

PA Transportation Recap



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Co-Sponsor Memos

HCO2278	Evankovich, Eli(R)	Creates Commuter Lanes Zones in areas of high congestion to restrict vehicles with more than 2 axles from traveling in the left lane.
HCO2289	Cutler, Bryan(R)	Revises Chapter 86 of Title 20 (anatomical donation) in such a way as to attempt to address the shortage in organs while at the same time providing info to prospective organ donors and their families about the process of donation.
HCO2298	Brown, Rosemary(R)	Prohibits calls on hand-held mobile telephones, except with the use of hands-free accessories while operating a moving motor vehicle.
HCO2301	Miller, Brett(R)	Defines the term "Vulnerable Highway User" & also increases the penalties for a person convicted of careless driving that results in either the death, serious bodily injury, or bodily injury of a Vulnerable Highway User.
SCO 970	Langerholc, Wayne (F)(R)	Makes the new standard of 102-inch wide trailers on all Pennsylvania highways, while still allowing both PennDOT and municipalities the ability to restrict these vehicles where necessary on specific roadways.

Bill Actions

HB 26	White, Martina(R)	(PN 2010) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special registration plates adding that plates may be used on motorcycles and allowing for the plate to bear the name of the group or an abbreviation of the group name as desired by the organization. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1142)
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Bill History: 06-27-17 H Set on the House Calendar
06-27-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
06-27-17 Laid out for discussion 1:44pm
06-27-17 Third consideration 1:44pm
06-27-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:197/N: 0)

HB 93	Millard, David(R)	(PN 603) Act designating a portion of State Route 93 from the boundary line between Berwick Borough and Briar Creek Borough, Columbia County, to the boundary line between Orangeville Borough and Orange Township, Columbia County, as the Stuart Tank Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.
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Bill History: 06-13-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)

06-14-17 H Signed in the House
 06-19-17 S Signed in the Senate
 06-19-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 06-29-17 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 11)

[HB 179](#) [Day, Gary\(R\)](#)

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

Bill History:

05-10-17 H Removed from the table
 06-26-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 06-26-17 H Laid on the table
 06-26-17 H Removed from the table
 06-30-17 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 218](#) [Saylor, Stanley\(R\)](#)

(PN 1236) The General Appropriation Act of 2017 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Commonwealth Financing Authority Debt Service Restricted Revenue Account, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the State Racing Fund and the ABLE Savings Program Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, the State Lottery Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive and Legislative

Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The bill is effective immediately and retroactive to July 1, 2017, if enacted after that date. (Prior Printer Number: 162)

Bill History: 06-27-17 Second consideration 3:26pm
 06-27-17 S Recommitted to Senate Appropriations
 06-29-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
 06-29-17 S Reported as amended Senate Appropriations
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 229](#)

[Sonney, Curt\(R\)](#)

(PN 196) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) clarifying the definition of "recreational trailer" to mean a trailer designed or adapted to provide temporary living quarters for noncommercial recreational, camping or travel use or for the purposes of transporting animals or vehicles for noncommercial recreational use, such as a horse trailer, watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer. Also adds language providing for the annual fee for registration of a recreational trailer, an optional five-year registration and an optional permanent registration. Also adds a section providing for special procedures for trailer registration. Effective in 180 days.

Bill History: 06-28-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
 06-28-17 Laid out for discussion 1:23pm
 06-28-17 Third consideration 1:24pm
 06-28-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:191/N: 7)

[HB 283](#)

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

(PN 269) Amends the act entitled "An act designating: A portion of State Routes 108 and 551 in Lawrence County as the Battery B Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of State Route 403 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, as the Sergeant James Robert Pantall Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 580 over the Susquehanna River, Cherry Tree Borough, Indiana County, as the Airman Second Class Gerald Emmett Johnson Memorial Bridge. A bridge on State Route 2014 over the Muncy Creek in Muncy Creek Township, Lycoming County, as the Private Walter L. Smith Spanish-American War Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 2044 in Lycoming County as the Lance Corporal William F. Merrill Vietnam Veterans Highway. The bridge on State Route 225 that crosses the Armstrong Creek in Halifax Township, Dauphin County, as the Staff Sergeant Brian K. Mowery Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 1026, Section 004 over the Cocalico Creek, Denver Borough, and West Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, as the Samuel L. Snyder Memorial Bridge. An overpass on State Route 49 over State Route 15, Lawrence Township, Tioga County, as the Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. A portion of Blair Mill Road in Montgomery County as the PVT William H. Walls, U.S.M.C. Memorial Highway. The overpass on State Route 3145 over Interstate 376, BMS 02-3145-0010-0537, in the Market District at Settlers Ridge, Robinson Township, Allegheny County, as the Roy F. Johns, Jr., Overpass. A portion of State Route 51 North in the Borough of Coraopolis, Allegheny County, as the

Fred A. Trello Memorial Boulevard. A certain interchange in New Stanton Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Edwin "Lance" Wentzel Memorial Interchange. The bridge carrying State Route 2005 (Business Route 222) over the Schuylkill River, Riverfront Drive and Norfolk Southern Railroad in the City of Reading, Berks County, commonly referred to as the Bingaman Street Bridge, as the 65th U.S. Infantry Regiment, Borinqueneers Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 36 over the Chest Creek, Patton Borough, Cambria County, as the Martin Joseph Davis Memorial Bridge. A portion of State Route 1008 in Fayetteville, Franklin County, as the James W. Cutchall Memorial Highway. A bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 15 over State Route 114, Mechanicsburg Borough, Cumberland County, as the Corporal Jonathan Dean Faircloth Memorial Bridge. The bridge on that portion of Township Route 431/436, Cooney Road, over U.S. Route 22 in Munster Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Thomas A. Cooney Memorial Bridge. The bridge on Tower Road spanning U.S. Route 219 in Croyle Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Herbert A. Wirfel Memorial Bridge. A bridge on that portion of Greenwood Avenue over the SEPTA tracks in Cheltenham Township and Jenkintown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Honorable Lawrence H. Curry Bridge. A bridge on that portion of State Route 144 over the Bald Eagle Creek, Milesburg Borough, Centre County, as the Veterans Bridge. An interchange on Pennsylvania Turnpike Route 66 in Westmoreland County as the David B. Sheridan Memorial Interchange. A bridge on that portion of State Route 217 over the Norfolk Southern Railroad tracks and 2nd Street in Derry Borough, Westmoreland County, as the Derry Veterans Memorial Bridge," further providing for Lance Corporal Michael G. Plank Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-26-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
 06-27-17 H Signed in the House
 06-27-17 S Signed in the Senate
 06-28-17 G In the hands of the Governor
 07-08-17 G Last day for Governor's action

[HB 290](#)

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

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

Bill History: 06-20-17 Second consideration 3:47pm
 06-20-17 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
 06-26-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee

Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
 06-26-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 407](#)

[Caltagirone, Thomas\(D\)](#)

(PN 2011) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, requiring the department to provide a mechanism for an individual renewing a driver's license, a vehicle registration or identification card electronically through the department's website to contribute \$5 to the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund, which is established in the bill. Contributions shall be used exclusively for pediatric cancer research approved by the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board. Effective in 60 days. (Past Printer Number: 396)

Bill History: 06-27-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 06-27-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
 06-27-17 Laid out for discussion 1:45pm
 06-27-17 Third consideration 1:45pm
 06-27-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:197/N: 0)

[HB 555](#)

[Maloney, David\(R\)](#)

(PN 578) Act designating a portion of State Route 562 in Berks County as the General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buildin, House Transportation -- House Transportation
 06-27-17 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation
 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Transportation
 06-28-17 H First consideration
 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules

[HB 603](#)

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

(PN 641) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language providing a vehicle that is operated by an engine fueled by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the 80,000 pound gross natural weight limit and any axle weight limits by an amount not to exceed 2,000 pounds that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel truck and fueling system. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 05-24-17 Laid out for discussion 11:05am
 05-24-17 Third consideration 11:05am
 05-24-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:190/N: 0)
 05-31-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation
 06-27-17 S Discussed during voting meeting, House Transportation -- House Transportation

[HB 1152](#)

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

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

Bill History: 06-28-17 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building, House Judiciary -- House Judiciary

HB 1187	Taylor, John(R)	<p>06-28-17 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Judiciary 06-28-17 H Reported as amended House Judiciary 06-28-17 H First consideration 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules</p>
		<p>(PN 1841) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system on US Route 1 in Philadelphia from the Bucks County Line to I-76. Provides requirements for the City of Philadelphia pertaining to management of the program, and for department approval. Further provides a definition of "automated speed enforcement system" and authorizes the use of radar and lidar in the devices in the system. Also outlines rules governing violations. The addition of Title 75 3369 (e) shall take effect 60 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin of the notice under section 2. The remainder of the act is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1409)</p>
		<p>Bill History: 05-24-17 H Laid on the table 06-29-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar 06-29-17 H Removed from the table 06-29-17 H Laid on the table 06-30-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar</p>
HB 1215	Tobash, Mike(R)	<p>(PN 2012) Act designating the bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1443)</p>
		<p>Bill History: 06-28-17 H Set on the House Calendar 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations 06-28-17 Laid out for discussion 1:25pm 06-28-17 Third consideration 1:25pm 06-28-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:198/N: 0)</p>
HB 1216	Farry, Frank(R)	<p>(PN 2166) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for rescue from motor vehicle, waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of an animal from a motor vehicle if the animal is believed to be in imminent danger. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1444)</p>
		<p>Bill History: 06-28-17 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building, House Judiciary -- House Judiciary 06-28-17 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Judiciary 06-28-17 H Reported as amended House Judiciary 06-28-17 H First consideration 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules</p>
HB 1219	Reed, Dave(R)	<p>(PN 1447) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1012, known as the Diamondville Bridge, Cherryhill Township, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Robert Eugene Goodlin Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.</p>
		<p>Bill History: 06-27-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0) 06-28-17 H Signed in the House 06-28-17 S Signed in the Senate 06-28-17 G In the hands of the Governor</p>

HB 1294	Ward, Judith(R)	<p>07-08-17 G Last day for Governor's action</p>
		<p>(PN 2013) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Purple Heart by allowing the plate to be used on a motorcycle. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1590)</p>
		<p>Bill History: 06-29-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Appropriations Committee Conf, House Rules -- House Rules 06-29-17 H Reported as committed from House Rules 06-29-17 H Set on the House Calendar 06-29-17 Second consideration 2:25pm 06-29-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations</p>
HB 1346	Pyle, Jeff(R)	<p>(PN 1672) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally), in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft. Effective in 90 days.</p>
		<p>Bill History: 06-28-17 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building, House Judiciary -- House Judiciary 06-28-17 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Judiciary 06-28-17 H Reported as amended House Judiciary 06-28-17 H First consideration 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules</p>
HB 1364	James, Lee(R)	<p>(PN 2017) Amends the Act entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services. The bill creates a short title as the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and establishes when a political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority is required to advertise for bids in order to enter into a contract for services and no bids are received, the political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority may proceed by (1) advertising for bids a second time, (2) initiating negotiations for a contract to obtain the services previously advertised, with any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment or policy of the governing body, and (3) at a regular or special meeting of its governing body, must publicly announce the identity of the parties, the proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to any proposed contract. Also establishes penalties for evasion. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1693)</p>
		<p>Bill History: 06-29-17 H Set on the House Calendar 06-29-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations 06-29-17 Laid out for discussion 1:18pm 06-29-17 Third consideration 1:18pm 06-29-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:196/N: 0)</p>
HB 1426	Fee, Mindy(R)	<p>(PN 1794) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages, for permit for movement of construction equipment and for permit for movement of containerized cargo. A permitted vehicle, combination or load which does not exceed</p>

135,000 pounds (increased from 107,000) gross weight and which does not exceed 10 feet in width or any height or length limitation under Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length) may be driven, hauled or towed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if the vehicle or combination is operated at prevailing speeds. Movement under this subsection is not authorized during inclement weather. The holiday restriction is removed. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-28-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-28-17 S First consideration
 06-29-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 06-29-17 Second consideration 5:23pm
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 1431](#)

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

(PN 2156) Act designating that portion of State Routes 54, 901 and 2023 in Northumberland County and Schuylkill County as the Honorable Robert E. Belfanti, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating Exit 18 of State Route 43, known as the Searights Road interchange, in Fayette County as the Staff Sgt. John P. Wanto Vietnam Veteran Exit; designating Exit 15 of State Route 43, known as the Old Pittsburgh Road interchange, in Fayette County as the Lance Corporal Russell W. Naugle Vietnam Veteran Exit; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2003 over the Yellow Breeches Creek, South Middleton Township, Cumberland County, as the Sgt. Adam C. Schoeller Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 18 in West Fallowfield Township, Crawford County, as the Staff Sergeant James Douglas Mowris Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 100 from the intersection of Main Street and Tilghman Street in Upper Macungie Township, Lehigh County, to the intersection of Claussville Road and Kernsville Road in Lowhill Township, Lehigh County, as the Captain Mark T. Resh Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 18 (College Avenue) over the Little Shenango River, Greenville Borough, Mercer County, as the Greenville Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 3078 and State Route 3090 in York County from the intersection with State Route 116 to the intersection with State Route 3042 as the Private First Class Donald R. Gise Memorial Road; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1005, known as Church View Road, Segment 0180, Offset 0000, over Beaver Creek, South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, as the PFC/POW William G. Koontz Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 588 over Interstate 376, Chippewa Township, Beaver County, as the TFC Blake T. Coble Memorial Bridge; and designating the bridge carrying State Route 3012 over the Susquehanna River between City Island and the intersection with State Route 1010 and State Route 1027, commonly referred to as the Market Street Bridge, as the Senator Harold Mowery Market Street Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1817, 1842, 2091)

Bill History: 06-26-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 06-26-17 Laid out for discussion 5:03pm
 06-26-17 S 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted
 06-26-17 S Over in Senate
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1510	Causer, Martin(R)	<p>(PN 1935) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Avenue A over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier, Jr., Memorial Bridge.</p> <p>Bill History: 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buildin, House Transportation -- House Transportation 06-27-17 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Transportation 06-28-17 H First consideration 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules</p>
HB 1516	Dush, Cris(R)	<p>(PN 1941) Act designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State Route 119 over the Pine Run Creek, Rayne Township, Indiana County, as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States Marine Corps Bridge.</p> <p>Bill History: 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buildin, House Transportation -- House Transportation 06-27-17 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Transportation 06-28-17 H First consideration 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules</p>
HB 1518	Causer, Martin(R)	<p>(PN 2069) Amends the Administrative Code, in organization of independent administrative boards and commissions, further providing for Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board by adding two alternate farm members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve for four years in the event of a vacancy or absence of a farm member already appointed. Also makes editorial changes. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1954)</p> <p>Bill History: 06-29-17 H Set on the House Calendar 06-29-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations 06-29-17 Laid out for discussion 1:15pm 06-29-17 Third consideration 1:16pm 06-29-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:196/N: 0)</p>
HB 1602	Gillespie, Keith(R)	<p>(PN 2120) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1008 over the Codorus Creek in East Manchester Township and Hellam Township, York County, as the SPC Martin Wilson Kondor Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buildin, House Transportation -- House Transportation 06-27-17 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Transportation 06-28-17 H First consideration 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules</p>
HB 1608	Ward, Judith(R)	<p>(PN 2126) Act designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 22 over the Juniata River, Norfolk Southern Corporation rail tracks and State Route 1010 (Penn Street) in Smithfield and Henderson Townships, Huntingdon County, as the Trooper Landon E. Weaver Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buildin, House Transportation -- House Transportation</p>

HB 1631	Freeman, Robert(D)	<p>06-27-17 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Transportation 06-28-17 H First consideration 06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Rules</p> <p>(PN 2177) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, adding that the registration card shall include the make, model and year of the vehicle. Effective in 60 days.</p>
	Bill History:	<p>06-27-17 H Filed 06-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p>
HB 1637	Marshall, Jim(R)	<p>(PN 2182) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in operation of vehicles, adding a chapter providing for the operation of autonomous vehicles; and establishing the Fully Autonomous Vehicle Advisory Committee to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly relating to fully autonomous vehicles. Effective in 90 days.</p>
	Bill History:	<p>06-28-17 H Filed 06-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p>
HR 419	Thomas, Curtis(D)	<p>(PN 2098) Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to direct Amtrak to comply with H.R. 4838 and immediately rename the 30th Street Station as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station."</p>
	Bill History:	<p>06-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buildin, House Transportation -- House Transportation 06-27-17 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation 06-28-17 H Reported as committed from House Transportation 06-30-17 H Set on the House Calendar</p>
SB 8	Folmer, Mike(R)	<p>(PN 719) Amends Titles 4 (Amusements), 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 30 (Fish), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles), in administration and enforcement relating to gaming, further providing for prohibited acts and penalties; in inchoate crimes, further providing for the offense of manufacture, distribution, use or possession of devices for theft of telecommunications services; in assault, further providing for the offense of terrorism; in loss of property rights relating to sexual offenses, further providing for general rule, repealing provisions relating to process and seizure, to custody of property and to disposal of property; in forgery and fraudulent practices, further providing for the offenses of copying and recording devices and for trademark counterfeiting; in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling, etc.; in wiretapping and electronic surveillance, further providing for seizure and forfeiture of electronic, mechanical or other devices; in minors, further providing for sentencing and penalties for trafficking drugs to minors; in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in other offenses, further providing for drug trafficking sentencing and penalties; in vehicle chop shop and illegally obtained and altered property, further providing for</p>

loss of property rights to Commonwealth and repealing provisions relating to procedure with respect to seized property subject to liens and rights of lienholders; in enforcement relating to Fish and Boat Code, further providing for forfeiture of fish and devices; in actions, proceedings and other matters generally relating to Judicial Code, adding provisions relating to forfeiture of assets and requiring disclosure of certain information in annual audits; in forfeitures, further providing for controlled substances forfeiture and repealing provisions relating to terrorism forfeiture and to procedure with respect to seized property subject to liens and rights of lienholders; provides for annual audit of forfeited property; in size, weight and load relating to Vehicle Code, further providing for transporting foodstuffs in vehicles used to transport waste; in liquid fuels and fuel use tax enforcement, further providing for forfeitures and process and procedures and for disposition of fines and forfeitures; providing for conduct of forfeiture; and making repeals of provisions of the Liquor Code, the Tax Reform Code of 1971 and another act relating to certain forfeiture of property. Effective July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 269)

Bill History: 06-20-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:194/N: 0)
06-21-17 S Signed in the Senate
06-21-17 H Signed in the House
06-21-17 G In the hands of the Governor
06-29-17 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 13)

[SB 137](#)

[McGarrigle, Thomas\(R\)](#)

(PN 91) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) adding a new section providing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall be a liaison for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and provide administrative support within the limits of authorized appropriations. Requires the department to: receive and supervise the expenditure of State funds appropriated by the General Assembly or secured by the Commonwealth for the use and benefit of the CAP; supervise the maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by the CAP; and receive requests for assistance by the CAP in natural or man-made disasters or emergency situations. Repeals section 5301 (b) (5) which authorized the Department of Transportation to expend Commonwealth funds for search and rescue operations and organ transport by the CAP and related educational materials and equipment. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-27-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
06-27-17 H Removed from the table
06-28-17 H Set on the House Calendar
06-28-17 Second consideration 1:36pm
06-28-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[SB 288](#)

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

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

Bill History: 06-27-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:197/N: 0)
06-27-17 S Signed in the Senate
06-28-17 H Signed in the House
06-28-17 G In the hands of the Governor

07-08-17 G Last day for Governor's action

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

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

Bill History: 06-27-17 Laid out for discussion 1:50pm
 06-27-17 H House Cutler motion to proceed to vote on SB 289 ([Vote Y: 187/N: 10](#))
 06-27-17 Third consideration 1:54pm
 06-27-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:197/N: 0)
 06-27-17 S Received as amended in Senate and rereferred Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

[SB 431](#)[Scavello, Mario\(R\)](#)

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

Bill History: 06-26-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
 06-26-17 S Passed over in committee Senate Appropriations
 06-29-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
 06-29-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 553](#)[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 960) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for chemical testing to determine amount of

alcohol or controlled substance by establishing civil penalties for refusal in the maximum amount of \$2,000; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock. Provisions amending sections relating to chemical testing, civil penalties for refusal, and ignition interlock shall take effect immediately. Provisions relating to restoration fees and limitation are effective in six months and the remainder of the bill are effective in 15 months. (Prior Printer Number: 590, 949)

Bill History: 06-28-17 H First consideration
06-28-17 H Laid on the table
06-29-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
06-29-17 H Removed from the table
06-30-17 H Set on the House Calendar

[SB 589](#) [Langerholc, Wayne \(F\)\(R\)](#) (PN 887) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for fire apparatus, for length of vehicles and for maximum gross weight of vehicles. A vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits by an amount, not to exceed a maximum of 2,000 pounds, that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system. The weight requirements of this chapter do not apply to emergency vehicles. In lieu of the weight requirements of this chapter, the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 127(R) (1) shall apply to emergency vehicles. Provides for a definition of "stinger-steered automobile" or "boat transporter." Further provides an automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul if the transporter complies with the weight limitations for a motor vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 667 756)

Bill History: 06-29-17 H Set on the House Calendar
06-29-17 Laid out for discussion 1:51pm
06-29-17 Second consideration 1:53pm
06-29-17 H Over in House
06-29-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[SB 630](#) [Rescenthaler, Guy\(R\)](#) (PN 704) The Travel Insurance Modernization Act provides for the licensure of limited lines travel insurance producers, for requirements for sale of travel insurance, for authority of limited lines travel insurance producers, for registration and training of travel retailers and for renewal of license. The bill requires the licensure of limited lines travel insurance producers to sell, solicit or negotiate coverage under a policy of travel insurance. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History: 06-26-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-26-17 Laid out for discussion 4:53pm
06-26-17 Third consideration 4:53pm
06-26-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)
06-27-17 H Received in the House and referred to House Insurance

[SB 651](#) [Browne, Patrick\(R\)](#) (PN 1025) The Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2017-2018 provides for the capital budget for fiscal year 2017-2018; itemizing public improvement projects, furniture and equipment projects, transportation assistance projects, redevelopment

assistance, flood control projects, Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund projects, Environmental Stewardship Fund projects, State forestry bridge projects, park and forest management projects, State ATV/Snowmobile Fund projects, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission projects, Oil and Gas Lease Fund projects and Motor License Fund projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, together with their estimated financial costs; authorizing the incurring of debt without the approval of the electors for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of General Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation or the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission; authorizing the use of current revenue for the purpose of financing the projects to be constructed, acquired or assisted by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or the Department of Transportation stating the estimated useful life of the projects; and making appropriations. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 737, 864)

Bill History: 06-26-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations
 06-27-17 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Appropriations
 06-27-17 H Reported as amended House Appropriations
 06-27-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[SB 688](#)

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

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

Bill History: 06-29-17 H Meeting set for 2nd Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations
 06-29-17 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
 06-29-17 H First consideration
 06-29-17 H Laid on the table
 06-30-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[SB 693](#)

[Schwank, Judy\(D\)](#)

(PN 851) Amends the Act entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services. The bill creates a short title as the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and establishes when a political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority is required to advertise for bids in order to enter into a contract for services and no bids are received, the political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority may proceed by (1) advertising for bids a second time, (2) initiating negotiations for a contract to obtain

the services previously advertised, with any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment or policy of the governing body, and (3) at a regular or special meeting of its governing body, must publicly announce the identity of the parties, the proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to any proposed contract. Also establishes penalties for evasion. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-06-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Local Government
 06-06-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Local Government
 06-06-17 S First consideration
 06-29-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 06-29-17 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

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

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

Bill History: 06-13-17 Second consideration 4:37pm
 06-13-17 S Recommitted to Senate Appropriations
 06-27-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
 06-27-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 724](#) [Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 858) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) repealing section 7802 relating to findings and declaration of policy. Makes changes in the representation of the public members on the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee. Repeals and replaces the committee's current powers and duties. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 05-23-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 05-23-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 05-23-17 S First consideration
 06-26-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 06-26-17 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

[SB 736](#) [Martin, Scott \(F\)\(R\)](#)

(PN 899) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities by adding that beginning January 1, 2018, the parking authority of a city of the second class A or third class may enforce and administer ordinances and resolutions enacted or adopted by the city of the third class under the powers specified and certain stopping, standing and parking. Beginning March 1, 2018, the parking authority of a city of the second class A or third class may enter into an agreement with the city of the second class A or third class for the transfer of a portion of the fines, penalties and costs collected under this subsection, which the parking authority board deems reasonable, to the city of the second class As or third class. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-26-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations
 06-29-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 06-29-17 Laid out for discussion 5:18pm
 06-29-17 Third consideration 5:18pm
 06-29-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 50/N: 0)

[SB 792](#) [Alloway, Richard\(R\)](#)

(PN 1004) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) repealing the Fertilizer Act and creating a new Fertilizer Act; providing for fertilizer; in

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

Bill History: 06-26-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs -- Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 06-26-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 06-26-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs
 06-26-17 S First consideration
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 821](#)

[Schwank, Judy\(D\)](#)

(PN 1045) Act designating portions of Interstate Route 176 in New Morgan Borough, Caernarvon Township, Robeson Township and Cumru Township, Berks County, as the Vietnam War Veterans Memorial Highway, the Persian Gulf War Veterans Memorial Highway and the Iraq and Afghanistan War Veterans Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-29-17 S Filed
 06-29-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SR 76](#)

[Vulakovich, Randy\(R\)](#)

(PN 827) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the feasibility of providing two additional passenger rail trips daily between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg and its impact on existing freight rail service. (Prior Printer Number: 718)

Bill History: 06-06-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 06-06-17 Laid out for discussion 2:37pm
 06-06-17 S Adopted
 06-09-17 G Transmitted as directed
 06-27-17 G Discussed during officers meeting, Joint Legislative Budget & Finance Committee -- Joint Legislative Budget & Finance Committee

Committee Stories

House Rules Committee

6/26/17, 1:30 p.m., Room 245 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 26 White, Martina](#) - (PN 2010) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special registration plates adding that plates may be used on motorcycles and allowing for the plate to bear the name of the group or an abbreviation of the group name as desired by the organization. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1142) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 407 Caltagirone, Thomas](#) - (PN 2011) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, requiring the department to provide a mechanism for an individual renewing a driver's license, a vehicle registration or identification card electronically through the department's website to contribute \$5 to the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund, which is established in the bill. Contributions shall be used exclusively for pediatric cancer research approved by the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board. Effective in 60 days. (Past Printer Number: 396) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1426 Fee, Mindy](#) - (PN 1794) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages, for permit for movement of construction equipment and for permit for movement of containerized cargo. A permitted vehicle, combination or load which does not exceed 135,000 pounds (increased from 107,000) gross weight and which does not exceed 10 feet in width or any height or length limitation under Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length) may be driven, hauled or towed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if the vehicle or combination is operated at prevailing speeds. Movement under this subsection is not authorized during inclement weather. The holiday restriction is removed. effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

6/26/17, 1:35 PM, Room B31 Main Capitol

By Aaron Rider, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 137 McGarrigle, Thomas](#) - (PN 91) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) adding a new section providing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs shall be a liaison for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and provide administrative support within the limits of authorized appropriations. Requires the department to: receive and supervise the expenditure of State funds appropriated by the General Assembly or secured by the Commonwealth for the use and benefit of the CAP; supervise the maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by the CAP; and receive requests for assistance by the CAP in natural or man-made disasters or emergency situations. Repeals section 5301 (b) (5) which authorized the Department of Transportation to expend Commonwealth funds for search and rescue operations and organ transport by the CAP and related educational materials and equipment. Effective in 60 days. - was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Stephen Barrar (R-Delaware) said the bill by Sen. Thomas McGarrigle (R-Delaware) is an identical companion to [HB 204](#) by Rep. Barry Jozwiak (R-Berks), and that it includes the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol (CAP) under the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA).

Rep. Frank Ryan (R-Lebanon) commented that the committee should be impressed by the capabilities of CAP and hopeful about its future. Chairman Barrar agreed.

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Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee

6/26/17, 1:50 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider one bill.

[SB 792 Alloway, Richard](#) - (PN 1004) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) repealing the Fertilizer Act and creating a new Fertilizer Act; providing for fertilizer; in soil and plant amendment, further providing for disposition of funds; and, in seed, further providing for disposition of funds. The bill provides for the licensure of fertilizer manufacturers and guarantors; provides for registration of specialty fertilizers; stipulates contents of labels; provides explicitly for the contents of fertilizer sold at retail and intended for use on turf; establishes inspection fees and provides for inspections; requires tonnage reports; imposes penalties; requires the licensure of fertilizer application businesses and certification of their employees; provides for training of fertilizer technicians; provides for recordkeeping for applicators and airports; stipulates application rates, requirements and prohibitions; and requires the department to undertake a program of public outreach to educate the public on proper use, application, handling and storage of fertilizers. Portions are effective in 18 months; portions are effective upon the development of certification courses; portions are effective upon the development of recertification courses; and the remainder is effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman Judy Schwank (D-Berks) wanted to know who will police what consumers do or don't do when applying the fertilizer under the legislation. The bill's prime sponsor, Sen. Richard Alloway (R-Franklin), responded that the bill does not really impact the consumer directly. He explained that what it does impact is what is in the bag. Sen. Alloway further explained that he and his staff have been working with Scotts which owns about 90 percent of the market and have asked them to reduce the amount of nitrogen and phosphorous in the bag.

Chairman Schwank pointed out there are other manufacturers in Pennsylvania other than Scotts. She wanted to know how they will be impacted. Sen. Alloway responded that this legislation was originally worked on by Sen. Brubaker in past sessions who worked with the various stakeholders and when he retired he passed the bill onto Sen. Alloway who serves on the Chesapeake Bay Commission. He noted the Department of Agriculture has some minor changes they wish to see. Sen. Alloway reported he has been working with them and the Chesapeake Bay Commission. He added that the purpose today is to get the bill moving.

Sen. Yaw explained that the application rate will still be on the bag.

Sen. DiSanto asked why airports are included in the legislation. Sen. Alloway responded that airports use nitrogen-based materials for melting snow and ice. According to Sen. DiSanto, the use of nitrogen-based materials is a commonly used snow removal technique on commercial buildings that far exceed airport areas. He said he will vote to report the bill today but expressed concerns with the provisions relating to airports.

Sen. Michele Brooks (R-Mercer) expressed concern with the airport provision and whether the change in the nitrogen-based material will reduce their effectiveness. She said that she would vote to report the bill today but would like to further discuss the airport provisions.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

6/26/16, 4:28 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 138 Yaw, Gene](#) - (PN 92) Amends the Oil and Gas Lease Act defining "lessee," "lessor," and "joint venture"; further providing for payment information to interest owners by requiring a unique property identification; provides for accumulation of proceeds from production by adding that proceeds shall be paid within 60 days, but proceeds from oil and gas may be remitted quarterly for accumulation of proceeds totaling less than \$100; further provides for

conflicts; adds language providing for joint ventures; and provides for a lessor to inspect the records of a lessee. The bill outlines the procedure for inspections for records and provides for confidentiality and for frequency. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **passed over**.

[SB 325 Hughes, Vincent](#) - (PN 519) Act appropriating \$281,000 to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania for the Division of Infectious Diseases, and requiring the University of Pennsylvania to provide full information as required by the Department of Agriculture or appropriations committees. Effective July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was **reported as amended** with the committee Republicans and Senators Daylin Leach (D-Montgomery) and Judy Schwank (D-Berks) voting in the affirmative.

[A02317](#) by Browne, restores funding to fiscal year 2016-17 levels. The amendment was **adopted** with the committee Republicans and Senators Leach and Schwank voting in the affirmative.

Chairman Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh) explained that for the most part the goal has been to start with last year's law and change it. He said that is why the amendment does what it does. Chairman Browne commented that the members will have an opportunity in short order to revisit what this non-preferred appropriation will be for FY 2017-18. He stated, "We are trying to make that the standard rule regarding how we are advancing the budget this year by starting with last year's law as a starting point and amend to the proposed numbers for 17-18."

[SB 431 Scavello, Mario](#) - (PN 948) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles), in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in registration of vehicles and in licensing of drivers, further providing for the acknowledgment of littering provisions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of depositing of waste and other material on highway, property or waters. The bill outlines and increases fines and penalties for littering and for commercial or hazardous waste. Effective in six months. (Prior Printer Number: 423, 825) - The bill was **passed over**.

[SB 736 Martin, Scott \(F\)](#) - (PN 899) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities by adding that beginning January 1, 2018, the parking authority of a city of the second class A or third class may enforce and administer ordinances and resolutions enacted or adopted by the city of the third class under the powers specified and certain stopping, standing and parking. Beginning March 1, 2018, the parking authority of a city of the second class A or third class may enter into an agreement with the city of the second class A or third class for the transfer of a portion of the fines, penalties and costs collected under this subsection, which the parking authority board deems reasonable, to the city of the second class As or third class. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 218 Saylor, Stanley](#) - (PN 1236) The General Appropriation Act of 2017 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Commonwealth Financing Authority Debt Service Restricted Revenue Account, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the State Racing Fund and the ABLE Savings Program Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, the State Lottery Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The bill is effective immediately and retroactive to July 1,

2017, if enacted after that date. (Prior Printer Number: 162) - The bill was **reported as committed** with the committee Republicans voting "yes" and the committee Democrats voting in the negative.

Chairman Browne explained that this bill is the General Appropriations Act for FY 2017-18 as passed by the House. He further explained, "This is something we look to start with and pass out of committee as a procedural matter and have it come back for a final amendment to provide for the 17-18 spending plan."

Minority Chairman Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia) commented that it is understood that this is a process issue but there remains some significant concerns with various items in the current bill. He suggested a "no" vote.

Sen. Art Haywood (D-Montgomery) raised concerns with some specific provisions including the elimination of the adult probation services appropriation line; funding cuts for independent colleges; and the reductions in corrections funding and its impact on the safety of corrections officers.

[HB 290 Metzgar, Carl](#) - (PN 2087) Amends the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act further providing for Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board removing the Middle Atlantic Truck Stop Operators from the board and adding a statewide organization representing fuel retailers and food merchants. Also provides for the appointments to the board by the Senate President Pro Tempore, the Speaker of the House, the Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader. The Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program and the Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program shall cease to exist on June 30, 2022, unless reestablished. Changes the allocation for the Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program to \$750,000 (increased from \$500,000) and provides for investigation and closure costs by allowing the Department of Environmental Protection to request additional funding for regulation in enforcement. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 284, 339, 1478, 2068) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Rules Committee

6/27/17, 11:45 a.m., Room 245 Main Capitol Building

By Jeff Cox Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 229 Sonney, Curt](#) - (PN 196) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) clarifying the definition of "recreational trailer" to mean a trailer designed or adapted to provide temporary living quarters for noncommercial recreational, camping or travel use or for the purposes of transporting animals or vehicles for noncommercial recreational use, such as a horse trailer, watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer. Also adds language providing for the annual fee for registration of a recreational trailer, an optional five-year registration and an optional permanent registration. Also adds a section providing for special procedures for trailer registration. Effective in 180 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1215 Tobash, Mike](#) - (PN 2012) Act designating the bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1443) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1364 James, Lee](#) - (PN 2017) Amends the Act entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing for contracts for services. The bill creates a short title as the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and establishes when a political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority is required to advertise for bids in order to enter into a contract for services and no bids are received, the political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority may proceed by (1) advertising for bids a second time, (2) initiating negotiations for a contract to obtain the services previously advertised, with any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment or policy of the governing body, and (3) at a regular or special meeting of its governing body, must publicly announce the identity of the parties, the proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to any proposed contract. Also establishes penalties for evasion. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1693) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1518 Causer, Martin](#) - (PN 2069) Amends the Administrative Code, in organization of independent administrative boards and commissions, further providing for Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board by adding two alternate farm members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve for four years in the event of a vacancy or absence of a farm member already appointed. Also makes editorial changes. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1954) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Appropriations Committee

6/27/17, 11:53 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol Building

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 26 White, Martina](#) - (PN 2010) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special registration plates adding that plates may be used on motorcycles and allowing for the plate to bear the name of the group or an abbreviation of the group name as desired by the organization. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1142) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 407 Caltagirone, Thomas](#) - (PN 2011) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, requiring the department to provide a mechanism for an individual renewing a driver's license, a vehicle registration or identification card electronically through the department's website to contribute \$5 to the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund, which is established in the bill. Contributions shall be used exclusively for pediatric cancer research approved by the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board. Effective in 60 days. (Past Printer Number: 396) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1426 Fee, Mindy](#) - (PN 1794) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages, for permit for movement of construction equipment and for permit for movement of containerized cargo. A permitted vehicle, combination or load which does not exceed 135,000 pounds (increased from 107,000) gross weight and which does not exceed 10 feet in width or any height or length limitation under Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length) may be driven, hauled or towed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if the vehicle or combination is operated at prevailing speeds. Movement under this subsection is not authorized during inclement weather. The holiday restriction is removed. effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 288 Rafferty, John](#) - (PN 274) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in emergency response areas by increasing penalties for a violation of what is colloquially known as the Steer Clear Law. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 289 White, Donald](#) - (PN 1021) Act designating a bridge on that portion of old State Route 22 over the Conemaugh River in Blairsville Borough, Indiana County, as the Blairsville Area Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating that portion of State Route 4027, also known as Business U.S. Route 220, over the Norfolk Southern mainline railroad tracks in Grazierville, Snyder Township, Blair County, as the John Fredrick Bridges Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge, identified as Bridge Key 53825, on that portion of State Route 1011, also known as Castile Run Road, over the South Fork Tenmile Creek between Jefferson Township and Clarksville Borough, Greene County, as the PFC Brent A. McClellan Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 11 over the Susquehanna River between the City of Pittston and West Pittston Borough, Luzerne County, as the Specialist Dale J. Kridlo Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge at the junction of State Route 150 and State Route 64 over Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough, Clinton County, as the U.S. Navy SOC David M. Collins Veterans Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2014 over Lycoming Creek, City of Williamsport, Lycoming County, as the Alexander M. McFadden Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 85 over the north branch of Plum Creek, Plumville Borough, Indiana County, as the Henry Lue Weaver Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on State Route 26 over Bald Eagle Creek, Howard Township, Centre County, as the Howard Area Veterans Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 275, 611, 959) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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

[A02338](#) by Saylor, adds additional Capital Budget projects. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

6/27/17, 3:42 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 697 Browne, Patrick](#) - (PN 863) The Capital Budget Act of 2017-2018 appropriates \$1,615,000,000 for the capital budget for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Effective July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Transportation Committee

6/27/17, 3:50 p.m., Room 205 Ryan Office Building

By Aaron Rider, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 553 Rafferty, John](#) - (PN 960) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for chemical testing to determine amount of alcohol or controlled substance by establishing civil penalties for refusal in the maximum amount of \$2,000; and, in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for penalties and for ignition interlock. Provisions amending sections relating to chemical testing, civil penalties for refusal, and ignition interlock shall take effect immediately. Provisions relating to restoration fees and limitation are effective in six months and the remainder of the bill are effective in 15 months. (Prior Printer Number: 590 949) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02289](#) by Taylor, removes language that would prevent people from using the defense of ignorance of suspension of license, and provides for notification while creating a tiered penalty structure for offenses. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[A02382](#) by Stephens, stipulates that those who are admitted into the ARD program and have a license suspension may be eligible for the ignition interlock programs and alters requirements for them, specifically changing the lockout period from 5 to 10 minutes between an individual's first and second attempts to turn on the car. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

On A02382, Rep. Kate Harper (R-Montgomery) asked what the problem is if intoxicated people are turning on cars but not driving them. Rep. Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery) said this is in existing laws, but that the ignition interlock time periods have been changed to be commensurate with other statutes. Staff said it is well established that governments do not want people testing out cars when they are intoxicated. Rep. Harper queried what the difference is between 5 and 10 minutes. Staff answered said it is simply allowing for current technology. Rep. Stephens asked if the interlock ignition system will not allow someone to drive for 5 minutes if they blow over the legal limit. Staff affirmed this. Rep. Harper asked if designated drivers have to blow into the ignition interlocks too. Staff said yes.

On the bill as amended, Rep. Tim Hennessey (R-Chester) inquired if the bill would effectively use restoration costs as fines. Chairman Taylor says they are civil costs. Rep. Hennessey wondered what the rationale is for this. Staff said this is being done in response to a Supreme Court case, *Birchfield v. North Dakota*, to bring Pennsylvania into compliance with that precedent. Rep. Hennessey, however, again asked if the costs are like fines. Staff termed them an "additional deterrent" for district attorneys to use to prevent drunken driving. Rep. Hennessey said this sounded like a fine to him, but that he would vote for the bill in committee and hold any of his concerns for the House floor.

[SB 589 Langerholc, Wayne \(F\)](#) - (PN 887) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for fire apparatus, for length of vehicles and for maximum gross weight of vehicles. A vehicle operated by an engine fueled primarily by compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the gross vehicle weight limits by an amount, not to exceed a maximum of 2,000 pounds, that is equal to the difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by the vehicle and the weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system. The weight requirements of this chapter do not apply to emergency vehicles. In lieu of the weight requirements of this chapter, the requirements of 23 U.S.C. 127(R) (1) shall apply to emergency vehicles. Provides for a definition of "stinger-steered automobile" or "boat transporter." Further provides an automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul if the transporter complies with the weight limitations for a motor vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 667 756) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 555 Maloney, David](#) - (PN 578) Act designating a portion of State Route 562 in Berks County as the General Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. David Maloney (R-Berks) explained that General Carl A. Spaatz was a very significant figure in American military history and asked for an affirmative vote.

[HB 1510 Causer, Martin](#) - (PN 1935) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Avenue A over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier, Jr., Memorial Bridge. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1516 Dush, Cris](#) - (PN 1941) Act designating a bridge to be constructed on that portion of State Route 119 over the Pine Run Creek, Rayne Township, Indiana County, as the PFC Frank Enzer Weiss United States Marine Corps Bridge. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. Cris Dush (R-Jefferson) said that PFC Frank Enzer Weiss enlisted in the Marines in the hopes of joining his brother in Vietnam, but that he was killed after his brother left the theater for home.

[HB 1602 Gillespie, Keith](#) - (PN 2120) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1008 over the Codorus Creek in East Manchester Township and Hellam Township, York County, as the SPC Martin Wilson Kondor Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. Keith Gillespie (R-York) said that SPC Martin Kondor's mother has been a firm supporter of veterans affairs in his district.

[HB 1608 Ward, Judith](#) - (PN 2126) Act designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 22 over the Juniata River, Norfolk Southern Corporation rail tracks and State Route 1010 (Penn Street) in Smithfield and Henderson Townships, Huntingdon County, as the Trooper Landon E. Weaver Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. Judith Ward (R-Blair) asked for an affirmative vote on the bill.

[HR 419 Thomas, Curtis](#) - (PN 2098) Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to direct Amtrak to comply with H.R. 4838 and immediately rename the 30th Street Station as the "William H. Gray III 30th Street Station." - The resolution was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Regarding the resolution, Rep. Donna Bullock (D-Philadelphia) explained that former Congressman Bill Gray was very popular in Philadelphia and so people there want to have the 30th Street train station renamed after him. Unfortunately, she said, Amtrak has so far failed to follow through on multiple Congressional directives to execute this name change.

Rep. John Lawrence (R-Chester) queried what the "little Pennsylvania legislature" can do if Amtrak simply will not comply with Congressional orders. Minority Chairman William Keller (D-Philadelphia) answered that the decision still remains with Amtrak, but that the legislature can do its part to encourage the change.

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House Judiciary Committee

6/28/17, 10:00 a.m., Room G-50 Irvis Office Building

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1346 Pyle, Jeff](#) - (PN 1672) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally), in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft. Effective in 90 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02375](#) by Marsico, includes technical corrections, changes the grading for surveillance and unsafe use to a summary offense with a maximum \$300 maximum fine. Also provides guidelines regarding aerial data collection. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Counsel Karen Dalton said the bill is a redraft of [HB 1339](#) from last year, with additional language. She said that bill was reported unanimously by the committee and also passed the House unanimously. She noted the bill this session adds two further prohibitions and told members the FAA provided technical assistance with drafting of the bill and the amendment.

Rep. Jeff Pyle (R-Armstrong) said the bill is an attempt to help the law keep up with technology. He emphasized the bill attempts to address the issue of filming in private places, as opposed to public lands, and cited a case in Kentucky where a homeowner shot a drone that was hovering over his swimming pool while his children were swimming, and he was cited for property damage.

[HB 1152 Boback, Karen](#) - (PN 1375) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for civil immunity for use of force in motor vehicle rescue by establishing a person shall be immune from civil liability for any damage resulting from the forcible entry of a motor vehicle for the purpose of removing an individual from the vehicle if in a good faith belief of imminent danger, vehicle doors are locked, effort is made to contact law enforcement, no more force than necessary is made, a notice is placed on the vehicle windshield with contact information and an explanation, and the individual remains with the individual in a safe location until responders arrive. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02307](#) by Marsico, clarifies conditions for immunity, and applies immunity to incidental damage to contents of a vehicle in addition to the vehicle itself. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Rep. Karen Boback (R-Luzerne) said hopefully 2017 is the year the bill becomes law. She noted already 12 children have died in hot cars across the country.

[HB 1216 Farry, Frank](#) - (PN 1444) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals by adding an offense for leaving an animal in unattended vehicle and providing immunity from liability for rescue. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as amended** with Representatives Garth Everett (R-Lycoming), Jerry Knowles (R-Schuylkill), and Pyle voting in the negative.

[A02306](#) by Marsico, moves immunity provisions to Title 42 and removes provisions incorporating an obsolete law. Makes language more consistent with HB 1152 and expands applicability to all animals. The amendment was **adopted** with Rep. Pyle voting in the negative.

Rep. Frank Farry (R-Bucks) said the bill would add Pennsylvania to 25 other states that have passed similar legislation. He noted a variety of law enforcement and animal protection advocates in support of the bill, as well as AAA.

Rep. Knowles asked if it is a "judgement call" on the part of the officer. Rep. Farry said it is but there are also some standards established. For example, he said, if the car is parked outside a business an officer would need to go into that business to see if the owner is inside. He added he will circulate training videos among the law enforcement community if the bill moves forward.

Rep. Pyle asked if humane officers ever put through an enter/not enter training like an EMT or police officer. Rep. Farry could not answer as to the training they go through but said he would work with the Humane Society on that. Rep. Pyle said he has a problem with the idea that anyone could throw a brick through a car window and leave him as the owner to pay the bill. He asked what conditions need to be met to become a humane officer. Rep. Farry said he would have to check but emphasized most people are going to call 911 and said in the vast majority of cases police or fire are going to be the first to respond. Kristen Tullo, Pennsylvania State Director for the Humane Society, said it would be to the discretion of the humane officer to determine if the animal was suffering. Democratic executive director Sarah Speed offered a description of the 64-hour humane officer training, and noted that while when she took the training six years ago it did not include instruction on entering cars, but with the passage of [HB 1238](#), humane officer training is being restructured with the assistance of Penn State, giving the Department of Agriculture oversight. She said the bill is necessary because generally if an owner can't be found, law enforcement is called but they often do not have the correct tools to enter a car without doing damage and so firefighters are called. While law enforcement have immunity under the cruelty code, firefighters and EMTs do not and it is more of a grey area.

Rep. Pyle said he is reluctant to give anyone immunity for their actions and said he would be a no vote.

Rep. Dom Costa (D-Allegheny), a co-sponsor of the bill, said it was put together with a lot of thought, and noted there is a law that if a police officer calls for assistance, anyone rendering that assistance, would have the officer's immunity extended to them.

Rep. Rick Saccone (R-Allegheny) asked if the bill would give humane officers immunity if they are acting alone. Rep. Farry said it would if they follow the guidelines in the bill, such as attempting to find the owner. He pointed out there are limitations to the immunity in the bill. Rep. Farry emphasized that in the majority of cases people will be calling 911 and not humane officers directly. Rep. Saccone then questioned why humane officers would be granted immunity if it doesn't seem to be needed. Rep. Farry said they were included out of an effort to include individuals who could reasonably be involved in such an emergency situation.

Rep. Hal English (R-Allegheny) asked if there is any provision relative to any direction from 911 dispatch that if they can't get an officer or EMT there in time, to tell the caller to break the window. Rep. Farry said that would not grant immunity. He stressed that unlike Rep. Boback's bill, immunity with his bill is not broadly granted.

Rep. Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery) agreed the bill is not a blanket immunity and everyone involved with the immunity has some level of training and expertise. He pointed out humane officers would likely want and get training around the new law if it were to pass.

Rep. Knowles said humane officers "are not police officers by any means." He questioned if the bill applies to more than just dogs and cats. Rep. Farry confirmed the bill expands it to all animals, including, for example, salamanders.

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House Appropriations Committee

6/28/17, 11:50 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 229 Sonney, Curt](#) - (PN 196) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) clarifying the definition of "recreational trailer" to mean a trailer designed or adapted to provide temporary living quarters for noncommercial recreational, camping or travel use or for the purposes of transporting animals or vehicles for noncommercial recreational use, such as a horse trailer, watercraft trailer or all-terrain vehicle trailer. Also adds language providing for the annual fee for registration of a recreational trailer, an optional five-year registration and an optional permanent registration. Also adds a section providing for special procedures for trailer registration. Effective in 180 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1215 Tobash, Mike](#) - (PN 2012) Act designating the bridge on State Route 125 before Ridge Road in Pitman, Schuylkill County, as the Abner Yoder Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1443) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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Senate Transportation Committee

6/28/17, 2:05 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Aaron Rider, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider one bill.

[HB 1426 Fee, Mindy](#) - (PN 1794) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for conditions of permits and security for damages, for permit for movement of construction equipment and for permit for movement of containerized cargo. A permitted vehicle, combination or load which does not exceed 135,000 pounds (increased from 107,000) gross weight and which does not exceed 10 feet in width or any height or length limitation under Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length) may be driven, hauled or towed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, if the vehicle or combination is operated at prevailing speeds. Movement under this subsection is not authorized during inclement weather. The holiday restriction is removed. effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as committed** with Sen. Andrew Dinniman (D-Chester) voting in the negative.

Chairman John Rafferty (R-Montgomery) explained the bill will resolve a problem that arose as a result of Title 75; namely, that the restriction of loads like animal feed during holiday seasons actually resulted in increased truck traffic during other days. In addition to fixing the problem described, he clarified that HB 1426 does not allow for heavier overall loads.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

6/29/17, 10:00 p.m., Senate Rules Conference Room

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 431 Scavello, Mario](#) - (PN 948) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles), in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in registration of vehicles and in licensing of drivers, further providing for the acknowledgment of littering provisions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of depositing of waste and other material on highway, property or waters. The bill outlines and increases fines and penalties for littering and for commercial or hazardous waste. Effective in six months. (Prior Printer Number: 423, 825) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 218 Saylor, Stanley](#) - (PN 1236) The General Appropriation Act of 2017 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Commonwealth Financing Authority Debt Service Restricted Revenue Account, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the State Racing Fund and the ABLE Savings Program Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, the State Lottery Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The bill is effective immediately and retroactive to July 1, 2017, if enacted after that date. (Prior Printer Number: 162) - The bill was **reported as amended** with Sen. Daylin Leach (D-Montgomery), Sen. Art Haywood (D-Philadelphia), and Sen. Scott Wagner (R-York) voting in the negative.

[A02576](#) by Browne, is an omnibus amendment. The amendment was **adopted** with Sen. Haywood voting in the negative.

Chairman Pat Browne (R-Lehigh) provided an overview of the amendment and explained with funding for state-related universities included it would provide a \$31.996 billion appropriation which is \$228 million above the 2016-17 appropriation. He highlighted the following budget items:

- Corrections: \$2.45 billion;
- Agriculture: \$144 million with restoration of University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School;
- Education: \$12.211 billion including \$100 million increase in basic education, \$30 million in early education, \$25 million in special education; \$200 million in pension expenditures;
- Environmental Protection: \$147 million;
- Human Services: \$12.132 billion.

Minority Chairman Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia) noted the bipartisan collaboration in the Senate and said the amendment improves House Bill 218 and is closer in line with the governor's original proposal.

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House Appropriations Committee

6/29/17, 11:30 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 1364 James, Lee](#) - (PN 2017) Amends the Act entitled "An act authorizing political subdivisions, municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contracts for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received," further providing for title of the act; adding a short title; and providing

for contracts for services. The bill creates a short title as the Public Contract Bid Nonreceipt Act and establishes when a political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority is required to advertise for bids in order to enter into a contract for services and no bids are received, the political subdivision, municipality authority or transportation authority may proceed by (1) advertising for bids a second time, (2) initiating negotiations for a contract to obtain the services previously advertised, with any provider not otherwise disqualified by law or an enactment or policy of the governing body, and (3) at a regular or special meeting of its governing body, must publicly announce the identity of the parties, the proposed contract price and a summary of the other terms and conditions relating to any proposed contract. Also establishes penalties for evasion. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1693) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1518 Causer, Martin](#) - (PN 2069) Amends the Administrative Code, in organization of independent administrative boards and commissions, further providing for Agricultural Lands Condemnation Approval Board by adding two alternate farm members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate to serve for four years in the event of a vacancy or absence of a farm member already appointed. Also makes editorial changes. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1954) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Rules Committee

6/29/17, 2:00 p.m., Room 245 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

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

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House Appropriations Committee

6/29/17, 3:15 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 688 Browne, Patrick](#) - (PN 1033) Act appropriating \$3,619,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority and \$2,000,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018. Effective July 1, 2017, or immediately, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 809) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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PA Bulletin

[PENNDOT: MULTIMODAL DEPUTATE; BICYCLEPA ROUTE J RELOCATION](#)

The Department of Transportation approved portions of Route J for use by pedalcycles. Details are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Questions should be directed to Roy Gothie, Statewide Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, at (717) 783-3991, rgothie@pa.gov.

[PUC: PROPOSED RULEMAKING: REGULATION OF MOTOR CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS AND PROPERTY; ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING](#)

The Public Utility Commission announced a proposed rulemaking as a result of changing oversight of motor carriers of passengers and property in response to federal preemption mandates relating to fuel surcharge, fines and assessments, granting of provisional authority, web-based training, motor carrier insurance, safety code for

transportation of property and passengers, general orders, and other considerations. Details are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments should be submitted within 60 days to Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. Questions should be directed to Assistant Counsel Joseph Cardinale, (717) 787-5558.

Upcoming Events

PA Turnpike Commission

July 5, 2017 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown Commission Meeting. Agenda

Department of Transportation

July 13, 2017 - 1:00 p.m., Keystone Building, PUC Hearing Room #1, 400 North St., Harrisburg Public-Private Transportation Partnership Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-3154

PA Public Utility Commission

July 13, 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

No session days are scheduled at this time.

House

No session days are scheduled at this time.

In the News

- 06-29-2017 [SEPTA Fare Increases For Fiscal Year 2018 Go Into Effect Saturday, July 1](#)
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- 06-29-2017 [Homeland Security demands airlines step up security on international flights to U.S. or risk laptops ban](#)
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Problems with late delivery of equipment and existing equipment not functioning properly will delay implementation of the Port Authority's cashless fare policy on the light rail system at least until December. In a news release Wednesday, the authority said it doesn't expect to... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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The region's transportation planners persist in going down the wrong road. The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission voted Monday to support construction of the final, \$2 billion leg of the Mon-Fayette Expressway, wasting additional resources on an underused highway unlikely ever to... - [Pittsburgh](#)

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- 06-29-2017 [Passengers to face tighter screening at airports, but can still carry laptops](#)
 WASHINGTON — Homeland Security officials said Wednesday they will order stricter passenger screening and other new security measures for all flights entering the United States but will not bar laptop computers in carry-on luggage as airlines and passenger groups had feared... - [AP](#)
- 06-29-2017 [Port Authority of Allegheny County delays cashless fare system](#)
 The Port Authority of Allegheny County's light-rail system will not be going cashless next month as planned, the authority announced Wednesday. The authority is not yet announcing a new start date for the cashless system on the T, which would rely on the system's ConnectCards to pay... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 Sixteen budget increases over 17 years is, to be kind, an embarrassment for the Greensburg Salem School District. And like districts across the commonwealth, Greensburg Salem is paying dearly for teacher pensions, no thanks to legislator luncheads who in 2001 voted to increase state... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 Whatever the cost is of yet another study on adding two daily passenger trains between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg to the one that serves Greensburg, taxpayers should hope that's all this idea will cost them. A state Senate resolution calling for the feasibility study doesn't specify... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
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 Philadelphia has 67 National Historic Landmarks and for the next year they will all be within a hundred feet. Adorning the walls of Philadelphia International Airport. The exhibition, unveiled Wednesday in Terminal A-East, is a montage of photos, both historic and present day, of the homes, hospitals, halls,... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 06-29-2017 [Pennsylvania ranks among worst states for road rudeness](#)
 Why it required a survey to determine Pennsylvania drivers are among the rudest in the nation will be one of the enduring mysteries. Rudeness on our roads is as common as potholes. But a group called Kars4kids conducted one as part of its Drive Human campaign, and this car-happy state fared as you might expect.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 06-29-2017 [PennDOT exposed couple's banking information in mail mishap](#)
 Bruce Koch doesn't have much faith in government, and what happened to him last week only reinforced his view. An envelope arrived in the mail that looked like it would contain the vehicle registration he had renewed recently. He opened it and immediately knew something was amiss when a check fell out.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 06-29-2017 [Sinkhole closes bridge in southern York County](#)
 A bridge in southern York County has been closed after an inspector found a sinkhole on the road approaching the span, according to the state Department of Transportation. The New Park Road bridge over the tributary to Alum Creek in Fawn Township will be closed until repairs can be made.... - [York Daily](#)
- 06-29-2017 [State grant will fund the demolition of Coxton Bridge](#)
 A \$1 million state grant will finance the demolition of the Coxton Bridge on the Susquehanna River in Exeter, according to state Sen. John Yudichak, D-14, Plymouth Twp. The state Department of Community and Economic Development on Wednesday awarded the grant to the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority, which owns... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 06-29-2017 [County Redevelopment Authority gets \\$1M to demolish Coxton bridge](#)
 EXETER TWP. — The Coxton bridge is coming down courtesy of funds from the state Department of

Community and Economic Development, officials announced Wednesday. State Sen. John Yudichak, D-Plymouth Township, announced the DCED has awarded \$1 million to the Luzerne County Redevelopment Authority to finance... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

06-29-2017

[Mahoney rips Dowling for stand on expressway](#)

No less an authority than Joe Grata, formerly the premiere transportation writer in Pittsburgh and southwestern Pennsylvania, has joined me and many others in criticizing state Rep. Matt Dowling over his willingness to kill the northern and final leg of the Mon-Fayette Expressway.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

06-29-2017

[PennDOT secretary: State must balance transportation, police needs](#)

State government faces many tough choices as it works very hard to strike a balance between meeting critical needs and keeping the burden on taxpayers as fair as possible. One such tough balancing act involves addressing law enforcement needs across the state and keeping our highway and bridge... - [Reading Eagle](#)

06-29-2017

[Water taxi service likely to start in mid-July](#)

A required Coast Guard inspection of the aquabuses won't happen until July 10 at the earliest. The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority's water taxi service has run into another delay, and it is not expected to start operating until mid-July at the earliest... - [Erie Times-News](#)

06-29-2017

[Work has started on \\$118 million project to reconstruct stretch of I-70](#)

The work to rebuild a five-mile stretch of Interstate 70 between the East Beau Street and Eighty Four interchanges in South Strabane Township has been dubbed the "mega job" by virtue of the almost \$118 million price tag as well as the scope of the project. Lane Construction was given notice to proceed last December on the project... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

06-29-2017

[Paying more to park](#)

STROUDSBURG — Parking on side streets in the borough will soon become more expensive, as an ordinance will double the 25 cent fee per hour and will decrease the parking limit to three hours on July 3. The ordinance, passed in March, aims to create uniformity throughout the... - [Pocono Record](#)

06-29-2017

[Local police departments, state police to conduct DUI checks this weekend](#)

The Montgomery Township Regional DUI Enforcement Team and Pennsylvania State Police will conduct DUI checkpoints on various Bucks and Montgomery county roads this Independence Day weekend. Additionally, there will be roving DUI patrols. The regional DUI enforcement team includes the police departments in... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

06-29-2017

[Pennridge Airport owner says East Rockhill hangar approval grounds development](#)

Conditions set by East Rockhill supervisors last week allowing for two hangars at Pennridge Regional Airport have the owner saying the approval "is not really an approval at all." Pennridge Development Enterprises Inc. can build a 32,000-square-foot and a 32,400-square-foot hangar to house up to nine planes, but supervisors... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)

06-29-2017

[MULLANE: On drunken deputy video, we still have a right to know](#)

When Bucks County Sheriff's Deputy Joseph Rafferty was sentenced last March for driving drunk in a county-owned Chevy, a half-empty bottle of pineapple vodka on the floor, Judge Jeffrey Finley commended the lawman for quickly checking into a rehab. "I like to reward persons who seek treatment on their own," Finley... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)

06-29-2017

[\\$1.4 million project to improve Route 41 and Newark Road gets approval](#)

New Garden >> The Wolf Administration announced that construction is scheduled to begin Sunday, July 9, on a \$1.4 million project to improve travel and safety at the intersection of Route 41 (Gap Newport Pike) and Newark Road in New Garden Township. The project is scheduled to be... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)

06-29-2017

[Pennsylvania State Police in Towanda to hold DUI checkpoints, roving patrols over the weekend](#)

Pennsylvania State Police in Towanda will be performing DUI sobriety checkpoints and roving patrols across Bradford County on various roadways over the weekend, on July 1 and 2. - [Towanda Daily Review](#)

06-29-2017

[Clearfield bridge preservation work to start next week](#)

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will begin bridge preservation work next week on four structures in the Clearfield area. Repairs and preservation work on these bridges will keep them in useful service for years to come. All four bridges are located on Route 879 (Clearfield Bypass) between Park... - [Clearfield Progress](#)

- 06-29-2017 [Governor declares state of emergency for NYC transit system](#)
Gov. Andrew Cuomo said Thursday that he has declared a state of emergency over New York City's troubled public transit system and has asked its new leader to complete a series of urgent reviews of the agency's management and aging infrastructure... - [AP](#)
- 06-29-2017 [The travel ban going into effect would have saved zero lives from terrorist attacks in the last 20 years](#)
At 8 p.m. Eastern on Thursday, President Trump's ban on travel from six mostly Muslim countries will go into partial effect. After months during which the ban was stayed by federal judges, the Supreme Court this week allowed the administration's bar on entry for visitors... - [Washington Post](#)
- 06-28-2017 [SPC Votes to Move Mon-Fayette Expressway Project Forward, Costa says](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-28-2017 [Allegheny Institute Policy Brief: More on the PA Turnpike & Mon Fayette...](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-28-2017 [Subsidizing more trains? Taxpayer danger ahead](#)
Whatever the cost is of yet another study on adding two daily passenger trains between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg to the one that serves Greensburg, taxpayers should hope that's all this idea will cost them. A state Senate resolution calling for the feasibility study doesn't specify... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-28-2017 [DUI checkpoints planned in Beaver County over Fourth of July weekend](#)
The Beaver County DUI Task Force will conduct sobriety checkpoints and roving patrols in Beaver County over the Fourth of July weekend and through the summer, the Hopewell Township Police Department announced Tuesday. The checkpoints will be operated at undisclosed locations throughout the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Somerset teen enjoys being 'pilot for a day' at 911th Airlift Wing](#)
A C-130 Hercules aircraft with "2nd Lt. Samuel Olsavsky" inscribed above the cockpit taxied along the 911th Airlift Wing's tarmac in Moon with a special, honorary guest inside on Tuesday. "It was pretty nice (in there) but a little cramped in the cockpit," said Samuel Olsavsky, 15, of Somerset, after stepping off the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Panel approves bill privatizing air traffic control](#)
WASHINGTON — A House panel approved legislation Tuesday that would split off management of the nation's skies from the Federal Aviation Administration and give that responsibility to an independent, nonprofit company... - [AP](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Airport Authority slows its development plan](#)
With its debt paid and the ledger firmly in the black, Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority is no longer in a hurry to find cash. That financial stability Tuesday helped the authority board reject all five companies interested in developing 298 acres of airport property.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
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PITTSBURGH The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission has approved the last portion of the Mon-Fayette Expressway... - [AP](#)
- 06-28-2017 [4th of July gas prices, Pennsylvania, United States](#)
July 4th prices at the pump will be the lowest since 2005, but you might not think so at local gas

stations. And you'd be right. A gallon of gas costs six cents more in Pennsylvania compared to late June 2016, according to AAA data. National prices, however, will be at a 12-year... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)

- 06-28-2017 [Municipalities without local cops should pay for state police \(column\)](#)
 State government faces many tough choices as it works very hard to strike a balance between meeting critical needs and keeping the burden on taxpayers as fair as possible. One such tough balancing act involves addressing law enforcement needs across the state and keeping our highway and bridge... - [York Daily](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Balancing police needs, road work](#)
 State government faces tough choices as it works to strike a balance between meeting critical needs and keeping the burden on taxpayers fair. One such balancing act involves addressing law enforcement needs across the state and keeping our highway and bridge system in the best shape possible.... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Driver whose pickup careened off Pa. Turnpike dies of injuries](#)
 The operator of a pickup truck that went off an overpass of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and fell some 40 feet to the ground below has died. State police at Gibsonia said Sheldon J. Bacher, 25, of Orrville, Ohio, died Monday of blunt force trauma to the head and neck.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Boston? Pittsburgh? LVIA exploring new routes as passenger traffic falls](#)
 Back in the early 1950s, the Werner family's only form of transportation was a motorcycle. Arthur "Smokey" Werner Jr. was only 3, but he'd climb on first and hang on to the handlebars. Next came Arthur Sr. and then his wife Ruth, who was holding on to the family dog.... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Big rig crossed flashing signal prior to train collision, cops say](#)
 A tractor-trailer driver crossed through a flashing railroad signal Tuesday in Bangor, leading to a collision with an oncoming train, according to police. The front of the cab was only a few inches into the path of the train, but it was enough for the train to catch onto and twist, borough police said.... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Troopers plan sobriety checkpoint during July 4th weekend](#)
 Pennsylvania State Police at Belfast will conduct a sobriety checkpoint during the upcoming Independence Day holiday weekend in Northampton County. They're not saying exactly where. The checkpoint is scheduled some time between Friday and Tuesday, July 4, according to state police.... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Gasoline prices for the Fourth of July will be lowest since 2005](#)
 Motorists driving during the upcoming July 4 holiday should enjoy the lowest Independence Day gasoline prices since 2005 while also paying less at the pump than they did on New Year's Day. The average U.S. price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline Tuesday... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 06-28-2017 [2-lane Route 8 not the goal](#)
 Turning the Route 8 expressway between Franklin and Barkeyville into two lanes is not the objective of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. "The goal of this study is not to deliver a two-lane roadway," PennDOT District 1 Executive Bill Petit said during an interview with the newspaper... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Airport agreement saves \\$250K](#)
 EBENSBURG — A nearly 10-year agreement with an association that manages and operates Ebensburg Airport has likely saved the borough as much as \$250,000, officials announced at a Monday meeting. Jim Link, Regional Aviation Conservation and Recreation Association's... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 06-28-2017 [SEPTA Fares Set To Increase This Weekend](#)
 PHILADELPHIA (CBS) — Get ready to pay more to ride SEPTA. Across-the-board fare increases take effect on Saturday, and riders have actually been getting a break 'til now. SEPTA policy calls for fare increases every three years, but last year's hike was delayed a year as the transit agency rolled out its... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 06-28-2017 [New Johnstown airport manager ready for 'dynamic position'](#)
 Thomas J. Keyes knows he faces some challenges as new manager of John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria

County Airport. After being hired at Tuesday's airport authority meeting, Keyes steps into the \$60,000-a-year position July 10 to lead efforts to reinvigorate the airport and surrounding properties.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)

- 06-28-2017 [Cumberland County seeking state funds for bridge repairs](#)
A potential \$2 million jolt from PennDOT could accelerate Cumberland County's bridge infrastructure program in the coming months. The county said Tuesday that it had applied for its share of a \$28 million state grant pool available to the 14 Pennsylvania counties that adopted... - [Carlisle Sentinel](#)
- 06-28-2017 [PUC representatives to discuss Fifth Street rail passage](#)
ELLWOOD CITY -- Officials from the state Public Utilities Commission will meet next month to inspect and discuss the conditions of the Fifth Street railroad underpass in Ellwood City. Lawrence County Commissioners confirmed the notification, which they received in a letter dated June 20, during their meeting Tuesday at the... - [Ellwood City Ledger](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Layoff at DuBois Regional Airport](#)
FALLS CREEK — An employee layoff was announced at the Clearfield-Jefferson Counties Regional Airport Authority meeting Friday. Authority member Dave Brennan provided the information during his report of the general aviation committee, which recently met. "We looked kind of in detail at our scheduling, how we're... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Amtrak service disrupted between Philly and D.C. after 2 killed](#)
Amtrak service between Philadelphia and Washington was disrupted through the morning rush hour Wednesday after two CSX workers were fatally struck by a train in the nation's capital. Service was suspended overnight and through the start of the morning rush period due to the investigation, with more delays lingering, Amtrak said.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 06-28-2017 [Homeland Security demands more security on international flights to U.S.](#)
The Homeland Security Department is demanding that airlines around the world step up security measures for international flights bound for the United States or face the possibility of a total electronics ban for planes... - [AP](#)
- 06-27-2017 [House Adopts Bill Designating Two Bridges in 76th District](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-27-2017 [PennDOT Driver License, Photo Centers Closed For Independence Day Holiday](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-27-2017 [Business briefs: Avis teams up with Waymo on self-driving car program](#)
Avis teams up with Waymo on self-driving car program Avis is teaming up with Waymo on a self-driving car program. The partnership aims to support Waymo's fleet and its early rider program, which has a public trial in Phoenix. Avis Budget Group Inc. said that it... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-27-2017 [Pa. teens can now use a mobile app for drivers ed](#)
The worst time to learn you must check your car's blind spot is when you're driving — so now there's an app for that. Aceable, an Austin, Texas-based mobile education platform, announced its driver's education app was approved Monday for use in Pennsylvania.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-27-2017 [Vote allows for continuation of Mon-Fayette Expressway extension](#)
Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald isn't convinced that building the 14-mile, \$2 billion Mon-Fayette Expressway extension from Jefferson Hills to Monroeville provides the best transportation solution to the economically struggling Monongahela Valley.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-27-2017 [Last leg of Mon-Fayette Expressway OK'd](#)
The Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission will include the last leg of the Mon-Fayette Expressway project in its long-range plan. The regional body on Monday voted 47-4 to include the controversial 14-mile extension in the plan, with three representatives from Pittsburgh-area... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-27-2017 [Hempfield bicyclist's goal was another accident, insurance payment, prosecutors say](#)
After David Smith of Hempfield was struck and injured by a drunken driver while riding his bicycle 10 years

ago, he sued and won a \$50,000 settlement. Over the next decade, Smith attempted to position himself for another accident and another financial windfall, according to testimony the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

06-27-2017

[Direct flights between Pittsburgh and Erie could be on the horizon](#)

A regional airline is considering adding service to Erie from Pittsburgh International Airport — a connection that hasn't existed since 2008. Memphis, Tenn.-based Southern Airways Express will decide late this year or early next year whether to add the flights, said Mark Cestari, executive... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

06-27-2017

[New Stanton bridge being moved to new home in Fayette](#)

Traffic was temporarily halted as bystanders lined both sides of Interstate 70 on Monday evening in New Stanton to watch and take photos as crews prepared to use a crane to hoist the town's spare pedestrian bridge off abutments suspending it over the interstate.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

06-27-2017

[Recycling ex-lawmakers: Pa.'s other 'revolving door'](#)

In Harrisburg and Washington, "revolving door" usually connotes former officials, elected or appointed, cashing in by lobbying former colleagues still in government. But a Pennsylvania law requiring such ex-officials to wait one year before lobbying ex-colleagues doesn't apply... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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[Amtrak's new CEO brings airline experience to the railroad](#)

An airline executive will be Amtrak's next president and CEO, the rail company announced Monday. Richard Anderson, 62, will join Amtrak July 12 after 25 years in the aviation industry, most recently as executive chairman of Delta Air Lines' board of directors.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

06-27-2017

[With Aceable, Pa. drivers education is now in the palm of your hand](#)

Smartphones have gotten a bad rap, called a major hazard to our collective health, especially when those distracting devices are in the hands of clueless, inexperienced drivers. But this week, that reputation may be due for rehabilitation as the mobile education platform Aceable officially lands in Pennsylvania, pitching the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[BMW announces \\$600M expansion as it celebrates 25 years](#)

BMW said Monday it will invest an additional \$600 million to expand its South Carolina plant, creating 1,000 new jobs over the next four years... - [AP](#)

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[School bus driver who flunked drug test must get her job back, Pa. court says](#)

A school bus driver who was fired when she flunked a random drug test because she took her son's medication must get her job back, a divided Commonwealth Court panel has ruled. In making that call, the court majority sided with an arbitrator who found Sheena Boone-East firing by Upper Merion Area School District was too... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

06-27-2017

[PA should invest VW settlement wisely](#)

Right now, Pennsylvania is faced with a historic opportunity to revolutionize its infrastructure. And if we don't act now, the state Department of Environmental Protection might invest valuable funding back into harmful diesel projects. Pennsylvania is receiving \$118 million from a recent lawsuit with... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

06-27-2017

[Survey says Pennsylvania drivers are seriously inconsiderate](#)

What would it look like if you behaved the way you drive? A new survey finds that Pennsylvania drivers are among the rudest in the nation. The survey was conducted as part of a summer driving awareness campaign by the nonprofit Kars4Kids to promote courteous driving. Pennsylvania was... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

06-27-2017

[The Travel Ban at the Supreme Court](#)

President Trump cares a lot about winning, or at least the appearance of it. So he was predictably quick to sound off in triumph after the Supreme Court announced on Monday morning that in October it would consider the legality of his revised travel ban and will allow the ban to take partial... - [New York Times](#)

06-27-2017

[Supreme Court Takes Up Travel Ban Case, and Allows Parts to Go Ahead](#)

The Supreme Court cleared the way on Monday for President Trump to prohibit the entry of some people into the United States from countries he deems dangerous, but the justices imposed strict limits on Mr. Trump's travel ban while they examine the scope of presidential power over the... - [NNY TIMES](#)

- 06-27-2017 [**The Supreme Court's uneasy compromise on Trump's travel ban**](#)
President Donald Trump called the Supreme Court's decision to hear cases related to his ban on travel from six Muslim nations and to allow it to go into partial effect in the meantime "a clear victory." But there's nothing clear about it, either for his administration or for... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**Police say 'Operation Triggerlock' results in dozens of arrests**](#)
WILKES-BARRE — City and regional law enforcement made dozens of arrests in a recent joint operation targeting violent crime in Luzerne and Lackawanna counties. Between Friday and Saturday, Pennsylvania State Police, the FBI and other agencies conducted a series of warrant sweeps in an initiative dubbed... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**WNEP-TV's backyard train controversy featured on national television**](#)
MOOSIC — WNEP-TV's Talkback 16 segment gained national attention, being featured on HBO's Last Week Tonight with John Oliver, a satirical late-night talk show. The local segment, hosted by Newswatch 16's Jon Meyer comprises call-ins from audience members about various controversial topics.... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**SPC adds Mon/Fayette northern extension to its Transportation Improvement Plan**](#)
By overwhelming margins, the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission took the idea of extending the Mon/Fayette Expressway from Jefferson Hills to Monroeville off the table Monday and then added the 14-mile, \$2.1 billion project to its 2017-20 Transportation Improvement Plan for 10 counties... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**Cal U students think expressway extension will help college**](#)
California University of Pennsylvania students, Jasmin Wadsworth and Megan Collins, use the Mon/Fayette Expressway almost every day to commute to class from their respective homes in Brownsville and Connellsville. It's fast and convenient, they say. And if the 74-mile toll road, which starts at the West Virginia border and... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
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- 06-27-2017 [**Erie airport long-range plan foresees no major improvements**](#)
New terminal is a possibility, but current building expected to be serviceable. The Erie Regional Airport Authority will roll out its plans for Erie International Airport over the next 20 years in a public meeting Wednesday at the Millcreek Township Municipal Building.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**Our view: Erie needs more air travel options**](#)
The Erie International Airport offers key nonstop flights to Detroit, Chicago and Philadelphia. But if travelers want to hitch a ride to a large airport closer to Erie — in Pittsburgh or Cleveland — to make connections, they will have to make a few stops along the way. One itinerary on a recent web search... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**New LANTA route makes debut in Bethlehem**](#)
Getting from Downtown Bethlehem to businesses in the Hanoverville Road corridor just got a bit easier thanks to a new bus route that made its debut Monday. (File photo) (File photo) LANTA introduced Rt. 327 Monday, June 26, which connects the Bethlehem Transit Center at Broad and Guetter streets with businesses in the... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**Planners approve completing Mon-Fayette Expressway**](#)
Completing the Mon-Fayette Expressway north of Washington County is back on the map. Regional transportation planners, known as Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, voted Monday to return the expressway's final highway corridor to their transportation plan three months after opposition in... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-27-2017 [**Reporter regrets 'drinking on the job' assignment, gains appreciation for police**](#)
RIVERSIDE — I am not a drinker. Nevertheless, I signed up to be a volunteer drinker at Wednesday's

Standardized Field Sobriety Training Course because I am a person fascinated with data and wanted to know what various blood alcohol levels feel like. - [Shamokin News-Item](#)

- 06-27-2017 [Local police officer receives award](#)
WAYNE HEIGHTS — There may be aggressive drivers in Franklin County, but they won't get far on Stephen Shannon's watch. The Washington Township police officer received an award last week for his efforts to reduce aggressive driving in the township. Shannon was nominated by Washington Township Police Chief Barry Keller.... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 06-27-2017 [Polk Township Veterans Memorial Bridge dedicated](#)
POLK TOWNSHIP What once was informally known as the Egypt Bridge was officially renamed the Polk Township Veterans Memorial Bridge, with the dedication ceremony taking place Saturday morning. The Polk Township Veterans Memorial Bridge carries Egypt Road over the... - [Punxsutawney Spirit](#)
- 06-27-2017 [Bridge work takes shape](#)
Work is progressing as planned on the Hunter Station Bridge replacement project, according to Pennsylvania Department of Transportation spokesperson Jim Carroll. A skeleton of the new bridge is visible to passing motorists along Route 62 in Tionesta with only one section of the bridge beams remaining to be... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 06-27-2017 [Ebensburg Borough finds 'significant savings' for airport operation](#)
EBENSBURG – It's been about 10 years since Ebensburg Borough turned over operation and management of the Ebensburg Airport to Regional Aviation Conservation Recreation Authority. During a regular Ebensburg Borough Council meeting Monday night, RACRA President Jim Link provided council an update of the projects the nonprofit... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Hundreds of Thousands of Veterans Have Opted for Patriotic Designation on...](#)
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- 06-26-2017 [Amtrak Names Transportation Veteran Richard Anderson President and CEO](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-26-2017 [Takata to file for bankruptcy following air bag recalls, lawsuits](#)
Shattered by recall costs and lawsuits, Japanese air bag maker Takata Corp. filed Monday for bankruptcy protection in Tokyo and the U.S., saying it was the only way it could keep on supplying replacements for faulty air bag inflators linked to the deaths of at least 16 people... - [AP](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Acrobatics and Arnie: a perfect day at Westmoreland Airshow](#)
Chris Watt grew up going to the Reading Air Show, which in the 1950s to early '70s always featured the big guns of aviation. One act was always his favorite part of the experience: the U.S. Navy's acrobatic flying team, the Blue Angels. Famous for its daring and exhilarating overhead tricks, the flight... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Uptown, Oakland residents concerned about access under BRT system](#)
Port Authority's idea for a Bus Rapid Transit system is drawing interest from residents who would benefit from the proposal but also some concerns, including from disabled riders, who are worried that having fewer stations on the system will make it harder to catch a ride.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Pittsburgh touts new South Side parking rules, including nighttime meter enforcement](#)
City officials say weekend parking meter enforcement and new public safety measures on the South Side are going as planned, despite concern from some business owners. The city is 90 days — and \$50,000 of revenue — into nighttime meter collection in the new Parking Enhancement District in the South Side Flats,... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Pittsburgh to introduce all-electric cars to city fleet](#)
The first all-electric cars bought by the City of Pittsburgh should roll into town within weeks, an early step toward dropping all gasoline- and diesel-fueled vehicles from the city fleet. Two electric Ford Focuses will join the pool as early as July — and two... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-26-2017 [McDonald's partners with UberEATS to get Big Macs to your door in Pittsburgh](#)

McDonald's, the restaurant chain that taught Americans how fast they could get a hamburger, is now trying to make it even more convenient to patronize the Golden Arches. Officially on Monday, customers in the Greater Pittsburgh area will become part of the Illinois food giant's rollout of delivery services as the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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[Out with 'the moat': Good riddance, Allegheny Center ring road](#)

City officials are finally working to reconfigure traffic patterns around Allegheny Center on the North Side. A grumpy Pittsburgher might respond, "Thanks, but you're about 50 years too late." Better late than never to reverse an unfortunate feature of 1960s urban renewal: the one-way... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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[50,000 spectators watch final day of Westmoreland County Airshow](#)

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[Unity pilot wins NATA award; has accrued 25,000 flight hours](#)

Ed Kilkeary Sr. of Unity spends about half of his days in the air. "I like to fly. I'm probably flying 17, 18 days a month, sometimes more than that," he told recent visitors to L.J. Aviation, his family's Latrobe-area firm that manages jet planes for private owners and pilots... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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[10 great places to walk in the Lehigh Valley](#)

PICTURES: 10 Best places to walk in the Lehigh Valley PHOTO GALLERY: 10 Best places to walk in the Lehigh Valley. The Lehigh Valley has no lack of beautiful sites and places to walk. While we could list dozens of great places to take a walk, we narrowed down... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

06-26-2017

[Jermyn using recycled millings for road, alley repair](#)

Jermyn is making last year's leftover millings go the extra mile by using the recycled material for alley and road repair. When the borough completed a \$410,000, loan-funded paving project this past October, it recovered about 50 truckloads totaling about 1,150 tons of... - [Scranton Times](#)

06-26-2017

[Airport flyer checkpoint to shift](#)

A plan to check Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport passengers through security before they can hit airport restaurants is inching toward takeoff. The airport should have the new checkpoint largely in place by Thanksgiving, airport engineering director Stephen Mykulyn said Tuesday.... - [Scranton Times](#)

06-26-2017

[Cal U students think expressway extension will help college](#)

California University of Pennsylvania students, Jasmin Wadsworth and Megan Collins, use the Mon/Fayette Expressway almost every day to commute to class from their respective homes in Brownsville and Connellsville. It's fast and convenient, they say. And if the 74-mile toll road, which starts at the West Virginia border and... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

06-26-2017

[What marijuana legalization did to car accident rates](#)

Wonkblog Analysis Analysis Interpretation of the news based on evidence, including data, as well as anticipating how events might unfold based on past events Last week, a pair of studies came to seemingly opposite conclusions on whether rising marijuana use is causing an increase in car crashes in... - [Washington Post](#)

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[Opposition to Mariner 2 pipeline is heating up](#)

At an otherwise ordinary SEPTA board meeting Thursday, a resident in opposition to the Mariner East 2 pipeline let fly two F-bombs before she was called out of order. "F---!" exclaimed Ann Dixon after laying out the contributing factors to global warming, in particular the overdependence on fossil... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)

06-26-2017

[Erie airport long-range plan foresees no major improvements](#)

New terminal is a possibility, but current building expected to be serviceable. The Erie Regional Airport

Authority will roll out its plans for Erie International Airport over the next 20 years in a public meeting Wednesday at the Millcreek Township Municipal Building.... - [Erie Times-News](#)

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New terminal is a possibility, but current building expected to be serviceable. The Erie Regional Airport Authority will roll out its plans for Erie International Airport over the next 20 years in a public meeting Wednesday at the Millcreek Township Municipal Building.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 06-26-2017 [State meets with local government on I-80 project](#)
Officials from Gov. Tom Wolf's office ventured from Harrisburg to Stroudsburg on Friday to hear out concerns and get first-hand knowledge of the potential impact of the I-80 expansion project from local officials. The \$550 million Pennsylvania Department of Transportation project would... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Trump's infrastructure plan threatened by lack of key resources](#)
Recently, President Trump announced a \$1 trillion plan to fix the nation's roads, bridges, dams, and airports. And while congressional approval may hinge on the specifics of funding these projects, Americans should be concerned with whether the country can obtain sufficient metals... - [Levittown Intelligencer](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Upcoming holiday weekend expected to be most traveled Independence Day weekend in years](#)
Approximately 44.2 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more away from home during the Independence Day weekend, according to estimates from AAA. That's about 1.25 million more than the same weekend last year. In fact, AAA predicts this will be the most traveled Independence Day weekend ever.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 06-26-2017 [A police fee will mean more money for roads and bridges](#)
State government faces many tough choices as it works very hard to strike a balance between meeting critical needs and keeping the burden on taxpayers as fair as possible. One such tough balancing act involves addressing law enforcement needs across the state and keeping our highway and bridge... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Governor promotes designated driving, highlights awareness events](#)
Gov. Tom Wolf's administration, the state Department of Transportation, the state police and local police agencies urge travelers across the state to designate a sober driver and buckle their seat belts through the Independence Day holiday weekend. Partnerships throughout the state look to decrease alcohol and drug-related... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 06-26-2017 [\\$5 county bridge fee has its critics but makes sense](#)
The Lycoming County Commissioners have approved a \$5 per vehicle registration fee, effective Oct. 1, to pay for repairs to 40 structurally deficient bridges. The fee has an understandable legion of critics. To be frank, we don't like the way residents, seniors in particular, keep getting asked to fund a... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 06-26-2017 [PennDOT issues safety warning ahead of July 4](#)
Designate a sober driver and buckle up. That's the message PennDOT is sending ahead of the upcoming Fourth of July celebration. "PennDOT is working closely with our partners in law enforcement to reduce impaired driving and raise safety awareness this holiday," said... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 06-26-2017 [PennDOT on the right road?](#)
Some members of Oil City Council are not in favor of potential changes to the Route 8 expressway between Franklin and Barkeyville. One of the ideas being looked at by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is turning 20 miles of the roadway from four lanes to a... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 06-26-2017 [REAL ID Issues For Pennsylvanians Looking To Travel](#)
Pennsylvanians are starting to see changes to their driver's licenses. The changes include a larger primary photo, a special laminate and the removal of the magnetic strip. But one thing remains the same: it still does not meet federal requirements. The REAL ID Act, implemented after the 9/11 terror attacks, sets security... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 06-26-2017 [Supreme Court allows limited version of Trump's travel ban to take effect and will consider case in](#)

[fall](#)

The Supreme Court agreed Monday to allow a limited version of President Trump's ban on travelers from six mostly Muslim countries to take effect and will consider in the fall the president's broad powers in immigration matters in a case that raises fundamental issues of national... - [Washington Post](#)

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[Trump: Supreme Court decision on travel ban is 'clear victory for our national security'](#)

The Supreme Court is letting a limited version of President Donald Trump's ban on travel from six mostly Muslim countries take effect, a victory for Trump in the biggest legal controversy of his young presidency... - [AP](#)

06-26-2017

[School bus driver who flunked drug test must get her job back, Pa. court says](#)

A school bus driver who was fired when she flunked a random drug test because she took her son's medication must get her job back, a divided Commonwealth Court panel has ruled. In making that call, the court majority sided with an arbitrator who found Sheena Boone-East firing by Upper Merion Area School District was too... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

06-26-2017

[What the Supreme Court's travel ban ruling means](#)

The Supreme Court's decision to allow portions of President Donald Trump's travel ban to take effect is a win for the administration - but the impact will be far less severe than Trump's first iteration of the measure. That is because the high court effectively allowed Trump to ban from coming... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

06-25-2017

[Pennsylvania Trolley Museum says 'happy birthday' to a 100-year-old streetcar](#)

A barbershop quartet singing "Happy Birthday," a cake and a crowd of over 60 people gathered in Chartiers, Washington County, to celebrate a 100th birthday party — of a trolley car, that is. Pittsburgh Railway Streetcar #4398 was built in 1917, and a restored... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

06-25-2017

[Mt. Pleasant paving project receives low bid of \\$7.4M](#)

PennDOT officials received an apparent low bid of about \$7.4 million for a project that will update pavement, intersections and traffic signals on a segment of Route 31, including Main Street in downtown Mt. Pleasant. The work is expected to begin Aug. 7 and continue through September 2018,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

06-25-2017

[Westmoreland County Airshow thrilling, but missing familiar face](#)

The engines were just as loud as always, the stunts no less daring. But there was one thing missing from the Shop 'n Save Westmoreland County Airshow on Saturday: a smiling man in a golf cart. The cart, itself, was there, admired by onlookers, along with plenty of... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

06-25-2017

[Tractor-trailer crash closes Pennsylvania Turnpike for almost 6 hours](#)

A truck crash Saturday morning on the Pennsylvania Turnpike caused hours of traffic delays and detours. A tractor-trailer overturned on Interstate 76 between Pittsburgh and Allegheny Valley around 4:30 a.m. Saturday. Turnpike officials tweeted that it reopened at 10:10 a.m.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

06-25-2017

[Another honor for Boyz II Men: Philly street with their name](#)

They no longer live in the city where their careers began, but R&B singers Boyz II Men returned to Philadelphia on Saturday to put up a marker to celebrate where their careers began more than 20 years ago. The trio — Nathan Morris, Wanya Morris, and Shawn Stockman — helped... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

06-25-2017

[Aloft in the friendly skies of Philadelphia](#)

License-plate slogans can be deceiving. Taken at face value, North Carolina and Ohio command a monopoly on the origin of North American aviation. The Keystone State, however, could rightly claim "first in flight." Consider the story of Jean-Pierre Blanchard and the first balloon voyage in the... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

06-25-2017

[Cheers and Jeers](#)

CHEERS to the Dallas School Board for withholding a portion of teachers' salaries for a strike that made it impossible to have a 180-day school year, compromising the education of students and inconveniencing their families. JEERS to the jury foreman in the Melissa Scholl mistrial for posting about... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)

- 06-25-2017 [**AG calls for necessary funding to end backlog of untested rape kits**](#)
 Auditor General Eugene DePasquale this week commended a statewide police accreditation commission for following a recommendation from his 2016 special report on untested rape kits. The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association's Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Program commissioners now mandates that local law... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 06-25-2017 [**Leslie S. Richards: State budget balances needs of PennDOT, state police**](#)
 State government faces many tough choices as it works very hard to strike a balance between meeting critical needs and keeping the burden on taxpayers as fair as possible. One such tough balancing act involves addressing law enforcement needs across the state and keeping our highway and bridge... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**SEPTA Board Approves Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Service Plan**](#)
 (Press Release)
- 06-23-2017 [**North Side residents get glimpse of reconfigured traffic circle**](#)
 City planners are looking to make the former Allegheny Center area on the North Side feel more like a residential neighborhood. One way, they say, is to make the streets there two-way. More than 60 North Side residents turned out Thursday night in Nova Place... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**Uber knew fired executive had info at center of Google theft case**](#)
 SAN FRANCISCO — Uber acknowledged hiring a former Google engineer — now accused of stealing self-driving car technology — despite having received warnings that he was still carrying around some of his former employer's property... - [AP](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**Qatar Airways seeks stake in American in 'puzzling' move**](#)
 DALLAS — Qatar Airways wants to buy 10 percent of American Airlines, a move cloaked so heavily in international trade and politics that American's CEO finds it puzzling... - [AP](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**Allegheny County Airport CEO joins S&T Bancorp board of directors**](#)
 S&T Bancorp, Inc. officials appointed Christina Cassotis, CEO of the Allegheny County Airport Authority, to the bank's board of directors, the company announced Thursday. Cassotis of Sewickley will be eligible to receive compensation for her board service, according to a U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission form... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**Blue Angels prep for the Westmoreland County Airshow**](#)
 A squadron of 60 personnel will be on hand this weekend to get the U.S. Navy Blue Angels ' six jets and pilots off the ground for the Shop 'n Save Westmoreland County Airshow. During the aerobatics demonstrations, set for about 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, the pilots will be assisted by... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**Western Pa. Congressman Shuster re-introduces bill to privatize air-traffic control**](#)
 WASHINGTON — After 150 meetings, six hearings and one presidential endorsement, U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster says his plan to privatize air-traffic control is ready to take flight. The Bedford County Republican reintroduced a modified plan Wednesday. He expects the House Transportation Committee, which he chairs, to vote next... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**Youth Service Bureau gets grant from Centre PACT**](#)
 With the help from a grant, the Centre County Youth Service Bureau is able to continue programs that might otherwise be hard to keep around. YSB given \$2,000 grant YSB CEO Andrea Fisher said the \$2,000 the organization received last month through the Centre PACT — Philanthropic Actions Created by Teens —... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**West Side trail prompts concern**](#)
 FORTY FORT — Chris and Jeanne Grymko spent two or three years looking for a house before settling on one in Forty Fort, in a neighborhood near the levee that offered convenience and privacy. They're worried that a proposed connection of two sections of paved... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 06-23-2017 [**Passenger record set as airport celebrates 70th birthday**](#)
 JENKINS TWP. — Carl Beardsley, executive director at the Wilkes-Barre/ Scranton International Airport,

said one of the first airlines to fly out of the airport was Colonial Airlines. Before you think that George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Ben Franklin were catching flights to the 13 original colonies, know that Beardsley was... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)

06-23-2017

[Brownsville man charged with fraudulent insurance claim](#)

A Brownsville man was charged by the state Office of the Attorney General Wednesday with insurance fraud after filing a claim for vehicle damage caused by a falling tree. Blane Christian Johnson, 39, is charged with fraudulent insurance claim and criminal attempt to commit theft, both felonies.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

06-23-2017

[It's time](#)

Speaking about rebuilding the nation's infrastructure last month in Cincinnati, President Trump pointed to a five-day shutdown on the Ohio River last year, which was caused by a hydraulic failure at a lock near Wellsville, Ohio, about 50 miles west of Pittsburgh.... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)

06-23-2017

[Montour, Panhandle trails part of national bike route](#)

The first nationally designated bicycle route in Pennsylvania has been established by the state Department of Transportation. U.S. Bicycle Route 50 includes the Montour Trail, Panhandle Trail and Great Allegheny Passage. Montour Trail runs from the Coraopolis area to Clairton,... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)

06-23-2017

[Accident on I-80 limits traffic in both directions](#)

Interstate 80 between mile-markers 309 and 310 was limited to one lane in each direction due to an accident that occurred Thursday evening at around 6:30 p.m. The accident was cleared by 7:30 pm between mile-markers 310 and 310.5 [READER SUBMITTED PHOTOS] - [Pocono Record](#)

06-23-2017

[Reading Parking Authority sends notices to parking violators](#)

The Reading Parking Authority has begun sending out notices to drivers who have one or more overdue parking tickets, quietly beginning the enforcement of a new system of handling tickets. The authority voted to begin sending out the notices as a courtesy as the authority is now handling citations as... - [Reading Eagle](#)

06-23-2017

[PECO plans road restrictions in Pottstown for utility work](#)

POTTSTOWN >> PECO Energy is planning gas main improvements in Pottstown that will cause road restrictions. PennDOT announced that on Tuesday, June 27, and Wednesday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., lane restrictions with flagging are scheduled on High Street between Baily Street and Madison Street in Pottstown.... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)

06-23-2017

[Lansdale residents sound off about parking problems](#)

LANSDALE >> Lansdale officials held a public forum Thursday to start a conversation they don't see ending any time soon: Is there a parking problem in town, and what do residents suggest to fix it? "I think we heard a few things tonight: we heard permit parking for... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)

06-23-2017

[OC revises trail grant to add marina to plan](#)

A grant initially meant to fill in a gap in the Erie-to-Pittsburgh trail on Oil City's west end has been revised to incorporate a portion of the nearby marina. Kelly Amos, the city's director of community development, updated members of Oil City Council on the latest development during the panel's meeting... - [Oil City Derrick](#)

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06-23-2017

[Perry Street Bridge to be removed](#)

After more than 70 years of safety concerns and discussions without a long-term solution, the South Perry Street Bridge will be either demolished or removed. It will not be replaced, though a pedestrian bridge may be considered in the future by Crawford County commissioners.... - [Titusville Herald](#)

06-23-2017

[Wolf administration urge safe and sober driving ahead of Independence Day holiday](#)

HARRISBURG — The Wolf Administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP), and local police urge travelers across the state to designate a sober driver and buckle their seat belts through the Independence Day holiday weekend.... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)

06-23-2017

[Commissioners open bids for bridge project](#)

LEWISTOWN — The Mifflin County Commissioners opened three bids for a bridge maintenance project in Armagh Township during a workshop meeting on Thursday. The bridge, according to County Planning Director Bill Gomes, is a one-lane structure on Barefoot Road that has been designated as “structurally... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)

06-23-2017

[PennDOT: Roads in good shape](#)

LEWISTOWN — As far as roads go, Mifflin County is “in pretty good shape.” That was the message communicated Thursday by Tom Zurat, assistant district executive of design for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, during a meeting of the Mifflin County Planning Commission.... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)

06-23-2017

[PennDOT to release updated licenses, IDs](#)

A major change is on its way to Pennsylvanians' wallets, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced this week. PennDOT plans to release re-designed and technologically updated licenses and identification cards by the end of October, said department... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)

06-23-2017

[City Council deadlocks, ACTS request denied](#)

New Castle City Council deadlocked Thursday on a request to consolidate five lots to create a parking lot in a North Hill residential neighborhood. Allied Coordinated Transportation Services Inc., which parks its buses, vans and other vehicles in a fenced-in lot across from the basketball... - [New Castle News](#)

06-23-2017

[To tip or no: Uber's about-face on the propriety of a gratuity](#)

The promise of a tip — that familiar 10 to 20 percent optional add-on for a meal or a ride — might be enough to lure Ryan Rich Moe into the driver's seat for Uber again. He stopped driving for the popular ride-hailing service earlier this year because he was not making enough... - [Washington Post](#)

06-23-2017

[Local representatives, business leaders consider transit improvements](#)

For 18 months, representatives from 10 counties in the southwestern Pennsylvania region have been trying to answer one question – how can the region improve transportation? That includes Armstrong County, and on Wednesday, ACMH Hospital played host to a meeting between “local... - [Kittanning Leader-Times](#)

06-23-2017

[New hangars fill up fast at local airport](#)

Construction was completed June 1 on new hangars at the Joseph A. Hardy/ Connellsville Airport and there has been no lag time between their completion and their rental. “There was a need for them. That’s why we built them,” said John “Bud” Neckerauer, manager of the... - [Connellsville Daily Courier](#)

06-23-2017

[Clearfield-Lawrence Township Airport Authority discusses details of project](#)

Members of the Clearfield-Lawrence Township Airport Authority discussed a project to remove vegetation and brush from fencing on the north side of the Clearfield-Lawrence Airport near the end of its runway. Brian Wolfel, representing the airport authority's consulting engineer... - [Clearfield Progress](#)