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Co-Sponsor Memos

[HCO 443](#) [DeLuca, Anthony](#)

Makes it an Unfair Insurance Practice Act violation to consider an individual's education level or occupation when underwriting or rating for auto insurance coverage.

[SCO 332](#) [Yaw, Gene](#)

Requires PennDOT to include protective fencing in the construction of new bridges and erect protective fencing on any existing bridge at such time a major renovation is required and the bridge is located over an interstate highway.

Bill Actions

[HB 42](#) [Saccone, Rick](#)

Amends Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 23 (Domestic Relations), 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles) further providing for suspension of operating privileges of licensed drivers.

Bill History:

01-05-17 H Filed

[HB 43](#) [Readshaw, Harry](#)

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; and, in rules of the road in general further providing for speed timing devices.

Bill History:

01-05-17 H Filed

[HB 103](#) [Neuman, Brandon](#)

Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 980 over the Chartiers Creek in Canonsburg Borough, Washington County, as the Officer Scott L. Bashioum Memorial Bridge.

Bill History:

01-05-17 H Filed

PA Bulletin

[PID: INCREASE IN THE ACCIDENT SURCHARGE DOLLAR THRESHOLD \(CAP\) TO \\$1,700; NOTICE 2017-01](#)

The Insurance Department announced an increase in the Accident Surcharge Dollar Threshold by insurers writing private passenger automobile insurance to the amount of \$1,700 in aggregate claim costs over a 3 year period, effective July 1. Questions should be addressed to James Di Santo, Actuarial Review Division, Insurance Department, 1311 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120, (717) 783-2118, jadisanto@pa.gov.

[PPA: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION](#)

The Philadelphia Parking Authority will accept responses to Request for Information No. 16-36, Single Space Parking Meters, until 2 p.m. on Friday, February 3. Information is available at www.philapark.org or by calling Mary Wheeler at (215) 683-9665.

Upcoming Events

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

January 10, 2017 - 9:30 a.m. 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg
Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

PA Turnpike Commission

January 17, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl.,
Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

PA Public Utility Commission

January 19, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

Session Schedule

Senate

January 23, 24, 25, 30, 31
February 1, 6, 7, 8
March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29
April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26
May 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24
June 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

House

January 23, 24, 25
February 6, 7, 8
March 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22
April 3, 4, 5, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26
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In the News

- 01-05-2017 [PA Turnpike Commission Reminds Travelers of 2017 Toll Increase](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-05-2017 [Turzai Announces House Committee Chairs for the 2017-18 Session](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-05-2017 [TRAFFIC: Overturned tractor trailer closes Pa. Turnpike westbound between New Stanton, Donegal](#)
An overturned tractor-trailer truck this morning has shut down the Pennsylvania Turnpike westbound/inbound between the Donegal and News Stanton exits. The driver was injured and was flown to an area hospital, according to authorities. The extent of his injuries has not been released. The crash... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Penalties for Liberty Bridge fire likely to be paid from contractor's profits](#)
More than \$3.5 million in fines and emergency repairs for September's Liberty Bridge fire likely will come out of contractor Joseph B. Fay Co.'s profit on the \$80 million bridge rehabilitation. The federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration last week added... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Business briefs: Gasoline prices expected to increase significantly in 2017](#)
Gasoline prices expected to increase significantly in 2017 Pittsburgh-area retail gasoline prices will likely break \$3 a gallon this spring as oil prices are projected to rise, according to an annual

forecast from GasBuddy. The price-tracking website forecasted the U.S. average... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 01-05-2017 [U.S. auto sales hit a record 17.55M in 2016, led by SUVs](#)
DETROIT — U.S. consumers bought a record number of new cars and trucks in 2016... - [AP](#)
- 01-05-2017 [As pump prices rise, Pa. drivers face highest gas tax in U.S.](#)
The numbers ticked up as Gary Wilker pumped gas into his Dodge Ram pickup's 28-gallon fuel tank at a Greensburg Sunoco station. Filling up a month ago would have cost about \$65. On Wednesday, Wilker estimated he'd spend closer to \$75. Such increases are hitting motorists across Pennsylvania, thanks to surging... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Nearly 50 injured when trolleys collide in Philadelphia](#)
PHILADELPHIA Authorities say nearly 50 people suffered various minor injuries when two Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority trolleys collided in west Philadelphia... - [AP](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Tractor-trailer crashes, closes Pennsylvania Turnpike lanes](#)
DONEGAL, Pa. The westbound lanes of the Pennsylvania Turnpike have been closed between the Donegal and New Stanton exits after a tractor-trailer crash... - [AP](#)
- 01-05-2017 [GasBuddy: 2017 will feature highest gas prices in three years](#)
Over New Year's weekend — as the ball dropped in Times Square and the giant Peep dropped in Bethlehem — gas prices were headed in the opposite direction, rising from about \$2.49 a gallon in the Lehigh Valley at the end of the day Friday to \$2.63 a gallon by Wednesday afternoon.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Lehigh Valley airport needs big plans](#)
In reference to the story about Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority having over \$6 million in the bank: Airport officials are going to complete many projects but they don't have one word to say about new air service. They should lower the landing fees and the cost of jet fuel, which in turn will... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Roadblock](#)
On the face of it, the most recent increase in tolls on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, including the Mon-Fayette Expressway, don't seem all that much. The increase, which takes effect Sunday, will see tolls rise by 6 percent. The most common toll now is \$1.80, and that will increase to \$1.95 come... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Pennsylvania wants to be 'proving ground' for self-driving vehicle technology](#)
Several weeks after Uber pulled its self-driving cars from the streets of San Francisco in response to backlash from California officials, Pennsylvania is making it known that its roads are open as a testing ground for autonomous vehicles. Pittsburgh made national headlines last year when it became the first... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Greene Co. commissioners to approve \\$1M contract for new road to airport business park project](#)
WAYNESBURG – The Greene County commissioners are expected to award a nearly \$1 million contract today to complete one of the final phases of construction on the airport business park. The commissioners agreed Wednesday to place on the agenda for today's meeting a motion to award a \$999,557 contract to Morgan Excavating LP to... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-05-2017 [Greene Co. commissioners to approve \\$1M contract for new road to airport business park project](#)

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01-05-2017

[Pyrite permit won't slow Milford Road work](#)

Despite a last-minute relocation of acid-bearing rock, the SR2001/Milford Road expansion project has stayed on track. The relocation of acid-bearing rock in Lehman Township hasn't slowed progress on the Route 2001/Milford Road expansion. State officials on Wednesday said work will continue while the contractor awaits approval on... - [Pocono Record](#)

01-05-2017

[Century-old right-of-way dispute continues](#)

NORTHUMBERLAND — A dispute over right-of-way between Northumberland Borough and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation that harkens back over a century could be the deciding factor in which entity will have to pay \$25,000 of the construction cost needed to relocate a sewer line this... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)

01-05-2017

[Somerset chamber forum to focus on natural gas-fueled vehicles](#)

Pre-registrations are required by Friday for a forum on the economic opportunities that natural gas-fueled vehicles offer the region. Somerset County Chamber of Commerce will host the panel discussion with Rick Price, executive director of Pittsburgh Region Clean Cities, and other... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

01-05-2017

[U.S. automakers sell more new cars and trucks than ever before — again](#)

U.S. drivers bought more new cars and trucks in 2016 than they ever have, edging out the record set just one year earlier to give the auto industry an unprecedented seventh consecutive year of sales growth. About 17.5 million light vehicles were sold throughout the country last... - [Washington Post](#)

01-05-2017

[The American auto industry does not need Trump to stage-manage it](#)

John Maynard Keynes wrote that gut feelings — or “animal spirits,” as he called them — were often more important to investment decisions than a “mathematical expectation.” President-elect Donald Trump, too, understands animal spirits. It’s just that the animal he has in mind is a sheep.... - [Washington Post](#)

01-05-2017

[Letter to the Editor: Time is right to invest in infrastructure](#)

To the Times: Pennsylvania’s manufacturing community knows the time is past due for greater investment in the infrastructure that connects people and products across the Commonwealth. We now know that Pennsylvanians from all backgrounds agree. A recent survey... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)

01-05-2017

[Demolition coming soon](#)

Elm Street in downtown Oil City will be closed for much of the next two weeks as crews prepare for the demolition of the condemned parking garage. Venango County commissioners awarded a \$723,000 contract to Michigan-based Homrich Wrecking in November to raze the structure as part of a project... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

01-05-2017

[Pittsburgh could be test site for self-driving cars](#)

Self-driving cars could soon be as close to the area as Pittsburgh. The state has applied to a U.S. Department of Transportation solicitation to be designated as an automated vehicle proving ground to facilitate the safe and innovative development of the technology.... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

01-05-2017

[Text Service Provides SEPTA Riders Quick Access To Bus Schedules](#)

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — On the upcoming cold winter days, SEPTA says its riders can use

texts to get information about when the next bus will be arriving at their stop. SEPTA's Andrew Busch says you first have to use your phone to visit the SEPTA website and set up your SMS communication with your phone and the... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

- 01-05-2017 [NTSB Investigating Trolley Collision That Left Nearly 50 Injured In Philly](#)
PHILADELPHIA (CBS/AP) —Federal investigators will send a team to Philadelphia after nearly 50 people suffered various minor injuries when two Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority trolleys collided in west Philadelphia on Thursday. The NTSB says the team will look at collision avoidance and federal... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

- 01-05-2017 [Lower Southampton to use casino grant for road improvements, other items](#)
LOWER SOUTHAMPTON — The township will use \$655,929 in casino grant money to bolster its roads and emergency services network this year. The supervisors at this week's reorganization meeting voted to accept the grant money under a program administered by the Redevelopment Authority of... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

- 01-05-2017 [CENTER TOWNSHIP: Road repair project slated for section of Aultman](#)
GRACETON — A road improvement project will get underway in the coming months in Aultman, where Center Township and the Indiana County Office of Planning and Development will direct up to \$74,000 of grant funds targeted to low- and moderate-income areas. The township supervisors reported that the Fourth Street area has qualified... - [Indiana Gazette](#)

- 01-05-2017 [Pennsylvania wants to be 'proving ground' for self-driving vehicle technology](#)
Several weeks after Uber pulled its self-driving cars from the streets of San Francisco in response to backlash from California officials, Pennsylvania is making it known that its roads are open as a testing ground for autonomous vehicles. Pittsburgh made national headlines last year when it became the first... - [Ellwood City Ledger](#)

- 01-05-2017 [Drainage issues keep bubbling up](#)
HARMONY — Drainage issues facing the borough were discussed by the council Tuesday evening. Council expressed frustration over the apparent lack of assistance from the state Department of Transportation over one problem area on Route 68, a state road, where water runoff washes debris and silt onto the borough's... - [Butler Eagle](#)

- 01-04-2017 [Agriculture, PennDOT Secretaries Encourage Farm Show-bound Drivers to Use...](#)
(Press Release)

- 01-04-2017 [Sabatina Appointed Democratic Chairman of Senate Transportation Committee](#)
(Press Release)

- 01-04-2017 [Two Frontier Airlines drops two flights from Pittsburgh International Airport](#)
Two of the five flights launched by Frontier Airlines from Pittsburgh International Airport last June with great fanfare didn't last long — all of about four months. After suspending service to Chicago and Atlanta at the end of October in what it described as seasonal adjustments, the ultra low-fare carrier... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 01-04-2017 [Port Authority's new fare system causes some confusion](#)
Anyone who uses Port Authority buses knows there are always a few bumps in the road. So it has been with changes the countywide transit service instituted New Year's Day. Port Authority spokesman Adam Brandolph said there were a number of minor issues Tuesday as passengers and operators dealt with the first full... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 01-04-2017 [PennDOT plays role in self-driving testing site proposal](#)
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has submitted a joint application on behalf of Pittsburgh, Penn State University and the Pocono Raceway to be designated a national testing

area for self-driving vehicles by the federal Department of Transportation.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

01-04-2017

[Proposed board would advise Pittsburgh on bike lanes](#)

Delighted or frustrated, Pittsburghers passionate about the city's expanding bike lanes may have a new place to air their thoughts. A proposed advisory board would publicly review bike lane plans and draft policies for installing the infrastructure, according to legislation... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

01-04-2017

[License plates and our changing times](#)

Regarding "State to Eliminate License Plate Stickers as of Jan. 1" (Dec. 27): Back in the day, everyone received a new metal license plate yearly, made by our prison population. Nowadays commit a crime, go to jail and come out with a college degree! KENNETH KENNEDY... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

01-04-2017

[Bike lane proposals in Pittsburgh might get more scrutiny](#)

Controversy over Pittsburgh's growing number of dedicated bicycle lanes prompted a city councilwoman Tuesday to propose an advisory board that would oversee the creation of new lanes. Councilwoman Theresa Kail-Smith of Westwood said her office has received numerous complaints about existing lanes Downtown from residents who say... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

01-04-2017

[PennDOT wants Pittsburgh to be part of 'proving ground' for autonomous cars](#)

PennDOT is highlighting Pittsburgh's streets, bridges, tunnels and cyclists as part of its pitch to become a national test site for autonomous vehicles. The state transportation agency included the city as a testing facility alongside closed test tracks at Penn State and Pocono Raceway in its... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

01-04-2017

[American Airlines' CEO gains \\$5.5 million from stock sale](#)

American Airlines CEO Doug Parker pocketed \$5.5 million from a sale of stock last week, according to a regulatory filing Friday. Parker sold 231,060 shares that he was awarded in 2007 while chief executive officer of US Airways. Parker sold the shares at prices ranging from \$47.88 to \$48.73.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

01-04-2017

[Commissioners consider motor-vehicle registration price increase](#)

The Centre County Board of Commissioners announced Tuesday it is considering a \$5 increase in motor-vehicle registration prices. As part of the ACT 89 transportation bill signed by former Gov. Tom Corbett in 2013, counties have had the option of enacting an ordinance that raises... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)

01-04-2017

[New Scranton taxi company hits speed bump](#)

The city's new taxicab service hit a speed bump as its drivers set out on the road for the first time Tuesday. Police pulled over a Burgit's Electric City Taxi driver for not having a city chauffeur's license, a requirement Burgit's Dispatcher Shawn Howell said the company did not know the drivers needed.... - [Scranton Times](#)

01-04-2017

[KELLY: Gas tax hits, and it hurts](#)

You've heard of the "Butterfly Effect," the chaos theory proposition that a butterfly flapping its wings can cause a hurricane half a world away. In Pennsylvania, the concept is best represented by a insatiable mosquito that bleeds you dry from Harrisburg. On Sunday, the third state gasoline tax hike in four years went into... - [Scranton Times](#)

01-04-2017

[Hope persists for NYC rail](#)

If you can make it there, you can make it anywhere. But for Northeast Pennsylvanians, the more fundamental problem is simply getting to New York City. Driving to New York rarely is a joy ride

due to congestion, coupled with the costs of bridge or tunnel tolls and parking.... - [Scranton Times](#)

01-04-2017 **[Turnpike fees are going up again](#)**
Drivers on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, already hit with higher gasoline prices, will experience a double whammy Sunday when tolls are again increased. This marks the eighth increase since 2009. The latest increase — 6 percent — will enable the state Turnpike Commission to again meet its... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

01-04-2017 **[Surprise!](#)**
Well, here's a little-known fact that could have quite an impact on the life of many Pennsylvanians. Surprise! Well, here's a little-known fact that could have quite an impact on the life of many Pennsylvanians. - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

01-04-2017 **[Commissioners explore snow removal on Bike/Hike Trail](#)**
Warren County had been receiving snow removal services on the Warren Bike/ Hike Trail at no cost. On Tuesday, commissioners discussed an option for continuing to provide that service as the no-cost option ends. Commissioner Jeff Eggleston said snow removal between Warren city limits... - [Warren Times Observer](#)

01-04-2017 **[Repeal Act 38](#)**
It won't be long before you'll likely need a passport or some sort of verifiable identification to get onto federal property, thanks to a move four years ago by the state legislature. And if things don't change within the next year, you'll need to foot the bill for a passport for domestic commercial air travel as well.... - [New Castle News](#)

01-04-2017 **[After the Pain, a Chance to Meet and Forgive](#)**
"He was like a wild colt on the open prairie," his father, Paul Freeman, said. On Nov. 23, 2010, two days before Thanksgiving, Cameron and three friends packed into a Mazda 626 and drove from Lincoln, Neb., to Lawrence, Kan., to see a concert by one of Cameron's favorite electronica performers,... - [New York Times](#)

01-04-2017 **[Airlines, Now More Proactive on Weather, Allow Fliers to Shift Own Travel Plans](#)**
So he was pleasantly surprised to find that Alaska Airlines had issued a "weather waiver" in advance of the possible storm. It allowed passengers flying in or out of the affected area to make no-cost changes to their itineraries on their own, without speaking to a representative.... - [New York Times](#)

01-04-2017 **[Bridge work moves ahead](#)**
TIONESTA - Work on the Hunter Station Bridge replacement project in Tionesta is progressing as planned. The existing 1,051-foot-long steel truss bridge, which was built in 1934, is located on Route 62 over the Allegheny River between the Forest/Venango County line and Hunter Station Road.... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

01-04-2017 **[New revenue for transportation projects considered](#)**
BELLEFONTE — Centre County may become the 15th county in Pennsylvania to increase motor vehicle registration fees by \$5. During the Centre County Board of Commissioners meeting Tuesday, Commissioner Mike Pipe laid out his thoughts on the county using these additional fees as a way to provide new revenue for transportation projects... - [Lock Haven Express](#)

01-04-2017 **[Southern Airways Express begins service in DuBois](#)**
FALLS CREEK – Everything was lined up Tuesday for Southern Airways Express to begin service at the DuBois Regional Airport — except the weather. The poor conditions proved to be a challenge for the airline on its inaugural day of service in DuBois. "We would rather have lovely

spring weather, but we have what we... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)

- 01-04-2017 [Pa. opts out of U.S.-I.D. policy](#)
SALEM TWP. — Visitors won't be able to use Pennsylvania driver's licenses alone as identification to get into the nuclear plant here — or anywhere — starting... Some will have trouble entering nuclear plant and other locations - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)
- 01-04-2017 [Bucks firm that helps build F-35 warplanes sold for \\$233 million](#)
Curtiss-Wright Corp., Charlotte, N.C., has completed its \$233 million cash purchase of Teletronics Technology Corp., a Newtown Township company that makes flight testing and recording systems for big war machines including the U.S. military's F-35 fighter jet, a project so expensive its cost has... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-03-2017 [PennDOT Applies to Make Pennsylvania National 'Proving Ground' for Automated...](#)
(Press Release)
- 01-03-2017 [Pennsylvania Turnpike toll leaps into new year](#)
Scott Gregg of Beaver Falls spent about \$38 this holiday season to travel round-trip between the Beaver Valley and Harrisburg exits of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, a major portion of the route he took to visit relatives in the southeastern corner of the state.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Restoration of Scranton Transit 324 nears completion](#)
JASON FARMER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER Wayne Hiller, trolley museum director, left, and Mike Drumsta, restoration shop manager, talk about the restoration of Scranton Transit Co.'s No. 324 trolley. It has been more than 75 years since No. 324 last rolled through the city,... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-03-2017 [New push for transit alliance](#)
Lackawanna and Luzerne counties are rekindling discussions about merging public transit systems. A task force of representatives from both counties, Hazleton and three transportation agencies — County of Lackawanna Transit System, Luzerne County Transportation Authority and Hazleton Public Transit — plans to... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Reviving the passenger rail idea](#)
If you can make it there, you can make it anywhere. But for Northeastern Pennsylvanians, the more fundamental problem is simply getting to New York City. Driving to New York rarely is a joy ride due to congestion, coupled with the costs of bridge or tunnel tolls and parking.... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Pennsylvania touts new Port of Philadelphia program](#)
HARRISBURG - Gov. Tom Wolf joined U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, elected officials and stakeholders to tout a comprehensive capital investment program at the Port of Philadelphia. According to a release, the program will create thousands of jobs by investing more than \$300 million in the port's infrastructure, warehousing... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Lawsuit: Reading taxi firm overcharged disabled man](#)
Reading, PA A disabled Reading man is suing a city taxi company for charging him higher rates for using the company's wheelchair-accessible vehicles. Attorneys with Disability Rights Pennsylvania in Philadelphia filed the lawsuit with the Pennsylvania Eastern District Court on Dec. 22 on behalf... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Seniors for Safe Driving courses scheduled](#)
Seniors for Safe Driving, based in Butler, has scheduled a series of driver improvement courses for senior citizens in January, February and March at several sites in Erie, Crawford and Mercer counties. The senior driver improvement courses, approved by the Pennsylvania... - [Erie Times-](#)

[News](#)

- 01-03-2017 [Last chance to take PennDOT survey](#)
 Today, Tuesday, Jan. 3, is your last opportunity to participate in PennDOT's online 2016 Northwest region survey. "If you live or drive in Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, and Warren counties and have not yet taken our survey, we ask that you take a few minutes, complete the survey, and give us your insight into our... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Vehicle registration stickers eliminated in 2017 Metzgar says](#)
 Rep. Carl Walker Metzgar (R-Somerset/Bedford) reminds residents the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) will no longer issue vehicle registration stickers starting Jan. 1. "The elimination of the registration stickers, allowed for under Act 89... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 01-03-2017 [PennDOT reminds drivers to use caution during winter weather](#)
 Winter weather and the potential for heavy snow squalls are in the forecast for areas of the Laurel Highlands over the next few days. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) recommends motorists who must be on the road are urged to use caution while driving.... - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Driver's Licenses, Caught in the War on Drugs](#)
 States are wisely backing away from the severe drug sentencing policies that filled prisons to bursting beginning in the 1980s and '90s and eventually drove corrections costs to bankrupting levels. But to repair the civic damage, lawmakers also need to question other counterproductive forms... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Customs Outage Frustrates Fliers at Airports Across U.S.](#)
 A four-hour failure of a processing system used by United States Customs and Border Protection caused delays at airports across the country Monday night, frustrating travelers, many of whom turned to social media to vent about the long lines. The systems failure, which lasted from about 5 to 9 p.m., did not appear to... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Uber and Lyft's arguments against fingerprinting make little sense](#)
 MANY OF the nation's biggest cities have tried to require ride-booking services such as Uber and Lyft to establish fingerprint background checks for their drivers, in the interest of public safety, only to discover that the companies, which hate the idea, have them over a barrel. The pressure... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Turnpike to raise toll prices](#)
 Over the last decade, the Pennsylvania Turnpike has developed its own tradition to welcome the new year: toll hikes. Come Sunday, the most common toll — a trip between two interchanges — will rise from \$1.80 to \$1.95, about 8.3 percent, the ninth consecutive year the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission voted to raise rates.... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Port plan sensible for state](#)
 Ports are among the most important economic drivers, affecting commerce, economic development and job creation from the water's edge to points far inland that are connected by rail and roads. Philadelphia's port, once one of the East Coast's busiest, has declined due to aging and obsolete infrastructure. The decline has... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 01-03-2017 [Councilwoman Proposes Bill Addressing Pedestrian Safety On Closed Sidewalks](#)
 PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Among the items on the agenda when Philadelphia City Council gets back to work this month is a bill that would require builders to take extra measures before closing down a sidewalk for construction. The bill is a response to the checkerboard of closed sidewalks that make... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

- 01-03-2017 [**Advocates Aim To End Drug-Related License Suspensions**](#)
 PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Federal laws created during the War on Drugs are still having a major impact in Pennsylvania. A new study reveals that thousands in the Commonwealth still lose their drivers licenses for minor drug offenses. Authored by the Prison Policy Initiative, the report says Pennsylvania is... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-03-2017 [**Traffic deaths in Lancaster County at lowest level in 54 years**](#)
 The number of people killed in traffic accidents in Lancaster County in 2016 matched 2013's total, which was the lowest in more than 50 years. Forty-five people died in 44 wrecks last year, according to Assistant District Attorney Christine Wilson and newspaper records. That's down... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-03-2017 [**Experts: Don't bundle up kids in car seats in winter**](#)
 Moms and dads instinctively want to bundle up their babies to keep them warm during the winter months, but experts warn there's a wrong way and a right way to make sure their precious cargo is comfortable yet safe while in a car seat. Bulky clothing, particularly a winter coat or a snowsuit, should not be... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 01-03-2017 [**Northern section of CSVT is 25 percent complete**](#)
 NORTHUMBERLAND — The first project that is part of a \$670 million effort to construct the 13-mile Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway (CSVT) is now 25 percent complete, according to officials from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). Matt Beck, PennDOT assistant plans engineer, said four construction... - [Milton Standard](#)
- 01-03-2017 [**Stickers stopping, concern rising**](#)
 Pennsylvania's Department of Motor Vehicles will no longer send license plate registration stickers. It's a savings for the state but will cause problems for local police departments. The decision was made based upon the results of a Penn State University study, which showed that eliminating the sticker had no impact on... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 01-03-2017 [**Southern Airways Express to start service today at DuBois Regional Airport**](#)
 FALLS CREEK – New year. New airline. Jan. 3, was the scheduled start date for Southern Airways Express at the DuBois Regional Airport. Airport manager Robert W. Shaffer said he is "absolutely" excited to see the airline begin service. "They have done very well at the other airports they have started to... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 01-03-2017 [**PennDOT seeks driverless vehicle 'proving ground' designation for Pennsylvania**](#)
 In case you have missed it, PennDOT is extremely interested in driverless technology. So much so, that, in addition to building a framework for extended testing in Pennsylvania, the department is now seeking 'proving ground' status from the U.S. Department of Transportation.... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 01-02-2017 [**Pittsburgh needs to expand its light-rail network**](#)
 I grew up in Pittsburgh and worked there for a decade before moving to Philadelphia for a job. One thing I've learned from cities like Philadelphia, St. Louis and Boston is that a regional rail system makes commuting easier and cheaper. Nearly every neighborhood in the Philadelphia area has a rail station... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-02-2017 [**Get ready to pay higher gas tax Sunday**](#)
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