

PA Transportation Recap



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Co-Sponsor Memos

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HCO2314	Marshall, Jim(R)	Makes the new standard of 102-inch wide trailers on all Pennsylvania highways, while still allowing both PennDOT & municipalities the ability to restrict these vehicles where necessary on specific roadways.
HCO2316	Burns, Frank(D)	Renames a bridge on the portion of Friend Lea Road that spans across Route 219, Ebensburg, Cambria County to the Cyril Thomas Yeckley Memorial Bridge.

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 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)
07-06-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

HB 188	Causer, Martin(R)	(PN 155) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees by increasing the income threshold to \$23,500. Effective in 60 days.
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Bill History: 06-14-17 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room 8 E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-14-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
06-14-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-14-17 S First consideration
06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 218	Saylor, Stanley(R)	(PN 2196) The General Appropriation Act of 2017 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the executive and judicial departments, the state government support agencies and the general assembly of the commonwealth, the public
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debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; to provide appropriations from the state lottery fund, the tobacco settlement fund, the aviation restricted account, the hazardous material response fund, the state stores fund, the milk marketing fund, the home investment trust fund, the emergency medical services operating fund, the tuition account guaranteed savings program fund, the banking fund, the firearm records check fund, the ben franklin technology development authority fund, the oil and gas lease fund, the home improvement account, the cigarette fire safety and firefighter protection act enforcement fund, the insurance regulation and oversight fund, the Pennsylvania racehorse development restricted receipt account, the justice reinvestment fund, the multimodal transportation fund, the state racing fund and the able savings program fund to the executive department; to provide appropriations from the judicial computer system augmentation account to the judicial department for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the motor license fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, for the proper operation of several departments of the commonwealth and the Pennsylvania state police authorized to spend motor license fund money; to provide for the appropriation of federal funds to the executive and judicial departments of the commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; and to provide for the additional appropriation of federal and state funds from the general fund, the state lottery fund and the tobacco settlement fund for the executive and judicial departments of the commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The bill is effective immediately or July 1, 2017, whichever is later. (Prior Printer Number: 162, 1236)

Bill History: 06-30-17 H House concurred in Senate amendments (Vote: Y:173/N: 27)
06-30-17 H Signed in the House
06-30-17 S Signed in the Senate
06-30-17 G In the hands of the Governor
07-10-17 G Last day for Governor's action

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

07-06-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

(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 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)
 07-06-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 831](#)[Keller, Mark\(R\)](#)

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

Number: 1178)

Bill History: 06-12-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:166/N: 25)
 06-16-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation
 06-30-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-30-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-30-17 S First consideration

[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: 06-30-17 H Reported as committed from House Rules
 06-30-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 06-30-17 Second consideration 3:18pm
 06-30-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
 07-07-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

[HB 1215](#) [Tobash, Mike\(R\)](#)

(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)

Bill History: 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)
 07-06-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

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

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

Bill History: 06-30-17 H 2 Floor amendment(s) adopted
 06-30-17 Second consideration 3:43pm
 06-30-17 H Over in House
 06-30-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
 07-07-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

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

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

Bill History: 06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation

[HB 1346](#)

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

06-21-17 S First consideration
06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

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

Bill History:

06-30-17 H Reported as committed from House Rules
06-30-17 H Set on the House Calendar
06-30-17 Second consideration 3:25pm
06-30-17 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
07-07-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

[HB 1364](#)

[James, Lee\(R\)](#)

(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)

Bill History:

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)
07-06-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Local Government

[HB 1426](#)

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

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

Bill History: 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 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
 06-30-17 Second consideration 10:52am

[HB 1518](#)

[Causser, Martin\(R\)](#)

(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)

Bill History: 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)
 07-06-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs

[HB 1646](#)

[Miller, Brett\(R\)](#)

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for suspension of operating privilege; & in misc. provisions, further providing for careless driving.

Bill History: 07-05-17 H Filed

[HR 419](#)

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

(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."

Bill History: 06-27-17 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buidin, 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
 06-30-17 H Adopted (Vote: Y:199/N: 0)

[SB 56](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart\(R\)](#)

(PN 37) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in safety and anti-pollution equipment, to require tinted windows to be tested as part of the vehicle inspection process and certain violations with regard to tinted windows to be a cause for inspection failure. Failure to disclose the fact that an alteration or modification of the tinted windows can be cause for inspection failure constitutes unfair trade practices by the automobile seller. Provides for advisory to consumers if they are not in compliance with windshield tinting restrictions. Exempts non-government vehicles used by a constable for prison transport. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-21-17 S First consideration
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 145](#)

[Yaw, Gene\(R\)](#)

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

Bill History: 06-14-17 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room 8 E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
 06-14-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
 06-14-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
 06-14-17 S First consideration
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 172](#)

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

(PN 1067) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for automated speed enforcement systems. The bill

establishes a program to provide for automated speed enforcement systems in active work areas. Also establishes two restricted accounts in the State Treasury for fines remitted under the program to the Department of Transportation and the Turnpike Commission. Provides for the allocation of the fines from the two accounts. Portions are effective 60 days after publication of notice in the PA Bulletin, portions are effective in 45 days, portions are effective immediately, and the remainder is effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 148)

Bill History: 04-18-17 S Removed from the table
 04-18-17 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
 05-11-17 S Discussed during public hearing, House Transportation -- House Transportation
 06-30-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
 06-30-17 S Reported as amended Senate Appropriations

[SB 332](#) [Yaw, Gene\(R\)](#)

(PN 935) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions relating to operation of vehicles, providing for protection of children from second-hand smoke in vehicles by prohibiting individuals from smoking in a vehicle that is transporting a child under 12 years of age; and imposing a penalty of a summary offense with a \$100 fine for a first offense and a summary offense with a \$250 fine for any subsequent offenses. The bill defines "smoke" and excludes electronic cigarettes from that definition. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 330)

Bill History: 06-12-17 S 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted
 06-12-17 S Laid on the table
 06-12-17 S Removed from the table
 06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
 06-30-17 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

[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 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: 06-30-17 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
 06-30-17 H Removed from the table
 06-30-17 H Set on the House Calendar
 06-30-17 Second consideration 2:56pm
 07-07-17 H Set on the House Calendar

[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 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: 06-29-17 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)
 06-30-17 H Received in the House and referred to House Local Government

[SB 781](#)

[Brooks, Michele\(R\)](#)

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

Bill History: 06-19-17 S Filed
 06-19-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
 06-30-17 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation

[SB 785](#)[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

06-30-17 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
06-30-17 S First consideration

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

Bill History: 06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-21-17 S First consideration
06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[SB 786](#)[Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

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

Bill History: 06-21-17 S Meeting set for 9:45 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-21-17 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
06-21-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-21-17 S First consideration
06-30-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[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 829](#)

[Street, Sharif \(F\)\(D\)](#)

(PN 1074) Amends the Public Employe Relations Act, in collective bargaining impasse, further providing for collective bargaining impasse; providing for Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Collective Bargaining; and, in strikes. The bill provides that collective bargaining between SEPTA and the representative of the public employees shall begin at least six months before the expiration of the current contract. A request for arbitration shall be made at least 90 days before the contract expires. If a dispute or impasse arises in the collective bargaining process between SEPTA and the representative of the public employees, either party to the dispute or impasse, after written notice to the other party containing specifications of the issue in dispute, may request the appointment of a board of arbitrators. A dispute or impasse shall be deemed to occur if the parties do not reach a settlement of the dispute by written agreement within 60 days after the collective bargaining proceeding has been initiated. The bill prohibits strikes by SEPTA employees. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 07-06-17 S Filed
 07-06-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

Committee Stories

Senate Appropriations Committee

6/30/17, 9:20 a.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
 By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 172 Argall, David](#) - (PN 148) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for automated speed enforcement systems. The bill establishes a program to provide for automated speed enforcement systems in

active work areas. Portions are effective 60 days after publication of notice in the PA Bulletin, portions are effective in 45 days, portions are effective immediately, and the remainder is effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A02220](#) by Browne, provides for 45 percent of the fine revenues to be transferred to the Pennsylvania State Police. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Sen. Judy Schwank (D-Berks) inquired as to the purpose of the amendment. Chairman Browne indicated the amendment allows for flexibility.

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Senate Transportation Committee

6/30/17, 9:48 a.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

Chairman John Rafferty (R-Montgomery) noted both bills on the agenda have some corrections and concerns from the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

[SB 781 Brooks, Michele](#) - (PN 977) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for person with disability plate and placard by adding that upon request by a legislative district office, the department shall permit the legislative district office to issue temporary disability parking placards directly to individuals. The department shall supply the legislative district office with training and materials related to issuing, storing, ordering and returning placards. A temporary disability parking placard issued by a legislative district office is valid for a period of not more than six months. An individual who is issued a temporary disability parking placard by a legislative district office must complete and submit to the department a separate application that contains a health care provider's statement or a statement from a police officer that the individual is disabled. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **reported as amended** with Sen. Scott Wagner (R-York) and Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington) voting in the negative.

[A02495](#) by Rafferty, makes a technical correction to the electronic filing process of the completed application form. The amendment was **adopted**.

Sen. Andrew Dinniman (D-Chester) asked if it was temporary. Chairman Rafferty answered yes.

Sen. Wagner asked if there is a problem with the offices. Chairman Rafferty said the prime sponsor's concern was a problem in the rural areas as it is often difficult for people to get to a health care facility to get a doctor's statement to get the placard. Sen. Wagner stated there is a current process in place but it means someone is potentially not doing their job. He said if someone is not doing their job then they need to be held accountable. Sen. Wagner stated he would be voting no.

[HB 831 Keller, Mark](#) - (PN 1840) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for following too closely. The bill allows the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle that is being driven in an organized motorcycle procession to park or stand irrespective of provisions and proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started through the intersection while the signal indicator was green, only if the lead and trailing vehicle or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession is equipped with and displays a yellow flashing light, lighted head lamps and emergency flashers. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1178) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman John Sabatina (D-Philadelphia) voiced concern with the bill in the Philadelphia area and hoped for a future amendment, but indicated he would be voting yes to move the process along. Chairman Rafferty agreed with those concerns.

Sen. Dinniman received clarification the vote is intended to move the process along rather than result in a floor vote the same day.

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House Rules Committee

6/30/17, 3:10 p.m., Room 245 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

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

[HB 1216 Farry, Frank](#) - (PN 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) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[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 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 unanimously **reported as committed**.

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[PENNDOT: PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS BOARD MEETING](#)

The Department of Transportation announced the Public-Private Partnerships Board will hold a meeting on July 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Keystone Building, Harrisburg. Questions should be directed to Kathryn Tartaglia, (717) 214-7222, katartagli@pa.gov

[PUC: THIRD PARTY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING—RESALE/REDISTRIBUTION OF UTILITY SERVICE; DOC. NO. M-2017-2604382](#)

The Public Utility Commission issued a letter seeking comments from all interested parties regarding tariff provisions of electric distribution companies concerning the resale/redistribution of electric power to third parties, specifically with regard to how those provisions may affect the operation and viability of electric vehicle charging stations. Details are available in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments should be submitted within 45 days to Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Attn: Secretary, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

Upcoming Events

PA Public Utility Commission

*July 12, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. **Rescheduled from 7/13/17**, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg*

Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

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. **Rescheduled to 7/12/17**, Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg*

Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA Turnpike Commission

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

Session Schedule

Senate

July 8

House

No session days scheduled at this time.

In the News

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[PA Fish and Boat Commission Meeting Agenda for July 10-11, 2017](#)
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[Pa. to turnpike toll scoflaws: Pay up now or pay more later](#)
Pennsylvania Turnpike toll scoflaws have been warned. If 10,611 drivers with six or more outstanding violations or unpaid tolls that totaled \$500 or more don't pay their overdue violations by Aug. 4, they risk having their vehicle registration suspended under a law that goes... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Stop airlines' power grab](#)
The recent column from longtime Washington media figure John Stossel about privatizing air-traffic control ("A better way to fly") may play well in some inside-the-Beltway circles, but it unfortunately left readers without some key information about the idea.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 07-06-2017 [Entrepreneur will sell his eco-friendly lubricant at Walmart](#)
 In 2015, Samuel Hopkins of Cranberry had a squeak in his bike chain that wouldn't go away. Determined to fix it, the avid biker and outdoorsman bought a collection of different chain lubricant products and greased up his bike — only to realize rainwater would wash the petroleum-based residue directly into the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Military messes: The Defense Department must clean up sites it polluted](#)
 Military messes: The Defense Department must clean up sites it polluted The federal government should promote economic development, not impede it. It should set an example for environmental stewardship, not flout rules it wants others to respect. In a federal lawsuit, the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway alleges that the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Foreign policy roundup: Did Trump administration extend travel ban deadline for refugee admissions?](#)
 Refugee resettlement agencies say the State Department has given them updated instructions on President Donald Trump's travel ban that extends the cutoff date for refugee admissions. When the ban was put into place last week, the administration said refugees... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Washington roundup: U.S. is said to favor Midwest corn farmers in biofuels quota](#)
 The Trump administration will propose a requirement that refiners use 15 billion gallons of conventional renewable fuels in 2018, while lowering targets for advanced alternatives that oil refiners have described as unattainable, according to people familiar with the decision.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Turnpike offers amnesty on unpaid tolls fees, will go after registrations next](#)
 Before the Pennsylvania Turnpike begins enforcing a new state law next month that allows it to suspend vehicle registration for repeat toll scofflaws, the agency is giving them a month to pay their debts at a reduced amount. The turnpike announced Wednesday that it will offer vehicle owners with... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Turnpike offers partial amnesty ahead of scofflaw crackdown](#)
 HARRISBURG, PA. The Pennsylvania Turnpike is providing an incentive for those who owe unpaid tolls or fees before it starts suspending motor vehicle registrations next month... - [AP](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Tamara Dolan departs Allentown Parking Authority after overseeing arena opener, downtown boom](#)
 There's nothing glamorous about leading the Allentown Parking Authority. Scofflaw drivers clutching tickets curse your name. Residents crowd city council meetings calling for your job. And short of giving away parking for free, no one will ever be satisfied with your rates.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-06-2017 [No more free ride, Pennsylvania Turnpike threatens](#)
 Toll booth deadbeats are officially on notice. The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission has warned 10,611 of Pennsylvania's worst toll scofflaws they could lose their vehicle's registrations in a month unless they pay off outstanding fines. The commission says it's owed \$17.1 million by in-state repeat... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Real estate hardball puts Lehigh Valley airport authority in court battle](#)
 The Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority needed a sliver of Race Street land before it could close its nearly \$10 million FedEx Ground land sale in 2016, and it needed it fast. Property owner Airport Ventures decided it would not be "bullied" out of its land and demanded \$4 million for just more than a half-acre.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Animals deserve protection](#)
 Finally, Pennsylvania has a tough animal-protection law. Praise is in order for the bipartisan legislative effort that achieved the measure's passage and Gov. Tom Wolf's signature. The measure is HB1238, also known as Libre's Law. It was signed by the governor on June 28, when it also was stamped with the... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 07-06-2017 [Sweeping plans announced to study Presque Isle, Erie's bayfront](#)
 Better accommodating the heavy demand for Presque Isle State Park and bayfront amenities was the subject of a Wednesday news conference. Being the most visited state park in Pennsylvania with 4 million visits annually means Presque Isle State Park has its share of challenges when it... - [Erie Times-News](#)

- 07-06-2017 [**Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission goes after scofflaws**](#)
 The following counties have the highest number of toll violations and invoices mailed by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The commission mails several invoices to motorists who haven't paid up: Montgomery: 60,687 Bucks: 44,080 Philadelphia: 32,307 Fayette: 17,392... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**Taxing by mile**](#)
 Tesla, the electric car company, plans to begin production Friday of its Model 3. Unlike Tesla's earlier Model S, which was aimed at affluent early-adapters, the Model 3 is targeted to typical consumers. The all-electric Model 3 plug-in has a range of about 250 miles on a single... - [Scranton Times](#)
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 When GOP newcomers won three local seats in the state Legislature back in 2016, it was expected that they would join forces with their fellow Republican lawmakers as local Democrats who preceded them had done for years. Thank you for reading! Please log in, or sign up for a new account and purchase a subscription to... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
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 Volvo Cars on Wednesday became the first mainstream automaker to sound the death knell of the internal combustion engine, saying that all the models it introduces starting in 2019 will be either hybrids or powered solely by batteries. The decision is the boldest commitment by any major car company to... - [New York Times](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**Lancaster County residents owe Pa. Turnpike over \\$300K, could face suspended licences in August under new law**](#)
 The PA Turnpike Commission warns the 10,611 motorists with overdue toll violations and invoices that they could risk having their motor-vehicle registrations suspended if they don't pay their dues. A new law that suspends the licenses of drivers who don't pay is scheduled... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**Drivers from Bucks, Montgomery counties top list of turnpike toll scofflaws**](#)
 Drivers from Bucks and Montgomery counties are the state's worst offenders when it comes to paying Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls. The counties also have seven of the top turnpike interchanges with the highest number of violations — including No. 1, Neshaminy Falls in... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**More than 200 state highway bridges prone to erosion from surging waters slated for repairs or replacement**](#)
 Scouting for evidence of erosion, the primary danger facing California's highway bridges, is a life's work for Kevin Flora. On a recent weekday morning, the state Department of Transportation engineer gunned the outboard motor of an inflatable skiff and scooted over... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**Chester County residents who owe Pa. Turnpike face suspended licenses**](#)
 Motorists traveling the Pennsylvania Turnpike who have overdue toll violations will have their motor vehicle registrations suspended if they don't pay up in the next couple of weeks. A new law, Act 165 which takes effect Aug. 4, provides tolling agencies much stronger enforcement measures to ensure motorists pay tolls, according... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**Pennsylvania Turnpike Launches Toll Amnesty Program**](#)
 If you owe back tolls and fees to the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, now is the time to make good. A month-long "partial amnesty" program began Wednesday. A bill signed into law last year allows PennDOT to suspend the vehicle registrations of anyone with six or more outstanding toll violations or... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**Repeat Pa. Turnpike violators, each owing \\$1.6k on average, could fill Giant Center**](#)
 10,611 drivers have wracked up an average of \$1,611 per person in violations on the Pennsylvania Turnpike, according to data from The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. The capacity of Hershey's Giant Center, which hosts events including concerts and Hershey Bears hockey games, is 10,500.... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 07-06-2017 [**SEPTA's trolley tunnel to be closed for repairs**](#)
 Trolleys will not operate east of 40th Street from 10 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday, July 17, SEPTA said. Routes 10, 11, 13, 34 and 36 will begin and end their routes at 40th and Market Streets during that

period. Riders should use the Market-Frankford Line for the rest of their trips to... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Price for New York-New Jersey rail tunnel rises to \\$12.9B](#)

A project to build a new rail tunnel between New York and New Jersey has a new, higher price tag - and continued questions over who will pay for it... - [AP](#)

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[PA Turnpike alerts motorists to new law for toll violators and...](#)

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[Air-traffic control reform plan just creates a new bureaucracy](#)

In June, President Trump announced a plan to reform the nation's air traffic control system. As usual, the president's claims were grandiose and his details were lacking. What we actually got was an endorsement of legislation that was passed last week by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which is led... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Modernization of air-traffic control system is long overdue](#)

More than 3.4 million Americans were expected to take to the skies over the July Fourth holiday, and turbulence was a given. With such a surge in traffic, congestion and delays that leave passengers holed up in crowded, outdated airports are inevitable. But this could be... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Dude, where's my ride? SEPTA invests in real-time data](#)

This month, SEPTA expects to begin making good on a promise to give riders more accurate information on where their ride is, and when it will show up. The changes, which will continue through 2018, should make it easier for riders to plan their days, and will provide SEPTA with deep analytics that... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Gas-utility restoration boom triggers trench warfare](#)

A hydraulic excavator clawed a 7-foot-deep trench down the center of Lafayette Street in Norristown the other day, creating a void where Rich Brunner's crew was busy installing a 12-inch-diameter natural-gas main. "I've been in the industry for 16 years, and I've never seen... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

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[Sharpsburg, Etna collaborating to beautify while reducing impact of water runoff](#)

From gray to green, the Route 28 entrance to Sharpsburg will get a makeover that welcomes visitors and lessens the impact of water runoff on the borough's storm water system. Sharpsburg and Etna are collaborating on the gateway project to beautify the entrance near the 62nd Street Bridge. Improvements are expected to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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[Not just toys: More companies seeing drones in their corporate vision](#)

Dave King spent nearly half a year commuting back and forth to Cincinnati to conduct solo airplane flights and earn a pilot's license, but these days when he flies, his feet remain firmly on the ground. Mr. King pilots drones. Mr. King, who assembled his first do-it-yourself octocopter in 2010, is the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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[Fleeing the Strip's parking issues, company heads to the North Hills](#)

At a time when lots of companies are moving into the Strip District, one is moving out. After 30 years in the Strip, West Penn Finance Service Center Inc. has traded the grit and the parking hassles for brand new digs in the suburbs of Ross. West Penn moved into a 13,000-square-foot building at 2250 Babcock... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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[CMU professor co-chairs truck safety National Academies committee](#)

As Americans hit the highways for vacation, they're sharing the road with hundreds of thousands of trucks. Some of these trucks are owned and operated by large companies, others by smaller carriers. The federal government's systems for tracking data on the roughly... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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- 07-05-2017 [Erie City Council resolution urges support for new airline service](#)
 Erie City Council could be ready to urge a Tennessee-based airline to bring service to the region. A resolution on council's Wednesday meeting agenda “welcomes, encourages and supports the development of air traffic routes between Erie and Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Baltimore” via Southern Airways Express,... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-05-2017 [After Years of Growth, Automakers Are Cutting U.S. Jobs](#)
 After a prolonged recovery that culminated in two years of record sales, the American auto industry is slowing down, with fewer buyers in dealer showrooms and fewer workers on the factory floor. Automakers said this week that sales dropped in June for a sixth... - [New York Times](#)
- 07-05-2017 [Editorial: In support of Pennsylvania infrastructure](#)
 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.... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 07-05-2017 [State announces reconstruction on bridges in Chester, Montgomery counties](#)
 Construction is scheduled to begin this month on an improvement project to rehabilitate nine structurally deficient bridges in Chester and Montgomery counties. Among those bridges slated for reconstruction are: • Quakertown Road over Macoby Creek in Upper Hanover Township,... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 07-05-2017 [SEPTA Changing Regional Rail Fare Collection](#)
 SEPTA is changing how some Regional Rail fares are collected. Conductors are going to resume checking tickets on board regional rail trains on weekday evenings from five central stations. The conductors stopped doing that last summer during the Silverliner outage.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 07-05-2017 [A Technological Path to the Road Less Taken](#)
 On this, the official day of our great nation's birth, I think it appropriate to discuss something 37.5 million red-blooded, true-blue Americans will have done sometime in the last five days. No, not watch fireworks. And no, not try to set a YouTube viewing record for some... - [State College News](#)
- 07-05-2017 [Sayre: Committee discussing added safety feature at some intersections](#)
 SAYRE -- The Sayre Borough Council Administration Committee has recently begun discussions that could lead to the purchase of a new device that would be aimed at improving safety at certain intersections within the municipality. The device is a stop sign LED sheeting, which would be placed over stop... - [Sayre Morning](#)
- 07-05-2017 [Warehouses, health care drive local economic growth](#)
 Franklin County is home to more trucks and more elderly. The growth of jobs in warehousing and in health care is assured for the immediate future. Warehousing/transportation has been fastest growing sector of the county economy. Summit Health recently surpassed Letterkenny... - [Chambersburg Public Opinion](#)
- 07-05-2017 [DEP accepting grant applications](#)
 State Rep. Frank Burns is advising entities within the 72nd Legislative District that the state Department of Environmental Protection is accepting grant applications for innovative, advanced fuel and vehicle technology projects that produce cleaner advanced alternative transportation within... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
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 The Pennsylvania Turnpike will give its top toll scofflaws a month to pay up without fees before it begins action to suspend motor vehicle registrations for those who continue to avoid tolls. The turnpike announced Wednesday it has sent notices to 10,611 motorists... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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- 07-05-2017 [Turnpike: 10,500-plus drivers could have vehicle registrations suspended](#)
 The Pennsylvania Turnpike is warning that some 10,500-plus drivers who combined owe more than \$17.1 million in unpaid invoices and violations could have their vehicle registrations suspended if they do not pay before Aug. 4. The suspensions are possible under legislation passed last year and the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 07-03-2017 [Drugged drivers becoming as prevalent as drunken drivers](#)
 The good news is impaired driving is causing fewer fatalities on Pennsylvania roads than in past decades. The bad new is an increasing number of drivers stopped for DUI are impaired by drugs rather than alcohol, even though drunken driving remains more deadly.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-03-2017 [Tesla says its Model 3 car will go on sale on Friday](#)
 NEW YORK (AP) - Electric car maker Tesla says its keenly awaited Model 3 car for the masses will go on sale on Friday... - [AP](#)
- 07-03-2017 [Fireworks safety stressed for 4th of July celebrations](#)
 With the Fourth of July just days away, the Wolf Administration is urging Pennsylvanians to keep fireworks safety and laws in mind. Fireworks used improperly can result in serious injury. Fireworks can also cause fires and other damage to homes and property, as well as liability... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 07-03-2017 [Dunmore plans large paving project](#)
 The borough plans to repave segments of as many as 15 streets this year for about \$1.5 million, in the first planned large road repair project since Dunmore paved Elmhurst Boulevard in 2013. The borough is accepting bids for the work until July 14 and council will... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 07-03-2017 [Wilkes-Barre bike helmet program expanding to Scranton](#)
 A program to distribute bicycle helmets in Wilkes-Barre is a decade old, and it's now expanding to Scranton. The Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn Fund for Children's Advocacy — or HKQ Kids — has distributed helmets for children 12 and younger since 2008. The organization will once again distribute helmets to children from 11... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 07-02-2017 [A history of sharing the road](#)
 Ask any 2-year-old: Sharing is really important, but it is also really hard. No matter their age, human beings find that one of the most difficult problems they face is coming to fair agreements about the apportionment of shared resources. Basically, politics is the way we manage the business of... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-02-2017 [Port Authority problems with fare equipment dates to January](#)
 Port Authority's decision to delay cashless fares on the light-rail system dates back to software problems that developed after it changed its fare policy in January. David Donahoe, the authority's interim CEO, said Friday that the problems with existing machines have to be solved before supplier Scheidt &... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-02-2017 [Groups press Port Authority to change plans for armed officers on T](#)
 Their message was clear: For more than 90 minutes Friday, speaker after speaker told the Port Authority why its plan to use armed police officers to enforce fare payment on the light rail system later this year is a bad idea. More than 30 speakers cited fear of officers using racial profiling when... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 07-02-2017 [Canadian airline to end Toronto-Pittsburgh flights](#)
 Toronto-based Porter Airlines will end its service between Pittsburgh and the airline's home base at Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport later this year, airport officials said. Since Sept. 21, 2015, Porter had offered two flights a day from Pittsburgh International Airport to Toronto City Airport, which is 1.5 miles from... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 07-02-2017 [**Drivers who text and cause serious harm could face stiffer sentences in Pennsylvania**](#)
 Pennsylvania is expected to start imposing stiffer sentences next year on motorists convicted of vehicular homicide or aggravated vehicular assault for crashes that occurred while they were texting or driving in work zones. Because the changes wouldn't take effect until Jan. 1, they wouldn't apply... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**Subsidy elimination proposal endangers flights between Pittsburgh, rural destinations**](#)
 The proposed elimination of a federal subsidy for rural airport service could jeopardize other, non-subsidized flights from a Memphis company that's made Pittsburgh a hub, its COO said. Southern Airways Express provides service connecting Pittsburgh International Airport to Johnstown, Altoona, Franklin/Oil City, Harrisburg,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**Overlooked transportation wish: Unravel Pittsburgh's Gordian knot**](#)
 Realizing genuine improvements for commuters takes time, effort and money — and isn't easier when a transportation wish list virtually ignores bigger, underlying problems. Westmoreland County Community College hosted a recent discussion of Imagine Transportation 2.0, a 50-item wish list from the 10-county Regional... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**SEPTA fare hike starts Saturday**](#)
 Across-the-board fare increases proposed earlier this year go into effect on Saturday. The increases affect all modes and payment methods in transit system. Among the major changes: - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**Letters to the Editor - July 1, 2017**](#)
 Editor: My wife and I recently completed an interaction with the Lackawanna County Land Bank. For the past eight years we had tried in vain to obtain possession of a vacant lot that borders our property. The lot, at 211 N. Cameron Ave., once supported a single dwelling. This home was abandoned approximately eight... - [Scranton Times](#)
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 The U.S. Coast Guard and its partner agencies will have a greater presence on the water this weekend as part of a national awareness and enforcement campaign aimed at curbing boating under the influence. Coast Guard units and partner agencies across the Great Lakes will conduct... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**Boback's bill aims to help kids stuck in hot cars**](#)
 HARRISBURG — A bill that would give Good Samaritans immunity from a lawsuit if they damaged a vehicle to prevent injury and death of children trapped in hot... - [Bloomsburg Press Enterprise](#)
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 The story line is that President Donald Trump has no respect for the judiciary and the separation of powers, but lately the reverse has been more nearly the case. Some in the judiciary have seemed to think they can boss the executive and legislative branches around no matter what the law... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**Uber no longer picking up at LVIA**](#)
 If you were hoping your next flight into Lehigh Valley International Airport would end with a hassle-free ride home from Uber, you'd better make other plans. As of 2 p.m. Friday, the ride-sharing company removed LVIA from its mobile app over new rules imposed by airport officials. Drivers were told that... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**Altered travel ban reveals America to be a cowardly, bad neighbor**](#)
 Last week, the highest court in our land approved a temporary ban on the entry of refugees into the United States. While the justices implemented some limitations on the original travel ban executive order, they also allowed for a partial implementation, which will... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 07-02-2017 [**In New Jersey, transportation can drive you crazy | Mulshine**](#)
 Back in February, I was returning from vacation when I tried to get an NJ Transit train home out of Newark Airport. I soon found out that, due to poor scheduling, there were no trains in the afternoon or early evening on the North Jersey Coast Line that connected to the actual Jersey Coast, the... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 06-30-2017 [**SEPTA Adds Service for July 4th Celebration on the Parkway**](#)

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- 06-30-2017 [**Record number of drivers urged to be cautious over extended July 4 holiday weekend**](#)
Whether it's driving to visit friends and relatives or celebrating at home, the watchwords for the July 4th holiday are the same: Be safe. That may be more important than ever this year during the longer-than-normal holiday period, with many workers taking off Friday and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**Police: Man was texting and driving when caused crash on Liberty Bridge**](#)
Pittsburgh police said a Fayette County man was texting and driving when he caused a wrong-way crash that critically injured four people in April on the Liberty Bridge. Richard Lee Hauschel II, 32, of Brownsville was charged Tuesday with aggravated assault, recklessly endangering another person and other... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**Senate committee backs aviation bill minus key Donald Trump goal on privatizing air traffic control**](#)
WASHINGTON — A Republican-led Senate committee on Thursday backed an aviation bill that omits one of President Donald Trump's goals — turning air traffic control operations over to a private company. The legislation would increase spending for airport improvements and would... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**Parents of children with dyslexia win battle to get audio version of drivers manual**](#)
Kathleen Hartos of Bethel Park has been working with dyslexic students for years. But it wasn't until she was working with a longtime student who was preparing to take his driver's exam, she did not realize how hard it was for him to absorb and understand Pennsylvania's driving laws.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**Less chaos expected at airports as new Donald Trump travel ban takes effect**](#)
WASHINGTON — A scaled-back version of President Donald Trump's travel ban took effect Thursday evening, stripped of provisions that brought protests and chaos at airports worldwide in January yet still expected to generate a new round of court fights... - [AP](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**Laurels & Lances**](#)
Laurel: To the Shop 'n Save Westmoreland County Airshow. Last weekend's two-day event was a fine tribute to the late Arnold Palmer at his namesake airport, offering displays of his personal golf cart and plane. Estimated crowds of 25,000 on Saturday and 50,000 on Sunday — when an estimated... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**3.5 million vehicles expected to hit the turnpike over July 4th stretch**](#)
An expected 3.5 million vehicles are projected to use the Pennsylvania Turnpike during the Independence Day holiday, which for many travelers begins Friday. Truck driver Paul Hershberger said he will work during much of the weekend. "Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day are the three biggies... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**Man accused of texting and driving in Liberty Bridge crash that injured newborn and family**](#)
A Fayette County man was texting when his car crossed into the wrong lane of the Liberty Bridge and crashed into a family headed home with their newborn son, according to a criminal complaint filed Thursday. Pittsburgh police charged Richard Lee Hauschel II, 32, of Brownsville with... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**Travel ban takes effect but less chaos expected**](#)
WASHINGTON (AP) - A scaled-back version of President Donald Trump's travel ban took effect Thursday evening, stripped of provisions that brought protests and chaos at airports worldwide in January yet still likely to generate a new round of court fights... - [AP](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**15 highlights of what's in the \\$32 billion agreed-to state budget plan**](#)
The Senate and House will vote Friday on a proposed \$32 billion general fund budget for 2017-18 that Republican and Democratic leaders crafted with Gov. Tom Wolf's administration. It includes some pleasant funding surprises for some and possibly not-so-pleasant ones for others compared to the \$31.5 billion spending plan... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

- 06-30-2017 [**8 weeks of repairs scheduled for part of I-81 in Schuylkill County**](#)
Look for single-lane traffic on Interstate 81 heading north in Schuylkill County, as scheduled road work will slow vehicles on the highway for several weeks. Concrete repair work on I-81 in is slated to begin July 9

and run for about eight weeks, PennDOT said in a news release Thursday. The work will take... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

- 06-30-2017 [Pa. drivers among the rudest in the country \(column\)](#)
On the one hand, tell us something we didn't know. On the other, we were robbed, victims of a grave injustice that can never, ever be righted – a scar on the soul of our commonwealth that we shall carry with us to the grave and beyond. Of course, I'm talking about a recent survey that concluded that... - [York Daily](#)
- 06-30-2017 [Record number of travelers expected to hit road for July Fourth holiday](#)
Does this wallet make me look fat? Motorists may ask themselves that question after saving money when filling gas tanks over the July Fourth holiday. TODAY'S SPONSOR: Gas prices have not been this low for Independence Day since 2005, said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst at GasBuddy, a company that... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 06-30-2017 [State police plan DUI checkpoints in region through upcoming holiday](#)
State police from the Hamburg, Jonestown and Schuylkill Haven stations plan sobriety checkpoints starting as early as Friday night in their patrol regions. The areas targeted for systemic checks on motorists have high incidences of DUI arrests and alcohol-related crashes, authorities said. The goal is to... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 06-30-2017 [Record-breaking number of travelers expected over Independence Day holiday](#)
If you're planning a road trip for the Fourth of July holiday, you'll have plenty of company on area roadways. Travel agency AAA is predicting that a record-breaking number of Americans will travel 50 miles or more away from home over the holiday, taking to the... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 06-30-2017 [EDITORIAL Get on with the Mon-Fayette Expressway extension](#)
Plans to extend the Mon-Fayette Expressway have been on the drawing board since, oh, the Peloponnesian War. OK, maybe not that far back. Plans were drawn up probably just after the Jamestown Colony was founded in Virginia in the early 1600s. No matter when the idea first germinated to lengthen the Mon-Fayette... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-30-2017 ['You cut her in half': Texting DUI driver gets no break on prison term for killing pedestrian](#)
A state appeals court has refused to reduce the 13- to 26-year prison sentence of a drunken driver who was texting when he struck a pedestrian so hard the impact tore her body apart. And Jose Santiago didn't stop after he struck 62-year-old Anna Lewis in March of 2015, Judge Carl A. Solano noted in the Superior Court opinion... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 06-30-2017 [Cuomo Declares a State of Emergency for New York City Subways](#)
Day after day, subway riders in New York City have voiced a steady drumbeat of grievances as the century-old system has descended into disarray. Trains are unreliable. Rush hour malfunctions paralyze the city. When a train derailed in Manhattan this week, injuring dozens of people, it raised... - [New York Times](#)
- 06-30-2017 [Saracini act back on the table to honor Lower Makefield pilot, boost airline safety](#)
Pennsylvania legislators are applauding airplane safety action taken in U.S. Senate and House committees. Both committees told the Federal Aviation Administration to require aircraft manufacturers to install "secondary cockpit barriers" on new planes while setting the agency's budget and policy focuses this week.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 06-30-2017 [Pennsylvania Turnpike expects 3.5 million motorists for July 4 weekend](#)
BUCKS COUNTY – The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission expects 3.5 million motorists for the July 4 weekend. Turnpike officials define the July 4 weekend as Friday through Wednesday. And they expect Friday to be the most heavily traveled day with about 750,000 vehicles, said turnpike spokesman Carl DeFebo Jr.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 06-30-2017 [SEPTA fare increases to go into effect Saturday](#)
Starting Saturday, SEPTA will increase fares across its transportation system for all riders except senior citizens age 65 and older. The fare hikes will help SEPTA fund its \$1.45 billion operating budget, which provides for the operational expenses, including labor, fuel and... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)

- 06-30-2017 [Interstate 95 paving project in Bucks County to start Thursday, end in 2018](#)
Interstate 95 will be repaved from the Philadelphia County line to the Yardley-Newtown interchange, with work starting Thursday. The 13 miles of paving will encompass four townships — Bristol, Bensalem, Middletown and Lower Makefield, said PennDOT spokesman Brad E.... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 06-30-2017 [PennDOT to share Pine Grove bridge replacement project](#)
PennDOT is pitching an upcoming bridge replacement in Pine Grove Township. A release from PennDOT spokesperson Jim Carroll on Thursday said that PennDOT will be inviting “the public to a meeting concerning the replacement of the bridge on Township Road 568 (Egypt Hollow Road) over... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 06-30-2017 [Penn DOT: Night work on I-180](#)
Both eastbound and westbound lanes of Interstate 180 at the Faxon Interchange will have night paving next week. The state Department of Transportation will be contracting work for paving from July 5 to 7. There will be single lane closures between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. on those days.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 06-30-2017 [SEPTA fare hikes go into effect Saturday](#)
PHILADELPHIA >> You’re going to have a dig a little deeper to ride SEPTA starting Saturday. The fare hikes approved by the SEPTA board in May as part of a \$1.45 billion operating budget take effect July 1. Electronic card or token single ride fares will increase from \$1.80 to \$2;... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 06-30-2017 [Groups ask Port Authority not to enforce cashless fares with armed officers](#)
Several groups are ramping up efforts to protest the Port Authority of Allegheny County’s plans to use armed police officers who can issue criminal citations to enforce cashless light-rail fares. More than 30 transit riders affiliated with Pittsburghers for Public... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-30-2017 [LVA becoming precheck central](#)
With fewer than 60,000 passengers a month, Lehigh Valley International Airport will never be confused with Chicago’s O’Hare Airport, but it’s developing quite a following for people enrolling in the Transportation Security Administration’s precheck program. The TSA has added a third week of precheck enrollment, from July 24-28,... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)