel, business personnel, the management of student transportation services, the management of school facilities, the management of health services, the management of purchasing services the management and sharing of technology resources, or other managerial functions as deemed appropriate. The Administrative Partnership Grant Pilot Program is established to provide financial assistance to facilitate the sharing of administrative functions between school districts and the department shall award grants of up to $250,000. School districts that are awarded a grant shall report to the department; the department shall report to the legislature. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously reported as amended.

06-27-2016 **Senate Floor**
*June 27, 2016, 1:00 p.m.*
By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The Senate recessed the prior day's session at 1:06 p.m. and then reconvened at 1:06 p.m. The Senate opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

06-27-2016 **Senate Transportation**
*6/27/16, 10:00 a.m., Hearing Room #1, North Office Building*
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee held a public hearing on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) budget and program priorities.

06-26-2016  
**Future clouded for town helped by bike trail**  
Earlier this month, John Tressler, council president in this tiny mountain borough, stopped at the boarded-up Hartman’s Service Station and covered the signs that advertised gas for sale with white paint. “A lot of people in the summertime are coming off the trail looking to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](https://www.post-gazette.com)  

06-26-2016  
**Allegheny County Airport Authority keeping an eye on slots bill, still must pass Pa. Senate**  
Christina Cassotis knows a good bet when she sees one. The CEO of the Allegheny County Airport Authority said Friday that she is “very interested” in legislation that passed the state House earlier this week that would permit slot machines and internet gambling at... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](https://www.post-gazette.com)  

06-26-2016  
**State police arrests of drug-impaired drivers spike in 2015**  
After years of watching out for drunken drivers, police know the warning signs. “With alcohol you have a set of standards in how you act and think,” Pennsylvania State Police Cpl. Scott M. Davis said. But when drivers start taking drugs, things get more complicated.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](https://www.post-gazette.com)  

06-26-2016  
**Port Authority of Allegheny County considers adding electric buses**  
Many of the aging, exhaust-spewing buses operated by the Port Authority of Allegheny County are being swapped out for new, more environmentally friendly rides. But even better, zero-pollution buses soon could join the expansive fleet, Authority CEO Ellen McLean said.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](https://www.triblive.com)  

06-26-2016  
**At law enforcement seminar, DA announces new DUI program**  
Lackawanna County District Attorney Shane Scanlon is taking aim at repeat DUI offenders. At a law enforcement seminar at Clarks Summit Fire Company No. 1 hall on Bedford Street on Friday, Mr. Scanlon said that the county will adopt a program, called Target 25, no later than next month that will treat... - [Scranton Times](https://www.scranton.com)  

06-26-2016  
**Capitol roundup: Rep. Eddie ‘Day’ Pashinski votes against ‘flawed’ gaming expansion amendment**  
State Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, D-Wilkes-Barre, voted against a gaming expansion amendment that failed this week in the House of Representatives. Pashinski supports bringing video gaming terminals into the commonwealth, but voted against the amendment that would have allowed 75,000 VGTs to... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](https://www.wbtimesleader.com)  

06-26-2016  
**Erie councilman’s EMTA proposal seeks $2 million from county**  
An Erie City Councilman has proposed that county government make a $2 million payment to the city to help resolve an ongoing dispute over the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's operating charter. The proposal, drafted by City Councilman David Brennan on behalf of all... - [Erie Times-News](https://www.eriepilot.com)  

06-26-2016  
**Harrisburg business owner blames PennDOT, apartment complex for warehouse collapse**  
Howard Henry, owner of a Harrisburg tire store, was already reeling after the collapse of a retaining wall near the Mulberry Street Bridge two months ago caused nearly a million dollars worth of damage to his warehouse. But on Saturday morning his problems reached a whole new level when he... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](https://www.patriotnews.com)  

06-24-2016  
**Boscola Says State Police Job Application Deadline is June 30**  
(Press Release)
06-24-2016  **CF: State Budget: Don't Just 'Get it Done,' Get it Done Right**  
(Press Release)

06-24-2016  **Dominic Moffa named Geisinger Health System Chief Strategy Officer**  
(Press Release)

(Press Release)

06-24-2016  **Stateline Daily: Grocery Stores, Grab Bars and ‘Golden Girls’**  
(Press Release)

06-24-2016  **Rep. Reed: House Recap for the Week of June 20, 2016**  
(Press Release)

06-24-2016  **Historical and Museum Commission to Sell Items at Public Auction, July 9, 2016**  
(Press Release)

06-24-2016  **It's official: Columbus -- again -- wins Smart City Challenge**  
Although the U.S. Department of Transportation on Thursday officially awarded the $40 million Smart City Challenge grant to Columbus, Ohio, federal officials said Pittsburgh’s proposal was very commendable. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx’s announcement was only a...  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-24-2016  **Here comes zTrip: Yellow Cab gets the message, ending a (lame) era**  
Pittsburgh Transportation Group is phasing out its Yellow Cab service in favor of zTrip, its Uber-and Lyft-like ride-share app. The company calls the demise of the traditional taxi service “the end of an era.” Indeed. It was an era marked by unreliable, surly and overly expensive...  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-24-2016  **Frontier Airlines sees potential in Pittsburgh**  
Barry Biffle is bullish on Pittsburgh. A week after starting flights to five destinations from Pittsburgh International Airport, the Frontier Airlines CEO sees the potential for more growth in the Steel City. After all, the Denver-based ultra low-fare carrier has 80 new...  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

06-24-2016  **Car quality improves even as new technology is introduced**  
DETROIT — Despite adding sophisticated electronic safety features and touch screens that once were prone to glitches, most automakers improved their reliability scores this year in an annual survey of new-car buyers...  
*AP*

06-24-2016  **Cheaper gas prices mean more, farther road trips for Western Pennsylvania vacationers**  
For the Memorial Day weekend, nearly 90 percent of Americans traveling did so by driving to their holiday getaway. But thanks to low gas prices, the distance didn't really hurt their wallets as much as it may have in the past. According to travel experts, Western Pennsylvanians will take advantage...  
*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

06-24-2016  **Pittsburgh International Airport eyes westward expansion with Frontier partnership**  
Pittsburgh International Airport’s top executive hopes a new partnership with Denver-based Frontier Airlines will lead to more service between Pittsburgh and the West Coast. Frontier last week began offering direct flights from Pittsburgh to Orlando, Chicago, Atlanta, Denver and Las Vegas. Allegheny County Airport...  
*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
06-24-2016  
**Volkswagen to pay $10.2B to settle customers’ emissions claims**
DETROIT — Volkswagen will spend about $10.2 billion to settle an emissions cheating scandal in the United States that has turned into one of the largest cases of corporate deception in the nation's history... - *AP*

06-24-2016  
**Letters: SEPTA, go sustainable**
ISSUE | CLEAN ENERGY SEPTA, go sustainable As a steering committee member with 350 Philadelphia, a climate-change group that opposes the building of a natural gas plant in Nicetown, I would like to clarify several points made in Monday's article "Power struggle."... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*

06-24-2016  
**'Pinch point': I-81 widening project progress in Cumberland County**
The widening of a two-mile stretch of Interstate 81 in Cumberland County could begin as early as August now that bids have been submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The project calls for widening the interstate between Exit 57 for Route 114... - *Harrisburg Patriot-News*

06-24-2016  
**Track work could cause Amtrak delays**
PHILADELPHIA Track work could cause delays on Amtrak trains along the Northeast Corridor. Amtrak's Northeast Corridor service is operating on a modified schedule Friday morning between Washington and New York while repairs are made. Trains that departed Washington before 5:30 a.m. were canceled.... - *State College Centre Daily Times*

06-24-2016  
**Bridge project discussed at meeting**
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06-24-2016  
**Letter: Using oil and chips bad for local roads**
Editor: I'd love to know the reasoning behind all of the oil and chip jobs being applied to Berks County roads. Perhaps I'm ignorant, but I don't see how this process helps anyone or anything. If the goal is to make modern, paved roads into gravel, backcountry lanes, then I'd say the mission has been... - *Reading Eagle*

06-24-2016  
**2 NJ residents charged with racking up $30,000 in unpaid tolls combined**
FORT LEE, N.J. (AP) — Authorities say they’ve nabbed two New Jersey residents who have racked up about $30,000 in unpaid tolls combined. .. - *AP*

06-24-2016  
**Set an example: Buckle up**
Driving is a privilege. Not a right. Thus it's fitting that police in Virginia have charged the 50-year-old van driver who caused a two-vehicle crash that left six passengers of the van dead — one of them a child. The six who died were thrown from the vehicle. Not one of the 16 on board... - *Pocono Record*

06-24-2016  
**York County DUI checkpoints planned in July**
State police will conduct DUI checkpoints and roving patrols targeting impaired drivers in the month of July, according to a press release. The release did not state when the checkpoints would be set up. Typically, police operate the checkpoints around holidays.... - *York Daily*
Norry mulls ways to handle $400G extra cost
NORTHUMBERLAND — The lead environmental engineer with a Williamsport-based architectural design firm said Thursday that fixing and avoiding potential conflicts between utility and stormwater lines underneath and adjacent to Duke Street are essential to completion of the... - Sunbury Daily Item

Route 288 bridge inspection starts in Wampum
PennDOT is inspecting the Route 288 bridge in Wampum from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Motorists should be prepared from single-lane alternating traffic on the bridge over the Beaver River and CSX railroad tracks during these hours. Story continues below video... - New Castle News

DUI simulator special feature at Grantsville Days
Garrett College and the Maryland Department of Transportation are collaborating to bring a DUI simulator to the 39th annual Grantsville Days on Saturday. The SAFETY simulator simulates driving under the influence and reinforces the message of safe driving and not driving while under the influence of... - Somerset Daily

Philly street workers 'fix' pothole, fill it with road pylon
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Some south Philadelphia residents and a TV station are waiting for the city to explain why a pothole was filled with asphalt and the smashed-in orange pylon that had been marking the hazard... - AP

Should Your Driverless Car Hit a Pedestrian to Save Your Life?
Social Dilemma of Driverless Cars The issue of robotic morality has become a serious question for researchers working on autonomous vehicles who must, in essence, program moral decisions into a machine. By IYAR Rahwan/M.I.T. on June 23, 2016. People say that one day, perhaps in the not-so-distant future, they'd... - New York Times

Testing the Clean-Energy Logic of a Tesla-SolarCity Merger
Imagine a world in which every home and building is a miniature power plant, with solar panels on the roofs and electric vehicles and stationary battery banks in the garages. Meters and software would manage the flow of power, allowing homeowners and businesses to seamlessly buy and sell electricity at the best prices,... - New York Times

Boeing Offers Details on Iran Deal, Saying All Was Done Legally
The Boeing Company on Thursday offered new details on its proposed passenger aircraft deal with Iran and rejected suggestions that it had not done sufficient homework in identifying end users of the planes. In a letter to congressional critics of the politically delicate deal,... - New York Times

Volkswagen agrees to pay billions to drivers over emissions scandal
Volkswagen has agreed to pay $10.2 billion to settle its U.S. emissions scandal case, according to the Associated Press, citing two anonymous people briefed on the matter, in what would be one of the largest payouts by an automaker in history. The case stems from the carmaker's 2015 admission that 11 million... - Washington Post

A new device could help bikers catch cars that drive too close to them
A cyclist is seen during morning rush hour amidst traffic in D.C. in this file photo. Law enforcement in Canada are trying to enforce the legal distance between bikers and cars on the road with new technology. Drivers who ride a little too close to cyclists on the road could soon be... - Washington Post

Bike Share Conference Brings Operators From Across The Country To Philly
PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — A two-day conference is underway in Philadelphia bringing together Bike Share operators from all over the country. Many are learning from the experience, even though Philadelphia wasn’t among the first to launch such a program. They are working at the intersection of transportation and equity, bringing... - KYW News Radio 1060

06-24-2016  Legislative Committees Approve Hike In NJ Gas Tax
TRENTON, N.J. (CBS) – Legislators have approved a 23 cent a gallon increase in New Jersey's gasoline tax in assembly and senate committees, with hopes to get a package of bills to replenish the state’s Transportation Trust Fund and cut other taxes on Governor Chris... - KYW News Radio 1060

06-24-2016  Transportation improving; progress threatened
Pennsylvania’s ranking in the CarInsurance.com study your news organization reported on Thursday, while disappointing, highlights the need for consistent, reliable funding for transportation projects in the state. Infrastructure improvements of all modes were stalled for many years as the... - Levittown Intelligencer

06-24-2016  Upper Moreland School District buys 35 new propane buses
The Upper Moreland school directors believe the district’s new fleet of yellow buses will save more green. As part of its drive to upgrade, the district is poised to roll out a convoy of 35 new propane-fueled buses this coming school year. In addition to projected savings to the district of $256,766 annually on... - Levittown Intelligencer

06-24-2016  Engineers salute a restored Martins Mill Bridge
GREENCASTLE -- The $1.1 million rehabilitation of the Martins Mill Bridge in Antrim Township was one of five projects recently recognized at the International Bridge Conference. The effort to restore Pennsylvania’s largest lattice-truss bridge was awarded the Abba G. Lichtenstein Medal for artistic merit and innovation in... - Chambersburg Public Opinion

06-24-2016  EDITORIAL: Curbing aggressive driving
Thumbs up to PennDOT’s 2015-16 Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving Enforcement and Education Project. It has partnered with the National Highway Safety Administration since 2006 to crack down on aggressive driving, an issue the departments have determined as the state’s No. 1... - York Dispatch

06-24-2016  From pilot to skydiving, this guy’s ‘done it all’
June 24, 2016 By JAIMEE KESTER jkester@lockhaven.com LOCK HAVEN — Members of the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs had an exciting speaker at their weekly meeting at the Piper Aviation Museum. more »» - Lock Haven Express

06-24-2016  PennDot rep provides transportation update
June 24, 2016 LEWISTOWN — Members of the Mifflin County Planning Commission received a transportation update Thursday afternoon. more »» - Lewistown Sentinel

06-24-2016  New Oxford to purchase train property
The New Oxford Area Historical Society (NOAHS) “All Aboard!” Campaign Committee has raised $40,000, the price for the purchase of the New Oxford train station property. - Gettysburg Times

06-24-2016  Letter: Connector road criticism 'unwarranted'
Dear Editor: In the article by Joseph Cress, (“South Middleton Township officials want no part in TIF committee,” The Sentinel, June 16), township supervisors Bryan Gembusia and Tom Faley criticize RSJ Holdings, LLC. RSJ is a local company that has invested substantial private funds to... - Carlisle Sentinel
06-24-2016  **Elder Care: The 'retiring from driving' conversation**
Initiating a conversation with an older driver about his/her driving safety can create feelings of dread for family members. Not only is it uncomfortable to share with someone that it might not be safe to continue doing something that he/she has been doing for years, but... - *Carlisle Sentinel*

06-24-2016  **PennDOT opens bids for widening I-81**
PennDOT Thursday announced that competitive bids were opened from seven construction companies interested in widening Interstate 81 between exit 57 for Route 114 in Silver Spring Township and exit 59 for Route 581 in Hampden Township. The project involves extending the northbound on-ramp as an auxiliary ramp... - *Carlisle Sentinel*

06-24-2016  **Amtrak Northeast Corridor service returning to normal**
PHILADELPHIA Amtrak says service on its Northeast Corridor is returning to normal after delays caused by a disabled maintenance vehicle... - *AP*