

PMHA Legislative Review

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Harrisburg Happenings Compliments of Milliron & Goodman:

Here is a look at some of the noteworthy highlights over the past month:

The Pennsylvania Department of State announced that its professional licensing waivers issued under the COVID-19 disaster declaration will begin to expire in several phases starting August 17. Under Act 21 of 2021, all waived and suspended regulations initiated because of the COVID-19 disaster emergency declaration will expire on September 30, 2021, unless terminated sooner.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) announced that Pennsylvania was awarded more than \$1.2 million in federal funding to support work towards better health, well-being, and long-term outcomes for pregnant and parenting families of young children. The Wolf Administration also announced Pennsylvania's intent to extend the postpartum coverage period to one-year for mothers eligible for Medicaid because of their pregnancy. The Medicaid postpartum coverage period for mothers to one year following the birth of a baby. The Medicaid postpartum coverage period for mothers is currently 60-days following the birth of a baby. This will allow thousands of birthing parents to continue to access physical and behavioral health care necessary to keep themselves healthy and their families on a path to good health and well-being. Medicaid was the primary payer in Pennsylvania in about 53 percent of pregnancy-associated deaths and nearly 60 percent of all pregnancy-associated deaths came between six weeks and one year after giving birth, largely outside of the current 60-day limitation on coverage.

For the second consecutive year, Pennsylvania has been nationally recognized with the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool, or EPEAT, Purchaser Award for its commitment to preserving the environment through the purchase of nearly 67,400 units of sustainable electronics. In total 43 percent of the commonwealth's Computers & Displays, Digital Imaging Equipment and Mobile Phones achieved an EPEAT Gold status rating, 56 percent Silver and 1 percent Bronze.

Pennsylvania will receive \$1.6 billion in one-time pandemic relief to support the safe and sustained return to in-person learning after the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) approved Pennsylvania's American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) plan.

President Biden joined Governor Wolf at Mack Trucks manufacturing facility in Macungie, Lehigh County, to highlight the president's plan to Buy American and support jobs for American workers.

Penn's Parks For All, a strategic plan to move Pennsylvania's state parks forward, was launched.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force sent a letter to the Pennsylvania General Assembly, Congressional delegation, and county and local officials asking them to support vaccination efforts.

The Departments of Health and Education released recommendations to families and schools to help safely prepare for in-person teaching and learning. During a recent hearing, Acting Health Secretary Beam said, "At this time, we support a universal masking requirement in K-12 settings as a critical layer to facilitating safe, full-time, in-person learning." She added: "We're asking the school districts to actually implement these recommendations, but at this time, there is not a plan to mandate the masking requirement in schools because decisions of such magnitude are not made in a pure public health vacuum."

Governor Wolf joined the Pennsylvania State Police to announce the launch of a new electronic database for use by law enforcement agencies in the hiring of law enforcement officers in Pennsylvania.

Lawmakers joined Penn State University (PSU) athletes, university leadership to celebrate Act 26 of 2021, which allows collegiate athletes to profit from their name, image, and likeness (NIL).

Pittsburgh International Airport became the first airport in the world to be completely powered by its own microgrid.

Below please find the fall session schedule dates for both chambers. With the budget complete, the state Senate will return to session on Monday, **September 20**, and the state House will return to session on Monday, **September 27**.

House Scheduled Session Days

September: 27, 28, 29

October: 4, 5, 6, 25, 26, 27

November: 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

December: 13, 14, 15

Senate Scheduled Session Days

September: 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29

October: 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

November: 15, 16, 17

December: 13, 14, 15

COVID-19

All Covid restrictions, except masks, in the Commonwealth was lifted on May 31. The state is currently following the new CDC masking recommendation, meaning fully vaccinated people can stop wearing masks outdoors in crowds and inside in most situations. Businesses have the option to require masks. Most state agencies are finally bringing their employees back into the offices, though many are allowing employees that wish to continue to work remotely to do so.

Advocacy

Let us know who you know! We will be updating our files to identify the new congressional districts. Do you have a current relationship with your legislator? Let us know by filling out an Industry Action Network form? If you don't, and would like to develop one, let us know and we will help.

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Acts of Interest to the Factory-Built Housing Industry:

ACT 1 – 2021 (SB 109) Amends the Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, repealing provisions relating to Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. Effective immediately, February 5, 2021.

Act 43 of 2021 (HB 957) Amends the Municipality Authorities Act to enable the owner of a property with multiple units, which is served by a single water meter, to periodically request the authority to adjust the amount billed if it is determined the amount billed exceeds actual usage by 30% or more. In order to determine actual usage, the owner would be required to show a minimum of five consecutive years of actual usage data. If the usage data shows that an adjustment is needed, the authority shall adjust the billing and use the adjusted amount going forward. However, in calculating the new amount, the authority may include up to 10% over the actual amount used. After the initial adjustment, the property owner may not request another adjustment for five years after the adjustment is complete. Effective August 30, 2021.

Act 44 of 2021 (House Bill 1024) Revises the Medical Marijuana Act, which was signed into law in 2016. Specifically, it protects patient safety standards and product quality of Pennsylvania's medical marijuana program while empowering the Medical Marijuana Advisory Board to continue to consider new medical conditions for eligibility. It will also retain certain flexibilities enacted under the state's COVID-19 disaster declaration that patients and dispensaries found convenient.

Act 50-2021 (HB 621) Newly enacted legislation will increase access to 5G technology by providing uniform regulation of small wireless facilities, which could be as small as a backpack and attach to existing utility poles. This will accelerate high-speed deployment while protecting local rights-of-way.

Act 57 of 2021 (SB 147) Amends the Workers Compensation Act to require employers who have a certified safety committee as part of their workers' compensation program to include information about the risks associated with the use of opioids. Currently, employers may receive a discount of 5% on their workers' compensation insurance premium if they establish a certified safety committee within their workplace. Safety committees are to be developed for the purpose of hazard detection and accident protection. An employer must provide annual verification to the Department of Labor and Industry that the safety committee continues to operate and meet the certification requirements.

An employer would need to share material with employees about the risks associated with the use of opioids as part of their safety committee in order to be certified and receive the discount. The Department has until July 22, 2021 to develop and provide employers with resources and effective date for employers to comply is October 28.

PMHA is monitoring the following legislation....

HB 23/PN 125 (Helm/R-Dauphin) Amends the Tax Reform Code providing for mechanical insulation installation tax credit. Provides \$5 million each fiscal year for the tax credit. The tax credit shall be equal to no more than 30 percent of the total capital investment for the installation of mechanical insulation on a commercial or industrial property. Provides for what capital investment includes and its application. Provides a qualified taxpayer may claim a tax credit against the qualified tax liability for the taxable year in which the capital investment was made. The tax credit

may be applied against up to 50 percent of the qualified taxpayer's qualified tax liability for the taxable year. A tax credit awarded may not be sold, assigned or transferred, nor carried back, carried forward or used to obtain a refund. Provides for a report of the tax credits to the General Assembly.

Status: Finance
Position: Support

HB 37/PN 1019 (Brown/R-Monroe) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, providing for learners' permits and

examination; and, in rules of the road, prohibiting text-based communications and use of interactive wireless communications devices and imposing penalties. Requires a person under the age of 18 to view educational materials provided on the department's publicly accessible internet website on the dangers of distracted driving, which may include, but are not limited to, written, electronic or video materials. Provides that the portion of the examination 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. Prohibits a driver from operating a motor vehicle on a highway or trafficway in the commonwealth while physically using an interactive wireless communications device to send, read or write a text-based communication. Further prohibits a driver from operating a motor vehicle on a highway or trafficway in the commonwealth while physically holding or supporting with their body an interactive wireless communications device, unless the motor vehicle is parked on the side or shoulder of a highway or trafficway in the commonwealth where the motor vehicle is safely able to remain stationary. Amends the definition of "interactive wireless communications device" to clarify a mobile or a hand-held radio can be used by a person with an amateur radio license issued by the Federal Communications Commission. Further provides that a person who violates the subsection shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 upon conviction.

Status: 9/27/21 House Calendar
Position: No position

HB 42/PN 21 (Grove/R-York) The Commonwealth Fraud Prevention and COVID- 19 Related Liability Act provides for liability for false claims; adoption of the Federal False Claims Act; damages; costs; civil penalties; power of the Attorney General; civil investigative demands; and for COVID-19- related liability. The provisions relating to COVID-19- related liability shall take effect immediately and the remainder of the act shall take effect in 120 days.

Status: Judiciary
Position: No position

HB 72/PN 48 (Keefer/R-Cumberland) Amends the Regulatory Review Act providing for review of proposed regulations and procedures of review for final-form and final-omitted regulations and providing for concurrent resolution required for economically significant regulations. Requires the General Assembly to vote on a concurrent resolution to approve an economically significant regulation in order for that regulation to go into effect.

Status: 5/04/21 passed House 108-93,
Senate Inter-Governmental Operations
Position: No position

HB 112/PN 80 (Miller, Dan/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, providing for digitized driver's licenses. The bill establishes that a digitized driver's license shall serve the same purpose and have the same effect as any other driver's license. A digitized driver's license shall supplement and not replace a physical version of a driver's license.

Status: Transportation
Position: No position

HB 136/PN 101 (Rothman/R-Cumberland) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in preliminary provisions, providing for rent and price control. The bill prohibits political subdivisions from enacting, maintaining or enforcing an ordinance, rule or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property; the effect of establishing a maximum sales price for a privately-produced housing unit or residential building lot; or the effect of prohibiting or limiting the right of a landlord, owner, or agent from declining to enter into a new lease contract at the end of the current lease contract's term. The bill further provides that a political subdivision may enact, maintain or enforce any zoning regulation, requirement or condition of development imposed by land use or zoning ordinance that requires the direct or indirect allocation of a percentage of existing or newly constructed private residential or commercial rental units for long-term retention as affordable housing or workforce housing.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: Support

HB 160/PN 128 (Mullery/D-Luzerne) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for municipal permit denial if the applicant owns real property with a delinquency in real property taxes or municipal charges or for failure to abate a serious violation of state law or code on real property within the municipality that is owned by a limited liability corporation or a principal of a limited liability corporation incorporated inside or outside of the commonwealth. Provides that a limited liability corporation or a principal shall disclose in writing at the submission of an application any delinquencies in real property taxes or municipal charges or for failure to abate a

serious violation of state law or code on any real property within the municipality. Establishes that a failure to disclose shall result in a \$500 fine payable to the municipality.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 186/PN 154 (Causer/R-McKean) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for power of governor during emergency. The bill establishes a combination of vehicles which is hauling milk to or from a milk plant or to or from a dairy farm, or is traveling to a dairy farm to pick up milk, may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and in the event of a declared national, state or local emergency unless it is specifically stated in a proclamation or executive order. Requires decals issued by the Milk Marketing Board to be placed on any milk truck that is exempted.

Status: 5/11/21 Senate Calendar
Position: No Position

HB 198/PN 164 (Dunbar/R-Westmoreland) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, providing for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2020, and prior to January 1, 2022, net loss deduction shall be 100 percent of taxable income. Provides that the 60 percent deduction can only be used for losses incurred for the taxable year beginning after December 31, 2019, and prior to January 1, 2021.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 243/PN 202 (Warren/D-Bucks) Amends the Tax Reform Code adding a new article establishing a commuter and commerce toll tax credit. Provides a taxpayer that incurs qualified toll expense in a taxable year may apply for a tax credit. Further provides a qualified taxpayer shall receive a tax credit for the taxable year in the amount of 50 percent, not to exceed \$500 of the taxpayer's total qualified toll expense for the taxable year. Also provides for carryover, carryback, refund, and assignment of credit; definitions; and

regulations. The addition of the new article shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 251/PN 222 (Owlett/R-Bradford)

Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, excluding from the act a pre-engineered and prefabricated cabin intended for recreational purposes on a campground which is: (1) delivered to a campground and placed as an already-completed structure; (2) utilized only for recreational activity by the general public; (3) not utilized as a domicile or residence for an individual for any time period; (4) not greater than one story in height; (5) not greater than 750 square feet in total area, not including deck or porch areas that are an integral part of prefabrication; (6) equipped with at least one smoke detector, one fire extinguisher and one carbon monoxide detector in both the kitchen and sleeping quarters; and (7) installed in accordance with pre-engineered and prefabricated assembly instructions.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: Opposed, offered acceptable language, and denied.

HB 257/PN 228 (Grove/R-York) Amends the Regulatory Review Act regarding the classification of documents. Provides if a regulated entity finds that a published or unpublished document should be promulgated as a regulation, the entity may present the matter to the Joint Committee on Documents. Requires the joint committee to determine whether the document should be promulgated as a regulation and provides the joint committee may order an agency to either promulgate the document as a regulation within 180 days or to desist from the use of the document in the business of the agency.

Status: State Government
Position: No Position

HB 288/PN 254 (O'Neal/R-Washington) The State Agency Regulatory Compliance Officer Act provides for regulatory compliance. Each agency shall designate an employee as the agency's regulatory compliance officer and empower that officer to develop agency policies and initiatives to further the purpose of this act, issue opinions, establish guidelines, request information or advice,

and establish channels of communication. Each agency shall report annually to the General Assembly.

Status: 5/04/21 passed House 106-95,
Senate Inter-Governmental
Position: No Position

HB 302/PN 271 (Diamond/R-Lebanon) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania prohibiting the taxation of real property. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 305/PN 274 (Diamond/R-Lebanon) Amends the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority Act, in optional sales and use tax, providing for a Philadelphia sales and use tax of 0.32 percent. Provisions regarding publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin are effective immediately and the remainder is effective upon publication of the notice.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 306/PN 275 (Diamond/R-Lebanon) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles and in licensing of drivers, providing that no person will not be convicted with failure to produce a vehicle's registration, title or with failure to produce a valid operating license if fewer than 30 days have elapsed from the expiration of those documents and if that individual produces the documents within 10 days at a headquarters of the police officer who demanded to see those documents, unless the individual is charged with another offense committed at the same time and place. The act is further providing that it does not apply to an owner operating one's own motor vehicle after the expiration of a valid certificate of inspection who is heading for an appointment for inspection if they are charged with another offense at the same time and place.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 307/PN 276 (Diamond/R-Lebanon) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sale & use tax, providing for imposition of tax and for

computation of tax, repealing provisions relating to exclusions from tax and for alternate imposition of tax and credits; and providing for special taxing authority. Removes all exceptions and exclusions to the Sales and Use Tax and reduces the statewide Sales and Use Tax rate from 6 percent to 1.9 percent. Section 5 of this act shall take effect immediately, and the remainder of this act shall take effect upon publication of this notice.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 310/PN 284 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny) Amends the Insurance Company Law, in automobile insurance issuance, renewal, cancellation and refusal, providing that an insurer may not take into account any accident involving a motor vehicle for which the applicant was not determined by the police or an insurer for any of the parties involved in the accident to be primarily at fault for the accident when determining an applicant's premium for a new policy, eligibility for a premium discount or preferential premium category.

Status: Insurance
Position: No Position

HB 325/PN 299 (Greiner/R-Lancaster) Amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)), in powers and duties, providing that licensed professionals may receive advice from licensing boards concerning the meaning or interpretation of an act or regulation pertaining to the license.

Status: 3/24/21 passed House 201-0,
Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
Position: No Position

HB 328/PN 303 (Madden/D-Monroe) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in commonwealth services, providing for rent recovery during the COVID-19 disaster emergency. Establishes that a landlord may not begin eviction proceedings during the COVID-19 disaster emergency for a tenant without implementing a rent repayment plan if the tenant provides certain specified documentation. Provides for the amount of the payment and conditions under which the landlord may initiate eviction proceedings. Effective immediately.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: Opposed

HB 329/PN 304 (Madden/D-Monroe) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in commonwealth services, prohibiting fees on late or missed rent payments or other similar charges during the COVID-19 disaster emergency. Provides for the prohibition on late fees to expire 12 months after the termination of the COVID-19 disaster emergency. Effective immediately.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: Opposed

HB 330/PN 305 (Madden/D-Monroe) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in organization and jurisdiction of courts of common pleas, providing for housing courts and establishing the eviction diversion mediation program. Provides that the program use a conciliation conference between a landlord and tenant to mediate an agreement to address any asserted residential lease violation and to stabilize the tenancy.

Status: Judiciary
Position: Opposed

HB 334/PN 308 (Jozwiak/R-Berks) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, providing that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation shall issue validating stickers upon renewal of a vehicle registration or if the vehicle had a temporary registration, and the stickers shall be affixed to the registration plate. Establishes that the renewal or completion of a temporary registration shall not be considered validated until the appropriate validation sticker has been attached to the registration plate of the vehicle.

Status: Appropriations
Position: No position

HB 351/PN 325 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act adding a new section making it unlawful for a landlord, during a disaster emergency declared by the governor due to an epidemic or pandemic to evict or attempt to evict a tenant unemployed, separated from employment or unable to find employment as a result of the declaration. Also makes it unlawful for the landlord to enter the leased premises for purposes of showing the premises to prospective buyers or tenants. This section shall only apply to residential leaseholds.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 355/PN 329 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) The Homeowner Harassment Prevention Act requires, at the time of contacting a homeowner, a real estate professional, construction company or other person engaged in acquiring real property for development to identify himself and the intended buyer of the homeowner's real property; prohibits predatory tactics to solicit a homeowner to sell their real property; provides civil penalties for violations; and establishes provisions regarding right of action and vicarious liability.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 363/PN 335 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in recovery of possession, further providing that no lease or rental agreement may contain a provision characterizing any security deposit as nonrefundable.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 370/PN 342 (Davis/D-Allegheny) The Pennsylvania Low-Income Water and Wastewater Assistance Act establishes the Pennsylvania Low-Income Water and Wastewater Assistance Program to provide assistance to low-income households that are at risk of having water supply discontinued due to unpaid water or wastewater bills and establishes the Pennsylvania Low-Income Water and Wastewater Assistance Fund; and confers powers and imposes duties on the Department of Human Services and the auditor general relative to the administration of the program.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 372/PN 344 (Davis/D-Allegheny) The Foreclosed Property Maintenance Act requires the owner of a foreclosed property to register the property with the municipality in which the property is located within seven calendar days of initiating foreclosure proceedings on an application developed by the Department of Community and Economic Development but provided by the municipality or obtained from the department's internet

website. Further requires the owner or responsible party of a foreclosed property to satisfy the requirements for securing and maintaining the property. Provides for maintenance requirements, inspection responsibilities, emergency abatement, municipal maintenance agreement, public records and penalties.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 376/PN 348 (Davis/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in services and facilities, amending the definition of landlord ratepayer to include individuals who collect money from a unit owner or proprietary lessee and then remits that money to a wastewater utility or water distribution utility, including owners of condominiums, cooperatives and planned communities.

Status: 9/27/21, Tabled House Calendar
Position: No Position

HB 377/PN 349 (Davis/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in residential real property, adding a chapter providing for individual dwelling unit water metering.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 381/PN 353 (Davis/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in general provisions relating to home rule and optional plan government, providing that a third class city located in a second class county may establish alternate procedures for the collection of a municipal tax claim or lien and the sale of real property in satisfaction of the claim or lien.

Status: Local Government
Position: No Position

HB 385/PN 357 (Dunbar/R-Westmoreland) Amends the Tax Reform Code adding language providing an exemption for forgiveness of indebtedness granted under the Paycheck Protection Program from the state personal income tax.

Status: 9/27/21, House Calendar
Position: No Position

HB 396/PN 370 (Owlett/R-Bradford) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by

municipalities, providing for a newly hired code administrator to be subject to decisions previously rendered on projects by the board of appeals.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: Support

HB 401/PN 375 (Galloway/D-Bucks) Amends the Construction Workplace Misclassification Act providing that individuals with a written contract that is project-specific and contains a scope of work and time period to perform the services qualify as an independent contractor for worker's and unemployment compensation or improper classification of employee purposes.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 410/PN 383 (Galloway/D-Bucks) The New Home Construction Consumer Protection Act provides safeguards for consumers and contractors during the construction process and requires home builders to register with the attorney general's office and use standardized home construction contracts. The act defines contract fraud in relation to home building. The legislation creates the Home Builder Guaranty Fund which compensates homeowners for losses resulting from contract violations.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: Oppose, does not exempt mfg housing which is already licensed under Board of Vehicle Act.

HB 424/PN 401 (Stephens/R-Montgomery) Amends "An act relating to indemnification agreements between architects, engineers or surveyors and owners, contractors, subcontractors or suppliers" to void any indemnification clauses in construction agreements where one party must accept liability for another party's negligence.

Status: 6/9/21 House Rules
Position: No Position

HB 428/PN 405 (Heffley/R-Carbon) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for municipalities that opt to enforce the Uniform Construction Code by utilizing third-party agencies have at least two or more under contract for administration by

January 1, 2022. The act provides for contract and permit considerations, public disclosure and complaint process. The legislation further provides for first class cities to designate an existing departmental board to act as board of appeals to grant, modify or reject appeals. Effective immediately.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: Support

HB 430/PN 1322,407 (Emrick/R-Northampton) Amends the Local Tax Collection Law providing that a taxing district shall require a tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes within 90 days beginning the first year after the effective date if the taxpayer complies with certain requirements.

Status: 4/21/21, passed House 200-1,
Senate Local Government
Position: Support

HB 475/PN 438 (Deasy/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors by prohibiting the use of a handheld electronic device by a motor vehicle operator while in an active construction zone and establishing a violation as a summary offense.

Status: 4/21/21 passed House 200-1,
Senate Local Government
Position: No Position

HB 481/PN 444 (Howard/D-Chester) Amends PA Construction Code Act in Uniform Construction Code, providing for the Department of Community and Economic Development to promulgate regulations within 180 days of the effective date to require new non-residential buildings to be constructed with the necessary infrastructure to support electronic vehicle charging stations with several power levels in parking lots, commensurate with the number of lots.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 495/PN 458 (Driscoll/D-Philadelphia) The Adjoining Properties Act establishes bonding requirements for contractors performing work on adjoining properties, along with penalties for violations. A contractor performing a home

improvement project or a new home construction project on an adjoining property shall purchase a surety bond of \$500,000 for each adjoining property on which the improvement project or a new construction project is being performed. The bond shall only be used to cover damages to a property caused by a home improvement project or a new home construction project on an adjoining property. Proof of bonding must be submitted to the municipality in which the home improvement project or a new home construction project is being performed. Provides a civil penalty of \$10,000 for the first offense and a civil penalty of \$20,000 for each subsequent offense.

Status: Commerce
Position: No Position

HB 503/PN 465 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property) adding language providing if a builder becomes aware of a construction defect in an improvement to real property constructed or facilitated by the builder, the builder shall notify the owner of the real property. Requires the builder to also notify the owner of any real property for which the builder constructed or facilitated construction of an improvement if the builder has reasonable cause to suspect the existence of a substantially similar construction defect. Also requires the notification to include a description of the construction defect or suspected construction defect, the reason the builder knows or suspects that the construction defect exists, and contact information for the builder. Provides for failure to comply and statute of limitations.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 505/PN 467 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) The Homeowner Cease and Desist List Act provides if the secretary of the commonwealth determines that owners of residential real property within a defined geographic area are subject to intense and repeated solicitation by real estate brokers and salespersons to place their property for sale with the brokers or salespersons or are subject to intense and repeated solicitation by other persons regularly engaged in the trade or business of buying and selling real estate to sell the owner's residential real property, the secretary may establish a homeowner cease and desist zone. Further provides a zone shall be bounded or

otherwise specifically designed by Department of State regulation. Also provides for owner's statement, prohibition, and forms of solicitation prohibited. Requires the secretary to compile a cease-and-desist list for each zone established. Provides for notice to owners, complaint, printing and revisions to list, restrictions on zones, and penalties.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 510/PN 475 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications. The intent of the bill is to allow municipalities to regulate the use of handheld devices by drivers.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 512/PN 476 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 7 (Banks and Banking), in mortgage loan industry licensing and consumer protection, requiring a licensee to ensure that font size on all reverse mortgage contracts and disclosures is no smaller than 24- point.

Status: 9/27/21 Tabled Calendar
Position: No Position

HB 513/PN 477 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new section prohibiting use of handheld mobile telephones while operating a moving vehicle on a highway of the commonwealth including a federal, state and municipal highway. Provides an exception for law enforcement officers and operators of emergency vehicles when on duty and acting in their official capacities. Further provides it shall be a defense to an action under the new section that the driver had reason to fear for the driver's safety; was reporting a traffic accident; or was making a 911 emergency call. Also provides a person violating the prohibition commits a summary offense and, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 515/PN 479 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny) Amends the Local Tax Collection Law further providing for notices of taxes adding that if a mortgage servicer requests a copy

of the notice from the tax collector on behalf of a customer of the mortgage servicer, the tax collector shall transmit a copy of the notice to the mortgage servicer within ten days of the request.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 523/PN 549 (Day/R-Berks) Amends the General Road Law further providing for repair of private roads by stipulating that in the absence of a written agreement or if the private road is a part of a planned community under Title 68 (relating to real and personal property), when more than one person enjoys a common benefit from a private road, each person shall contribute in proportion to the amount of private road owned to the cost of maintaining the private road and shall have the right to bring a civil action to enforce this requirement. Exempts property owners that do not use the private road as the primary access to their property from paying for repairs.

Status: 4/06/21, passed House 201-0,
Senate Appropriations
Position: No Position

HB 559/PN 523 (DeLuca/D-Allegheny) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for definitions. The bill defines an owner as including a mortgage lender, who possesses and controls the real estate.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 581/PN 544 (Solomon/D-Philadelphia) The Affordable Housing Unit Tax Exemption Act authorizes local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemptions for improvements to deteriorated areas and dwellings to incentivize the creation and improvement of affordable housing units. Provides for special tax provisions for taxpayers residing within the boundaries of a local taxing authority who meet the standards established by the act. Establishes that local taxing authorities may provide tax exemption incentives for new construction and for improvements to deteriorated areas to create and improve affordable housing units. Provides for real property tax exemptions, an exemption schedule, procedures for obtaining exemption incentives, and eligibility

requirements. Provides for special tax provisions on an increase in the value of real estate resulting from construction of affordable housing units or improvements to an existing affordable housing units within the boundaries of the local taxing authority. Provides for an exemption schedule, exemption incentives procedures, and eligibility requirements.

Status: 6/25/21 passed House 183-18,
Senate Urban Affairs and Housing
Position: No Position

HB 592/PN 561 (Zimmerman/R-Lancaster) Amends the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act providing that the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) enforcement of the Safe Drinking Water Act is limited to extent of the federal law. This legislation establishes that DEP is authorized to enter into agreements with other state agencies with the approval of the General Assembly.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

HB 596/PN 565 (Kail/R-Beaver) Amends the Unemployment Compensation Law, in emergency provisions related to COVID-19, providing for grounds for refusal of suitable work or voluntarily quitting work. Provides that claimants whose unemployment is related to COVID-19 can only constitute good cause for refusing otherwise suitable work or necessitous and compelling work if the employee provides the employer with documentation from a licensed health care provider that the employee has, lives with, or directly cares for someone with a medical condition that places them at a substantially greater risk for serious medical complications related to COVID-19; or the employer has failed to comply with workplace safety standards intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and the employer's failure was willful.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 605/PN 1142, 1028 (Ecker/R-Adams) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in arbitration, establishing that actions alleging personal injury or death relating to exposure to COVID-19 shall first be submitted to and heard by a board of three members of the bar on the court. Provides for limitation on compulsory arbitration on COVID-19 actions. Also adds

a new subchapter limiting liability for schools and child-care facilities, manufacturers, distributors, labelers and users of personal protective equipment, businesses, local government authorities and healthcare providers relating to COVID-19.

Status: 4/06/21, passed House 107-94, Senate Judiciary

Position: No Position

HB 606/PN 569 (Rothman/R-Cumberland) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language authorizing local police to use RADAR/LIDAR for speed enforcement. Requires a municipality to enact an ordinance authorizing the use of RADAR/LIDAR and install signs advertising the use of RADAR/LIDAR at the municipality's border. Provides the municipal share of revenue collected from fines may not exceed 10 percent of the municipality's budget for the previous budget year. Requires local police officers to complete a training course before the use of the RADAR/LIDAR. Further provides the systems may only be used when the officer is in or adjacent to a clearly marked law enforcement vehicle and only written warning for violations are permitted for the first 90 days of enforcement using RADAR/LIDAR.

Status: Appropriations

Position: No Position

HB 614/PN 576 (Sims/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, further providing for property tax and rent rebate by establishing rent rebate amounts in lieu of property taxes for rent due and payable during calendar year 2020 in the amount of \$650 for household income \$0-8,000 and \$400 for \$8,001-20,000.

Status: Finance

Position: No Position

HB 615/PN 577 (Sims/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in matters affecting government units, providing for declaration of policy by prioritizing recovery for property damage to owner-occupied property and establishes that damages for property loss would be prioritized so that owner-occupied property would be able to recover first.

Status: Judiciary

Position: No Position

HB 616/PN 578 (Sims/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in matters affecting government units, providing that limitations on damage will not apply to people who suffer damage to owner-occupied property and file their requests for damages within timeframe requirements.

Status: Judiciary

Position: No Position

HB 704/PN 674 (Parker/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act providing the Environmental Quality Board the responsibility of establishing statewide maximum contaminant levels for Perfluorooctane Sulfonate, Perfluorooctanoic Acid and other Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substance compounds, chromium-6, and 1,4 dioxane in public drinking water systems in accordance with evidence-based standards. Maximum contaminant levels shall include a directive to consider limits on other pollutants in public drinking water systems when two or more other states have set limits or issued guidance on a given pollutant. The board shall review maximum contaminant levels adopted by other states and the studies and scientific evidence reviewed by those states and shall adopt a maximum contaminant level protective of public health and in no case exceeding any maximum contaminant level or health advisory promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency. Within 100 days of the effective date the board shall commence in rulemaking to promulgate regulations. Any regulation inconsistent with this act is abrogated to the extent of any inconsistency.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy

Position: No Position

HB 714/PN 684 (Webster/D-Montgomery) The Riparian Buffer Protection Act provides land development may not be permitted within a riparian buffer area. Further provides the width of the riparian buffer area shall be a minimum of 100 feet of each side of the stream as measured from the top of the bank and establishes additional width requirements. Also provides for the restoration of impaired riparian buffers; exemptions; municipal authority; the powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection; property inspections; delegation to a municipality;

penalties, civil actions and liability for costs; and severability.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

HB 730/PN 715 (Brown/R-Monroe) The Pennsylvania First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act allows a person to open a first-time home buyer savings account with a financial institution. Provides for the designation of qualified beneficiary. Provides that money from a first-time home buyer savings account may only be used to pay or reimburse a qualified beneficiary's eligible costs for the purchase of a single-family residence in the commonwealth. Provides that the account holder may not use money in the savings account for the expenses of administering the account with an exception for a service fee by the financial institution. Provides further provisions regarding contributions to the account. Provides that the amount contributed by an account holder to a first-time home buyer savings account may not exceed \$5,000 for an account holder who files an individual personal income tax return or \$10,000 for joint account holders who file joint personal income tax return and shall be deductible from the taxable income of the account holder during the tax year the contribution was made. Provides an exclusion of earnings, limitations on deductions and exclusions, and provisions regarding non-account holders, remaining money and application to alternate basis taxation. Establishes provisions regarding reporting, financial institutions, and the effect of improper withdrawal and ineligible users.

Status: 9/27/21 Tabled Calendar

Position: No Position

HB 731/PN 716 (Brown/R-Monroe) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in general provisions regarding condominiums, establishing an annual report conducted by county planning agencies identifying condominiums; in creation, alteration and termination, providing county planning agencies the information required in the annual report directly from condominium providers; in general provisions regarding cooperatives, providing for annual report for the applicability of local ordinances, regulations and building codes; in creation, alteration and termination of cooperatives, establishing required disclosure of information gathered in the annual report;

in general provisions regarding planned communities, establishing consistency regarding annual reports for planned communities; and, in creation, alteration and termination of planned communities, establishing annual reporting requirements. The annual report requires information identifying the condominium's name and physical location, including the total land area and number of units, and providing for reasonable availability of infrastructure information for county government.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 748/PN 736 (Cruz/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act further providing for powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Protection by requiring the department to monitor lead levels in public water systems in accordance with the bill.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

HB 754/PN 1141 (Day/R-Berks) Amends the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act establishing a streamlined process for inspection of water bottles by including bulk haulers of water within the act.

Status: 4/06/21, passed House 120-81, Senate Agricultural & Rural Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 755/PN 914, 742 (Day/R-Berks) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture), in food production, establishing that if a food establishment produces bottled water, the water shall comply with requirements related to processing and bottling of bottled drinking water and beverages, and the establishment shall utilize a water source meeting the requirements of the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act. Provides that the source water is inspected by the Department of Environmental Protection.

Status: 4/06/21, passed House 120-81, Senate Agricultural & Rural Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 771/PN 759 (Zimmerman/R-Lancaster) Amends the Storm Water Management Act, further providing for watershed storm water plans and contents. The bill establishes that a municipality that does not have a public water or sewer system shall

be exempt from participating in the watershed storm water management plan.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

HB 823/PN 805 (White/R-Philadelphia) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in burglary and other criminal intrusion, providing for the removal of persons from residential property without making an arrest. Establishes requirements for the issuance of a warrant and provisions allowing the person sought to be removed to present evidence showing that the person is an owner or tenant or a guest or invitee of an owner or tenant.

Status: Judiciary
Position: Support

HB 860/PN 848 (Polinchock/R-Bucks) The Smoke Alarm Responsibility Act regulates certain smoke alarm devices; provides for owner responsibilities; and prescribes penalties. The legislation establishes that no person may distribute, sell, offer for sale or import a smoke alarm device unless the device is an approved smoke alarm, and that the owner of a dwelling who leases a dwelling shall, prior to execution of the lease, equip the dwelling with an approved smoke alarm device. The legislation provides owner and tenant responsibilities for smoke alarms, and that a violation is a summary offense punishable by a fine up to \$50. Nothing in the act shall be construed as requiring an owner of a dwelling unit to replace a working smoke alarm that is not more than 10 years old.

Status: 6/14/21 House Rules
Position: No Position

HB 896/PN 887 (Flynn/D-Lackawanna) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in rates and distribution systems, providing billing methods for renters and ensuring that the bill does not exceed the rate billed by the utility for its own consumers.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 897/PN 888 (Hanbidge/D-Montgomery) Amends the Manufactured Home Community Rights Act providing that a manufactured home community owner shall post any proposed rent increases in a public area at least 180 days prior to the effective date of the rent increase and

establishes procedures for the review of proposed rent increases if the proposed rent increase is higher than the most recent annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: Oppose

HB 901/PN 1886 (Rabb/D-Philadelphia) An Act amending the act of April 17, 2016 (P.L.84, No.16), known as the Medical Marijuana Act, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for tenant protections.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 903/PN 1888 (Rabb/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Medical Marijuana Act adding a new section providing that no landlord that has entered into a lease for commercial premises with a tenant that is a medical marijuana organization and has a valid permit issued to the organization by the Department of Health may evict, threaten to evict or otherwise discriminate against the tenant for the lawful sale or possession of medical marijuana on the commercial premises. Further provides for civil action.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 920/PN 909 (Delozier/R-Cumberland) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in public-private transportation partnerships Provides for that the Transportation P3 Board to disapprove a proposed transportation project if the transportation facility that is the subject of the proposed transportation project is an existing transportation facility owned by the commonwealth and the public entity has not provided details regarding the specific transportation facility included in the proposed transportation project. Further provides that the General Assembly may pass a concurrent resolution disapproving a proposed transportation project and prohibiting the expenditure of public money on the proposed transportation project within 20 calendar days or nine voting legislative days, whichever is longer, of the date on which the board adopted the resolution approved the proposed transportation project. Further provides that if the proprietary project entity is the department, the net proceeds received by the proprietary public entity under public-

private transportation partnership agreement shall be deposited into the Motor License Fund and shall be used exclusively to provide funding for transportation needs in the commonwealth.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 939/PN 1419, 1308, 947 (Klunk/R-York) Amends the Regulatory Review Act adding language establishing the Independent Office of the Repealer within the Joint State Government Commission. Provides the director of the office shall serve a six-year term and report directly to the executive director of the commission. Requires the director to appoint a deputy director to perform assigned duties and assume the role of the director during absence or if a vacancy occurs. Also provides for the powers and duties of the director. Further provides the office shall adopt logical, quantitative, and qualitative rules to determine whether existing statutes or regulations are unreasonable, duplicative, defective, or in conflict with another law or regulation. Also provides when the office identifies a regulation or statute that it recommends for modification, revision, or repeal, it must communicate the recommendation to the applicable agency in the case of a regulation, or the General Assembly in the case of a statute. Requires the office to implement a tracking system for submissions and actions taken by the director and provide an annual report to the governor and the General Assembly on recommended changes to statutes and regulations; recommended changes to increase efficiency and eliminate wasteful practices; and the progress of the revision, repeal or abrogation of statutes and regulations.

Status: 5/24/21, passed House 111-90,
Senate Inter-Governmental Operation
Position: No Position

HB 948/PN 956 (Carroll/D-Lackawanna) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) eliminating the alternative fuel tax on electricity for noncommercial vehicles. Provides for the electric vehicle road use tax. Further provides for the following annual electric vehicle fees: \$15 for electric motorcycles and neighborhood electric vehicles; \$75 for plug-in hybrids; \$175 for electric vehicles that weigh up to 26,000 pounds; and \$250 for electric vehicles that weigh over 26,000 pounds.

Status: 9/27/21, House Tabled Calendar
Position: No Position

HB 950/PN 958 (Metcalf/R-Butler) Amends the Regulatory Review Act further providing for procedures for subsequent review of disapproved final-form or final-omitted regulations. Agencies are prohibited from reissuing the same regulation in the future, or promulgating a regulation that is substantially similar, unless the new or revised regulation is specifically authorized by a law enacted after the date the concurrent resolution is approved or deemed to be approved by the governor or after the date when the General Assembly overrides the governor's veto of the concurrent resolution. Further, a committee may report a concurrent resolution to initiate the repeal of any regulation currently in effect, provided that the committee conducts a public hearing on the matter prior to reporting the concurrent resolution.

Status: 5/05/21, passed House 109-92,
Senate Inter-Governmental Operations
Position: No Position

HB 970/PN 980 (Kinsey/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) adding language providing the expiration of a registration, learner's permit, driver's license or identification card issued by the Department of Transportation shall be extended during the period of governor's March 6, 2020, proclamation of disaster emergency, any extension of the proclamation and for 90 days after the proclamation is terminated or expires.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 1003/PN 1036 (Metzgar/R-Bedford) Amends an act entitled "An act to validate conveyances and other instruments which have been defectively acknowledged," validating acknowledgements for deeds and mortgages which are dated after 2013 and prior to 2020.

Status: 6/24/21 passed House 201-0,
Senate Judiciary
Position: No Position

HB 1015/PN 1046 (Rothman/R-Cumberland) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in recovery of possession, further providing for hearing, judgment, writ of possession and payment of rent by

tenant. The bill establishes that the magisterial judge, previously justice of the peace, shall proceed to hear the case. It also states the landlord may request the issuance of an order for possession immediately after the rendition of the judgment. The magisterial district judge shall immediately thereafter issue an order for possession.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: Support

HB 1021/PN 1056 (DelRosso/R-Allegheny) The Contractor Verification Act prohibits a person from holding oneself out or engage in any act as a construction contractor without satisfying the verification requirements under the act. Requires construction contractors and subcontractors to complete a verification form that certifies that they operated in Pennsylvania and allows their employees and the public to identify the business. Provides for procedures for verification; fees; prohibited acts; enforcement; penalties; and protection from retaliation.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: Opposed as written will require double licensing for mfg home retailers and installers

HB 1035/PN 1066 (Zabel/D-Delaware) The Family and Caregiver COVID-19 Employee Protection Act provides for public health emergency leave relating to COVID-19; prohibits retaliatory personnel action by employers; imposes duties on the Department of Labor and Industry; and imposes a penalty of \$5,000 for violations of the act.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 1050/PN 1085 (Gaydos/R-Allegheny) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in real and personal property, establishing the Municipal Services Equalization and Tax Fairness Act. Provides that every municipality shall provide to a community the same municipal services it provides to noncommunity dwellings. At the request of a community, a municipality must negotiate the provisions of municipal services. Provides for compulsory arbitration if an agreement is not met. Any amount of reimbursement received by a community from a municipality shall be applied to the community for the actual

costs incurred in performing the municipal service. Establishes provisions related to arbitration. Provides nothing in this act shall prevent a municipality from providing additional services that primarily serve public purposes to the residents of a community.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 1073/PN 1109 (Malagari/D-Montgomery) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, providing a definition for "half of the roadway"; in operation of vehicles, providing that drivers required to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians shall stop and remain stopped for a pedestrian crossing a roadway at a crosswalk when upon, or within one lane of, half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is driving; and, in special vehicles and pedestrians, providing identical provisions previously stated. Violation of this is a summary offense and includes a fine of \$50 for a first offense, and if within a school zone, not less than \$200.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 1089/PN 1123 (Delozior/R-Cumberland) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in training and certification of inspectors, further providing for training of inspectors and trainee classification. The department may by regulation establish a separate trainee classification for each certification category, which shall be considered optional for all individuals seeking certification.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 1104/PN 1144 (Davanzo/R-Westmoreland) Amends the Construction Code Act adding a new subsection requiring a permit holder to disclose the contractor and subcontractors doing work on the job to the code official prior to any work being performed by the contractor and subcontractors. The names of the contractor and subcontractors shall be posted with the building code permit.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 1109/PN 1148 (Neilson/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in

turnpike, providing for toll road conversions by establishing approval by the General Assembly is required in order to authorize the conversion of an existing public roadway to a toll road, either in whole or a portion, not including bridges and tunnels.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 1136/PN 1184 (Neilson/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 74 (Transportation) adding language prohibiting the Turnpike Commission from charging or collecting a surcharge or other fee for toll collection by registration plate from an operator or owner of a vehicle registered in the commonwealth in excess of the rate fixed by the commission for electronic toll collection. Provides the commission shall charge and collect a higher rate for electronic toll collection devices not issued by the commission. Further provides the higher rate charged shall not exceed the toll rate charged by the commission for any nonelectronic toll collection.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 1165/PN 1221 (Sturla/D-Lancaster) Amends Title 44 (Law and Justice), imposing a fee for service on municipalities for municipal patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police and providing for state police patrol services agreements. Requires each municipality that receives state police full-time patrol services to pay the fee under subsection (c) for the state police full-time patrol services provided in the previous calendar year. Further requires a municipality that eliminates local full-time patrol services or local part-time patrol services after the effective date of this chapter to enter into agreement with the state police part-time patrol services on terms established by the commissioner.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 1166/PN 1222 (Sturla/D-Lancaster) The Firefighting Foam Management Act establishes that no person or firefighting entity and neither the commonwealth nor a municipality may discharge or otherwise use a class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical for testing or training beginning July 1, 2021. A person or fire department who administers a training program in violation of this section is

subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first offense, and for subsequent offenses not to exceed \$10,000. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) shall enforce the provisions of this act. Nothing in this act shall be construed to restrict the manufacture, sale or distribution of class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical; or the discharge or other use of class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical purchased prior to July 1, 2021, in emergency firefighting or fire prevention operations.

Status: Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness
Position: No Position

HB 1169/PN 1449 (Moul/R-Adams) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in consolidation county assessment, providing that the painting of or normal repairs to a building shall not be deemed cause for a change in valuation by the assessors. Provides for the issuance of demolition permits and electronic submission of permits. Provides for noncompliance procedures for permits. Increases the threshold of substantial improvements to more than \$4,000. Provides that county commissioners may require all persons making substantial improvements to property to submit a county improvement certification form regardless of whether a building permit is required. Establishes a civil penalty for failure to comply with county improvement certification form provisions. Provides for an increase in the substantial improvement value by the Consumer Price Index.

Status: 5/26/21, passed House 201-0, Senate Local Government
Position: No Position

HB 1177/PN 1177 (Kaufer/R-Luzern) An Act establishing the Transportation Reinvestment and Improvement Program and Transportation Reinvestment and Improvement Program Fund; and providing for transfers.

Status: 9/15/21 Laid on Table
Position: No Position

HB 1191/PN 1247 (Delozier/R-Cumberland) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act providing that the secretary of labor and industry shall determine the general prevailing minimum wage in the county

where the public work is performed for the purpose of determining the minimum wage. Provides that rates shall be based on wage data actively solicited from contractors and that it shall be based on actual wages paid on private sector construction projects in a particular county.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 1248/PN 1317 (Quinn/R-Delaware) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in lighting equipment, further providing for general lighting requirements and for periodic inspection of vehicles. Provides at least 50 percent of the light-emitting diodes in a lamp or light, except off-road lighting, shall light properly.

Status: 6/25/21 passed House 201-0, Senate Transportation
Position: No Position

HB 1324/PN 1456 (Sturla/D-Lancaster) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in tenement buildings and multiple dwelling premises, providing for lead testing on properties built before 1978, which includes dwelling units in tenement buildings, apartments, and residential properties that are leased or rented. The legislation establishes requirements for the landlord to provide testing results to prospective tenants or tenants entering into a lease and for reporting of testing results and qualifications of the person conducting the test.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 1345/PN 1460 (Gleim/R-Cumberland) Amends the Real Estate Tax Sale Law providing for a satisfaction of liens on a first come, first-served basis for delinquent county, city, borough, town, township, school district and institution district taxes. Provides an exception for cities of the first and second class and second-class A as well as school districts of the first class and school districts within cities of the second-class A. Also makes inconsistent repeals. Adds a new section requiring the secretary of the commonwealth to submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau a notice for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when the General Assembly has enacted all of the following: this act, an act amending the Second-Class City Treasurer's Sale and Collection Act, and the Municipal Claim and

Tax Lien Law. The new section shall take effect immediately, and the remainder shall take effect immediately upon publication of the notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 1346/PN 1461 (O'Neal/R-Washington) Amends the Second-Class City Treasurer's Sale and Collection Act providing for a satisfaction of liens on a first-come, first-served basis for the collection of municipal liens and tax claims in cities of the second class. Also makes inconsistent repeals. Adds a new section requiring the secretary of the commonwealth to submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau a notice for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when the General Assembly has enacted all of the following: this act, an act amending the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, and the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law. The new section shall take effect immediately, and the remainder shall take effect immediately upon publication of the notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 1347/PN 1462 (Rowe/R-Union) Amends the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law providing for a satisfaction of liens on a first-come, first-served basis for liens for taxes and for municipal improvement for the removal of nuisances and for water rents or rates, sewer rates, and lighting rates. Also makes inconsistent repeals. Adds a new section requiring the secretary of the commonwealth to submit to the Legislative Reference Bureau a notice for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin when the General Assembly has enacted all of the following: this act, an act amending the Second Class City Treasurer's Sale and Collection Act, and the Real Estate Tax Sale Law. The new section shall take effect immediately and the remainder shall take effect immediately upon publication of the notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

HB 1395/PN 1538 (Quinn-R-Delaware) The Property Owner's Bill of Rights Act requires the attorney general to prepare a written statement that includes a bill of rights for an owner whose property may be condemned by an acquiring agency through the use of the agency's eminent domain

authority. The property owner's bill of rights must notify the property owner of the right to: (1) notice of the proposed acquisition of the owner's property; (2) just compensation and other damages for the property condemned; (3) a hearing under 26 Pa.C.S. Ch. 5 (relating to procedure for determining damages) to determine just compensation and measure of damages; and (4) an appeal of a judgment in a condemnation proceeding, including an appeal of an assessment of damages.

Status: Local Government
Position: No Position

HB 1413/PN 1522 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act stipulating that the maximum contaminant level for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) is 10 parts per trillion.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

HB 1414/PN 1523 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act, further providing for definitions and providing that the governor shall have the authority to declare a municipality as a special drinking water resource-impacted community. Establishes that such communities shall be eligible to receive a Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PENNVEST) grant of up to \$1 million per impacted water supply source. Establishes that a municipality has the authority to require a public water supplier to test for polyfluoroalkyl or perfluorinated substances within the municipal water supply. Provides that the department has the duty, within 12 months of the establishment of a maximum contaminant level, health advisory level, or provisional health level under the Pennsylvania Safe Drinking Water Act, to determine whether the chemical compound or chemical substance should be designated as a hazardous substance. Provides that no municipality or other public water supplier shall be considered a responsible person under this act due to the presence of a polyfluoroalkyl substance or perfluorinated chemical in wastewater treatment plant sludge, water supply treatment residuals, spent filter media or similar facility operational, wastes where the presence of the polyfluoroalkyl substance or perfluorinated chemical is due to chemical characteristics of the entity's water supply

source or discharges into the wastewater treatment facility.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

HB 1447/PN 1581 (Sonny/R-Erie) Amends the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, further providing for official plans.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

HB 1459/PN 1586 (Davis/D-Bucks) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in seller disclosures, requiring that a disclosure form shall include presences of rights-of-way, easement or access limitations that affect the use of property.

Status: Local Government
Position: No Position

HB 1547/PN 1680 (Keefer- Dawn-Adams) Amends the Administrative Code adding a new section providing if a declaration of a disaster emergency under Title 35 requires the governor to order the closure of non-life-sustaining businesses in the commonwealth, the Department of Health, in conjunction with the governor, shall utilize the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce advisory list developed by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security in determining whether a business is life-sustaining. Further provides all businesses shall be provided with the ability to continue operations in some manner or from.

Status: Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness
Position: No Position

HB 1574/PN 1720 (Isaacson/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in creation of leases and statute of frauds and mortgaging of leaseholds, providing that a landlord or the landlord's agent may not charge a rental application fee of more than \$20 and may only use the rental application fee to conduct a background check on the applicant.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 1588/PN 1821, 1742 (Mercuri/R-Allegheny) Amends Title 7 (Banks and Banking), in mortgage loan industry

licensing and consumer protection, establishing remote mortgage banking. Removes provisions related to mortgage loan correspondent license and provides that regulations promulgated shall not apply to a reverse mortgage or timeshare or person excepted from licensure. The sections related to the amendment or addition of the definitions of branch, remote location, and wholesale table funder shall take effect immediately, and the remainder of the act shall take effect in 60 days.

Status: 6/24/21 passed House 200-1, Senate Banking and Insurance
Position: Position under review

HB 1593/PN 1756 (Bullock/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in creation of leases, statute of frauds and mortgaging of leaseholds, providing that a landlord may not inquire or require disclosure about certain criminal backgrounds of applicants or potential tenants and their household members, and provides for penalties.

Status: Consumer Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 1682/PN 1897 (Delozier/R-Cumberland) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act adding a new subsection providing for inactive status of certification. Allows the Department of Labor and Industry, by regulation, to establish a procedure for a code administrator to request to have the administrator's certification maintained on inactive status. Further provides for reactivation of a certificate and request to have a certification maintained in inactive status.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 1697/PN 1918 (DeLuca/ D-Allegheny): Requires registration/licensing of housing wholesalers.

Status: Professional Licensure
Position: No Position

HB 1743/PN 1974 (Ryan/R-Lebanon) Amends the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, in short title and definitions, defining "minimum value"; and, in sale of property, further providing for upset sale price and for hearing and order for judicial sale and providing for sale of residential property.

For the sale of owner-occupied residential real estate, the upset price shall not be less than the minimum value of the property unless the property is purchased by the holder of an obligation secured by a mortgage on the property. A judicial sale of a residential property shall be made by listing the property for sale by a licensed real estate broker and selected in an open and competitive manner by the bureau. The broker shall offer the property for sale in a commercially reasonable manner at a price no lower than the minimum value and on the terms and conditions established by the bureau.

Status: Urban Affairs
Position: No Position

HB 1748/PN 1979 (Benham/D-Allegheny) Amends the Fire and Panic Act adding a new section providing each landlord of a building with multiple dwelling units, including apartments, condominiums, cooperatives or mutual housing shall install and maintain window guards if requested in writing by a resident of a dwelling unit in the building and any of the following apply: a child is ten years of age or younger resides in the dwelling unit or spends a considerable amount of time in the dwelling unit; an individual with a disability resides in the dwelling unit; or an older adult resides in the dwelling unit.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

HB 1770/PN 2007 (Sappy/D-Chester) Amends Title 57 (Notaries Public), in revised uniform law on notarial acts, further providing for appointment and commission as notary public, qualifications and no immunity or benefit.

Status: Professional Licensure
Position: No Position

HB 1790/PN 2030 (Silvis/R-Westmoreland) An Act amending the act of November 10, 1999 (P.L.491, No.45), known as the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for consideration of applications and inspections; and, in training and certification of inspectors, providing for corrective action. This legislation to enhance transparency and consistency for individuals dealing with the PA Construction Codes by requiring items listed for

improvement be provided to the applicant electronically, or in writing, and shall include the specific subsection of the code which is being cited. This best practice is already happening with some inspectors and expanding the requirement ensures professionalism and consistent treatment for all applicants.

Status: Labor & Industry

Position: Support

HR 69/PN 733 (Gaydos/R-Allegheny) Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the impact of common interest ownership communities on local governments and the Commonwealth, the challenges facing residents and governing bodies, and opportunities to assist local governments.

Status: Urban Affairs

Position: No Position

SB 28/PN 10 (Phillips-Hill/R-York) The Permit Administration Act provides for the administration of permits by state agencies, for a tracking system for permit applications, for the establishment of permit programs, for third-party review of permit decision delays and for annual reports. The bill requires state agencies to review their permit decisions and permit decision delays during the immediately preceding calendar year and submit a report of findings to the General Assembly. Further, a state agency shall establish, maintain and make available a secure tracking system for applicants to track the status of applications on the state agency's website.

Status: 5/26/21 passed Senate 28-20,
House Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

SB 29/PN 11 (Phillips-Hill/R-York) The State Agency Regulatory Compliance Officer Act provides for regulatory compliance. Each agency shall designate an employee as the agency's regulatory compliance officer and empower that officer to develop agency policies and initiatives to further the purpose of this act, issue opinions, establish guidelines, request information or advice, and establish channels of communication. Each agency shall report annually to the General Assembly.

Status: Inter-Governmental Operations

Position: No Position

SB 32/PN 14 (Phillips-Hill/R-York) Amends the Regulatory Review Act providing for proposed regulations and procedures for review and for final-form regulations and final-omitted regulations and procedures for review; and providing for state agency regulatory compliance officers. The bill provides that in the case of a citation of state statutory authority, the citation must be to a provision of the statute that explicitly states that the agency may promulgate regulations for the specific purpose cited in the statement of need for the regulation. Provides that the estimates of direct and indirect costs shall be prepared by the Independent Fiscal Office and submitted to the agency for inclusion in the regulatory analysis form and shall include an estimate of the annual costs to be used to determine whether the regulation is an economically significant regulation. Further provides that at any time prior to 24 hours before the commission's meeting to consider a regulation, a committee may notify the commission and the agency that the committee disapproves or intends to further review the final-form regulation, and, if notified by a committee, the commission may not approve or disapprove the regulation for a period of 30 days or nine legislative days, whichever is longer. Requires each state agency to designate an employee as the agency's regulatory compliance officer to develop agency policies and initiatives to educate the regulated community regarding the implementation of new or amended statutes.

Status: Appropriations

Position: No Position

SB 97/PN 76 (Street/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in facilities and supplies, establishing a permanent fee of \$2.25 on a filing relating to a civil action for legal representation in forfeiture; and, in forfeiture of assets, establishing legal representation in forfeiture proceedings. Provides if a person with standing files a claim to contest the forfeiture of property in a forfeiture proceeding and is financially unable to obtain legal representation and the property subject to forfeiture is real property, the court of common pleas having jurisdiction over the property, at the request of the person, shall provide the person with an attorney. If a person has not

been charged in a related criminal case files a claim to contest the forfeiture of property and is financially unable to obtain legal representation, the court of common pleas may provide an attorney. Provides provisions for determining whether to provide legal representation.

Status: Judiciary

Position: No Position

SB 114/PN 114 (Boscola/D-Lehigh) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, repealing provisions relating to snow and ice dislodged or falling from moving vehicle and providing for snow and ice. Provides that a driver of a motor vehicle or motor carrier being operated on a highway of the commonwealth shall make reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice or snow from the motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle, including the hood, trunk and roof, within 24 hours after the cessation of the falling snow or ice.

Status: 4/21/21, passed Senate 47-0,
9/27/21 House Tabled Calendar

Position: No Position

SB 126/PN 98 (Brooks/R-Crawford) Amends the Regulatory Review Act defining "economically significant regulation" and providing that after an economically significant regulation has been in effect for three years, the agency shall report the status of the regulation, the impact of the regulation on the regulated community and the direct and indirect cost to the commonwealth of the regulation.

Status: 5/26/21 passed Senate 27-21,
House State Government

Position: No Position

SB 157/PN 139 (Mensch/R-Berks) The Pennsylvania First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act provides for the establishment of first-time home buyer savings accounts for first-time home buyers in this Commonwealth.

Status: Appropriations

Position: Support

SB 187/PN 155 (Tartagliione/D-Philadelphia) The Pennsylvania Turnpike-to-Port Freight Reimbursement Act provides for reimbursement of Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls for certain companies when transporting goods to and from Pennsylvania port facilities along the

turnpike.; establishing the Pennsylvania Turnpike-to-Port Freight Reimbursement Fund; and providing for duties of the Department of Transportation.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

SB 189/PN 157 (Hughes/D-Philadelphia) Amends the Administrative Code, in powers and duties of the Department of Environmental Resources, its officers and departmental and advisory boards and commissions, establishing the Office of Environmental Justice. Through public policy, the office shall provide the governor environmental justice considerations throughout commonwealth programs, regulations, policies and procedures; improve the environmental and public health in communities burdened by environmental harms and risks; address environmental justice through engagement in decision making; strengthen partnerships on environmental justice; and enhance research related to environmental justice. The office shall coordinate with other commonwealth agencies on the issue of environmental justice and establish a task force to plan strategy and develop guidelines for operation of Regional Environmental Justice Committees.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

SB 192/PN 165 (Ward/R-Blair) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for power of governor during emergency. The bill establishes a combination of vehicles which is hauling milk to or from a milk plant or to or from a dairy farm, or is traveling to a dairy farm to pick up milk, may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and in the event of a declared national, state or local emergency unless it is specifically stated in a proclamation or executive order. Requires decals issued by the Milk Marketing Board to be placed on any milk truck that is exempted.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

SB 208/PN 177 (DiSanto/R-Dauphin) An Act amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in subdivision and land development, further providing for completion of improvements or guarantee thereof prerequisite to final plat approval.

Status: 6/22/21 passed Senate 50-0, House Local Government

SB 211/PN 181 (Phillips-Hill/R-York) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in particular rights and immunities, providing a person is immune from civil and criminal liability and the imposition of an administrative sanction for engaging in a protected business operation if they have not caused actual harm.

Status: Judiciary
Position: No Position

SB 233/PN 203 (Phillips-Hill/R-York) Amends the Regulatory Review Act further providing for definitions and for existing regulations; and establishing the Independent Office of the Repealer and providing for its power and duties. Provides that unless prohibited by the laws of the commonwealth, at the time an agency promulgates a new regulation, the agency shall identify at least two existing regulations for repeal. Establishes a nonpartisan Independent Office of Repealer within the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

Status: Inter-Governmental Operations
Position: No Position

SB 273/PN 255 (Baker/R-Luzerne) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary), in particular rights and immunities, providing for COVID-19-related liability. Provides that a school entity, child care facility, manufacturer, distributor, labeler and donor, or business or government service shall not be civilly liable for damages or personal injury relating to an actual or alleged exposure to COVID-19, absent a showing, by clear and convincing evidence, of gross negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or intention infliction of harm.

Status: Judiciary
Position: No Position

SB 290/PN 293 (Hughes/D-Philadelphia) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) adding a new subchapter provides evictions for

nonpayment of rent as a result of COVID-19 shall be delayed until 60 days after the expiration of the COVID-19 disaster emergency.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing
Position: No Position

SB 302/PN 313 (Yaw/R-Lycoming) The Firefighting Foam Management Act establishes that no person or firefighting entity and neither the commonwealth nor a municipality may discharge or otherwise use a class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical for testing or training beginning July 1, 2021. A person or fire department who administers a training program in violation of this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for a first offense, and for subsequent offenses not to exceed \$10,000. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency shall enforce the provisions of this act. Nothing in this act shall be construed to restrict the manufacture, sale or distribution of class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical; or the discharge or other use of class B firefighting foam that contains a PFAS chemical purchased prior to July 1, 2021, in emergency firefighting or fire prevention operations.

Status: Appropriations
Position: No Position

SB 382/PN 309 (Langerholc/R-Bedford) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in public-private transportation partnerships, establishing a definition for transportation-related service and providing analysis responsibilities by the board for transportation projects; and voiding prior initiatives of the Public-Private Transportation Partnership Board. Provides fixed notice requirement and public comment period on projects. Provides for the General Assembly's oversight for transportation projects. Provides the Department of Transportation the authority to tax and appropriate funds without additional oversight of the legislature.

Status: 4/27/21 passed Senate 28-19, House Transportation
Position: Support

SB 410/PN 399 (Ward/R-Blair) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, establishing vehicle registration stickers for display on Pennsylvania license plates.

Status: 3/24/21 Senate Calendar

Position: No Position

SB 419/PN 418 (Scavello/R-Monroe)

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing that any police officer may use an electronic speed meter, radar or light detection and ranging devices upon approval by local ordinance and completion of training requirements. The legislation provides for a revenue cap on the amount of money a municipality may keep from speeding tickets and calibration standards for radar guns.

Status: 6/22/21 passed Senate 49-1, House Transportation

Position: No Position

SB 427/PN 431 (Gordner/R-Columbia)

Amends the Pennsylvania Affordable Housing Act establishing exemptions to the state prevailing wage rates for the National Affordable Housing Act's HOME Program; and providing editorial changes.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing

Position: No Position

SB 447/PN 448 (Brooks/R-Crawford)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in corporate net income tax, further providing for imposition of tax. The bill establishes the annual rate of tax on corporate net income as follows: January 1, 1995, through December 31, 2021, at 9.99 percent; January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, at 9.49 percent; January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, at 8.99 percent; January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, at 8.49 percent; January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, at 7.99 percent; January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, at 7.49 percent; January 1, 2027, and each taxable year thereafter at 6.99 percent.

Status: Appropriations

Position: No Position

SB 460/PN 462 (Hughes/D-Philadelphia)

Amends Title 7 (Banks and Banking) establishing the Pennsylvania Community Reinvestment Act and providing provisions related to the residential mortgage market. Provides that each bank shall delineate the local community that comprises the bank's entire community, which the Department of Banking and Securities shall evaluate for the bank's record of helping meet credit needs of the entire community. Provides that each bank shall collect and report loan

information and file with the department a copy of each discourse statement prepared by a federal financial supervisory agency as well as public access to the most recent community reinvestment performance evaluation prepared by the department. Provides provisions related to community reinvestment by nonbank entities.

Status: Banking and Insurance

Position: No Position

SB 466/PN 569 (Muth/D-Berks)

The Housing Security Act provides for a deferment program for mortgage payments during the declaration of disaster emergency and 180 days after and its application criteria and procedures. Provides for a reduction of rent for qualified tenants and for license waivers during disaster emergencies. This act shall not apply to a mortgage servicer that initiated a foreclosure action or exercised the mortgage servicer's right to accelerate the balance and maturity date of the loan on or before March 11, 2020.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing

Position: No Position

SB 475/PN 495 (Yaw/R-Lycoming)

Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) adding a new chapter establishing the Pennsylvania Clean Water Procurement Pilot Program. Also establishes the Watershed Innovation and Improvement Fund in the State Treasury to be used for activities to meet the requirements of the new chapter. Provides for the sources of the fund and provides no more than 2.5 percent of the money in the fund may be used by the Department of Environmental Protection to implement the program. Provides for the duties of the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority and for the duties of the State Conservation Commission.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy

Position: No Position

SB 477/PN 502 (Ward/R-Westmoreland)

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in consolidation county assessment, providing that the painting or normal repairs to a building shall not be deemed cause for a change in valuation by the assessors. Provides for the issuance of demolition permits and electronic submission of permits. Provides for noncompliance procedures for permits. Increases the threshold of substantial improvements to more than \$4,000.

Provides that county commissioners may require all persons making substantial improvements to property to submit a county improvement certification form regardless of whether a building permit is required. Establishes a civil penalty for failure to comply with county improvement certification form provisions. Provides for an increase in the substantial improvement value by the Consumer Price Index.

Status: 6/07/21 passed Senate 46-1, House Local Government

Position: Support

SB 520/PN 526 (DiSanto/R-Dauphin)

Amends the Regulatory Review Act providing that an economically significant regulation is a regulation that, if promulgated and implemented, may reasonably be expected to result in direct or indirect cost to the commonwealth, to its political subdivisions and to the private sector in excess of \$1 million on an annual basis. Provides that a general permit is a permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Administrative Code of 1929, the Clean Streams Law, the Solid Waste Management Act, and the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act. Establishes that estimates of direct and indirect costs to the commonwealth shall be verified by the Independent Fiscal Office prior to the agency submitting them to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. Provides that except for emergency-certified regulations, if a regulation is an economically significant regulation, the General Assembly adopts a concurrent resolution. Establishes the requirements for the General Assembly to adopt concurrent resolutions.

Status: 5/26/21 passed Senate 27-21,

House State Government

Position: Support

SB 533/PN 511 (Yaw/R-Lycoming)

Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in Commonwealth services, providing that the consideration, adoption, or publication within the Pennsylvania Bulletin of a proposed regulation, a final-form regulation, or a final-omitted regulation subject to the Regulatory Review Act and conducting a department or agency advisory committee meeting are prohibited during a period of disaster emergency as declared by the governor unless directly

related to responding to the disaster emergency or adhering to a federal or state statutory timeline or court order. Establishes provisions for waiver.

Status: 6/15/21 passed Senate 29-21,
House State Government
Position: Support

SB 535/PN 513 (Yaw/R-Lycoming) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources), in administrative provisions, establishing the Advanced Permit Review Program to provide an expedited method, through the use of qualified licensed professionals, of reviewing applications for permits, and provides for the selection of qualified licensed professionals to perform an expedited review of permits submitted under the program. Provides for the permit review procedure, the erosion and sediment control permit procedure, and the dam safety and waterway management permit procedure. Establishes the Advanced Permit Review Program Fund and provides that the Department of Environmental Protection shall, not later than 12 months after the effective date of the relevant section, submit a written report to the General Assembly relating to the program implementation process.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

SB 543/PN 561 (Santarsiero/D-Bucks) Amends the Tax Reform Code providing for a commuter and commerce toll tax credit. The bill establishes that a taxpayer that is qualified shall receive a tax credit for the taxable year in the amount of 50 percent, not to exceed \$500, of the taxpayer's total qualified toll expense for the taxable year.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

SB 544/PN 562 (Santarsiero/D-Bucks) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities. The bill provides for the use of radar.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

SB 545/PN 563 (Yaw/R-Lycoming) Amends the Clean Streams Law adding a new section providing for notice of discharge endangering public health or environment. Requires the Environmental Quality Board, no later than 60 days after the effective date of the new section, to publish for public comment proposed regulations establishing reportable quantities or other readily ascertainable standards by which a person may determine whether a spill, discharge or release is likely to render receiving waters harmful to public health or environment. Further requires the Board, no later than 180 days after the effective date, to publish final regulations.

Status: 6/25/21 Senate Calendar
Position: No Position

SB 567/PN 703 (Brooks/R-Crawford) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety), in Commonwealth services, adding a new subsection providing when a formal disaster declaration is made, the commonwealth must adopt the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers Guidance Version 4.0 to identify the base level of essential business operations and services. Also allows the commonwealth to adopt a broader list of essential business operations and services than what is included in the Guidance 4.0.

Status: Appropriations
Position: No Position

SB 629/PN 700 (Vogel/R-Beaver) Amends Safe Drinking Water Act, further providing for definitions.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

SB 630/PN 701 (Vogel/R-Beaver) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture), in food protection, further providing for rules and regulations.

Status: Agriculture & Rural Affairs
Position: No Position

SB 634/PN 707 (Laughlin/R-Erie) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code further providing for administration and enforcement. Adds language allowing a municipal code official to utilize third-party agencies to supplement the municipal code enforcement program's plan review and inspections services or to utilize third-party

agencies to perform plan review and inspection services in categories its program does not possess the necessary personnel to administer. Provides two or more municipalities may provide for joint administration and enforcement of the act through an inter-municipal agreement under certain circumstances. Further provides for administration and enforcement by third-party agencies.

Status: Labor & Industry
Position: No Position

SB 697/PN 838 (Scavello/R-Monroe) Amends Title 7 (Banks & Banking), in mortgage loan industry licensing and consumer protection, exempting manufactured home retail sellers and their employees from state licensing requirements as long as they do not originate loans, provide financing, or receive any compensation or gain that depends on the financing of a manufactured home.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing
Position: Support

SB 747/PN 864 (Costa/D-Allegheny) Amends the Taxpayer Relief Act, in senior citizens property tax and rent rebate assistance, establishing that it is unlawful for a landlord and tenant to enter into a lease or agreement to assign or pay any portion of any rebate under this chapter, to which a tenant may be entitled, to the landlord or to the landlord's assignee or representative. Establishes penalties for violation and enforcement.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

SB 763/PN 886 (Argall/R-Schuylkill) An Act amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, in Pennsylvania Housing Tax Credit, further providing for Pennsylvania Housing Tax Credit and for annual report.

Status: Appropriations
Position: No Position

SB 773/PN 299 (Mensch/R-Berks) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) in licensing of drivers. Further providing for definitions; for the offense of driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked; for ignition interlock limited license; and in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs. Also

provides for ignition interlock, for prior offenses, for Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition, for drug and alcohol assessments and for mandatory sentencing and for substance monitoring program. The provisions amending section 1543 (b)(1.1)(I) relating to driving while operating privilege is suspended or revoked and section 2807 (a)(2.1) relating to accelerated rehabilitative disposition shall take effective immediately; the provisions amending section 1532 (b)(6)(d) relating to suspension of operating privilege shall take effect in 60 days; the provisions amending section 3805 (c)(c.1) relating to ignition interactive shall take effect in 90 days; the provisions amending section 1556 (b)(1)(2) relating to ignition interlock limited license and section 3805 (h.3) relating to ignition interlock and notice to department shall take effect in eight months; the addition of provisions establishing the Relief from Administrative Suspension Program shall take effect in 10 months; and the remainder shall take effect in 120 days.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

SB 776/PN 918 (Laughlin/R-Erie) Amends the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, providing that garage foundation drains may be discharged into a treatment tank and for repeals that are inconsistent with the act.

Status: Environmental Resources & Energy
Position: No Position

SB 807/PN 989 (Ward/R- Blair): Amends Title 57 (Notaries Public) by eliminating the 50-cent fee for the registration of an official signature of a notary public, and to authorize the "Notary Register" to be located in either the prothonotary's office or the office of the recorder of deeds. The bill further authorizes the electronic transfer of the official signature to the prothonotary's office.

Status: State Government
Position: No Position

SB 813/PN 1002 (Mastriano/R-Adams) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for definitions and providing for electric vehicle and hybrid electric vehicle road use fee; making an appropriation; and making editorial changes. This legislation provides that the average wholesale price for liquid

fuels shall be \$2.84 per gallon after September 30, 2021, and before April 1, 2022, and that the Department of Revenue shall determine the wholesale price after March 31, 2022, which shall not be less than \$2.99 per gallon. The legislation further provides for the Electric Vehicle and Hybrid Electric Vehicle Road Use Fee Act establishing that fees for registration of electric and hybrid electric vehicles shall occur concurrently with road use fees. The legislation establishes a fee schedule and provides that fees collected for highway maintenance and construction shall be deposited into the Motor License Fund and for an appropriation of \$240 million into the Motor License Fund from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Status: Transportation
Position: No Position

SB 826/PN 1008 (Muth/D-Berks) Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in general provisions relating to condominiums, further providing for definitions; and, in management of the condominium, further providing for powers of unit owners' association. This legislation provides that owners' associations may not prohibit or restrict the use of a solar energy system on a detached roof or townhouse unit.

Status: Urban Affairs and Housing
Position: No Position

SB 829/PN 1013 (Yudichak/I-Carbon) Amends the Tax Reform Code, establishing the Livable Home Tax Credit for a taxpayer who purchases a primary residence or modifies the taxpayer's existing primary residence for features or alterations that are designed to improve accessibility within or related to the residence and that meet eligibility guidelines.

Status: Finance
Position: No Position

SR 6/PN 44 (Brooks/R-Crawford) concurrent resolution that rescinds approval of transportation projects under the Major Bridge Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Program as adopted by the Public-Private Transportation Partnership Bard at its November 12, 2020, meeting.

Status: Transportation
Position: Support
