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SESSION STATUS

At 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, February 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

At 12:18 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 the House stands adjourned until Monday, February 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

Feb. 4, 5, 6, 19, 20, 21
 Mar. 11-13, 18-20, 25-27
 April 8-10, 15,-17, 29, 30
 May 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 22
 June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24-28
 Budget hearings: Feb. 11 - Mar. 7

Senate

Feb. 4, 5, 6
 Mar. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27
 April 8, 9, 10, 29, 30
 May 1, 6, 7, 8
 June 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24-28
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WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee

1/29/19, 11:00 a.m., 8E-B East Wing

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 128 Regan, Mike](#) - (PN 91) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) establishing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and supervise their expenditures of state funding as well as the maintenance and use of commonwealth facilities used. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[Lt. Col. Kevin Berry](#), vice commander of the Pennsylvania Wing Civil Air Patrol, noted the Civil Air Patrol's 1,800 members are ready to serve in disaster relief and he appreciates the opportunity to provide a written statement.

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House Labor and Industry Committee

1/30/18, 10:00 a.m., Room 205 Ryan Office Building

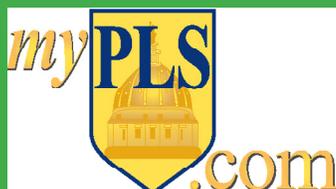
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held an informational hearing on an overview of Pennsylvania's workforce development system.

Chairman Cox told committee members that "workforce development is going to be on the radar of the Labor and Industry Committee a lot this session." He said, "There are a lot of issues we would like to take a look at and we would like a better understanding of it."

[Eileen Cipriani](#), Deputy Secretary for Workforce Development, sDepartment of Labor and Industry, provided a Power Point presentation on Pennsylvania's system. She said that she looks at the workforce development system as having two primary customers: businesses and jobseekers. Cipriani explained, "We work in dual tracks to make sure we accommodate both of their needs." She further explained that their partners in workforce development system include other state agencies, local workforce development boards, training providers, and community and faith-based organizations. Cipriani noted, "One of the key stakeholders in the entire workforce development system is the county commissioners." According to Cipriani, "they hold fiduciary responsibility for the money at the local level and they appoint the local boards." She commented, "They are a driver in all that goes in at the local level in their planning process and their training process."

Cipriani pointed out workforce development is governed by the federal Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) and almost all of the money flowing through the state agencies is federal money. She said the state agencies included the Departments





of Labor and Industry, Education, Human Services, Aging, Community and Economic Development and Corrections. Cipriani discussed the various federal funding streams that go through the various state agencies. She said that the Departments of Transportation, Military and Veterans Affairs and Agriculture are also involved in workforce development. Cipriani outlined some of the mandates under the federal law including common indicators; performance accountability; one-stop delivery; universal access; career pathways; consumer choice; and local control. She emphasized, "This is a performance-based system."

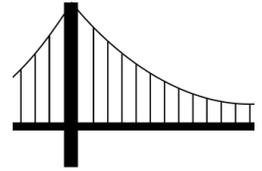
According to Cipriani, funding for the current fiscal year in the workforce development system is \$277 million with 95 percent of the amount federally funded. She pointed that five percent comes from the commonwealth. Cipriani noted that the five percent is a "significant increase" because of PAsmart. She said that previously the amount was around two percent. Cipriani reviewed workforce development performance under various categories including adults, dislocated workers, youth and federal Title III Wagner-Peyser. She then discussed the roles and responsibilities of the of the Department of Labor and Industry, the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board, the 22 local workforce development board and the PA CareerLink® administrator. Cipriani reviewed some of the workforce development grants provided by the department including the Teacher in the Workplace program; the business education partnerships; the summer local internship program; and the PAsmart program.

Allison Jones, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board, told lawmakers that under PAsmart there is approximately \$3 million for next generation industry partnerships. She explained that it is a program the department runs in partnership with the Department of Education and the Department of Community and Economic Development which she described as the main separate strategy where businesses come together within a shared labor market and region to identify their priorities that impact their overall competitiveness. Jones reported there are 15 funded partnerships across the state. She said that the partnerships, collectively, have engaged over 600 business and 400 community and public partners. Jones also reported Gov. Wolf has announced a first round of \$20 million for computer science/STEM education and professional development grants.

Jones then discussed the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board which she described as "the governor's business-led, industry-driven policy on building a strong workforce development system, aligned with the state's education and economic development goals." She told committee members the board's mission is "to ensure that Pennsylvania's entire workforce system, covering many programs in multiple departments and agencies, meets employers' needs for skilled workers and workers' needs for career and economic advancement." Jones explained the majority of the board members are business leaders representing manufacturing, agriculture, engineering, technology, health care, construction and retail industries. She said that about 20 percent of the board consists of members representing labor, youth, education and community-based organizations. Jones also said that the board includes the governor and a member of his staff, seven cabinet secretaries, four members of the General Assembly representing each of the four caucuses, and two local elected officials. She outlined the ways the board attempts to influence policy through the combined state plan and its standing and ad hoc committees.

Noting the number of agencies involved with workforce development, Chairman Cox asked about the inter-agency communications structure and whether there are regular meetings between agencies to make sure goals are met. Cipriani explained her department has a monitoring role so their monitors go out to the local areas and look at what they are doing programmatically to make sure they are following what is in the local and regional plan and they are following the federal WIOA law. Jones added that the state board, because it has many of the agencies represented on the board, facilitates "a lot of the inter-agency conversation" through conference calls with the cabinet secretaries on the board. She indicated they also mirror that with the deputy secretaries.

Noting Cipriani's testimony that state funding for workforce development has increased from two percent to five percent, Rep. Mullery wanted to know if any other states are supplementing their federal workforce funding. Cipriani responded that a majority of the states do supplement their federal funding. She noted the federal law is "extremely prescriptive as to what we have to do with our funds." Cipriani explained that other states use funds for specific initiatives. Rep. Mullery wanted to know how Pennsylvania's 5.2 percent compares to other states. Cipriani responded that she did not have those



specifics off the top of her head but there is “significant investment by a number of states in their workforce development systems at the state level.” Rep. Mullery spoke of the local community colleges and how they are best prepared to meet the immediate needs of the workforce locally. He wanted to know in what the state is utilizing the community colleges. Cipriani described community colleges as “a key partner for us because they are much more agile than our four-year colleges.”

Rep. Keller asked if the other departments use the same categories such as adults, youths, and dislocated workers when looking at performance. Cipriani said they do not and pointed out the department uses those categories because the federal law requires it. Rep. Keller wanted to know if the other agencies are serving these groups of people. Cipriani responded, “Absolutely.” Rep. Keller asked if there is a duplication of services. Cipriani said the departments work together to coordinate their workforce programs to reduce any duplication.

Rep. Cephas commented that Gov. Wolf sent out a press release regarding the overhaul of part of the system that includes the Departments of Human Services and Labor and Industry going towards a competitive procurement process and she asked about its potential impact. Cipriani said the program is still being put together.

Rep. Dush reported that employers are telling him that many workers coming from workforce development are failing their drug tests. He wanted to know if there is any data in this regard. Cipriani responded that the department does not have data on the number of individuals that have failed drug screens. She pointed out that information is not reported by any companies to the department. Cipriani added they are aware of the problem and the department recently received a \$5 million grant from the Department of Health and they are doing pilot projects in four different local areas throughout the commonwealth to work with individuals that have opiate use disorder to help them get a job, keep a job and to work with businesses to recognize the signs and “to look for resources that we have throughout our partners in the state to help individuals that have that problem.”

Rep. Nelson also expressed concern with trained workers who subsequently fail a drug test and about transitioning people released from the Department of Correction into the workforce.

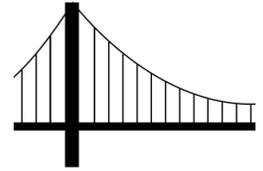
Rep. Keefer wanted to know where to find the state plan on workforce development. Jones responded that it is on the board’s website and that she would also provide a copy to the committee members. Regarding computer science/STEM grants, Rep. Keefer expressed concern about ensuring that grants are distributed fairly to local school districts. Jones explained that they chose to use a competitive grant process because they recognized there was much greater demand for resources than they had available. She indicated the recent grants are smaller but are going to a greater number of districts.

Rep. Ecker wanted to know how the agencies keep up with what the business community needs. Jones explained how the system is set up so the board receives constant feedback from the local level to learn what the local needs may be.

Rep. Maloney commented that he shared Rep. Keefer’s concerns regarding how the computer science/STEM grants are distributed. He expressed his hope that the decisions are “merit driven.”

Rep. Fee asked if there is a way to track what services an individual may be receiving regarding workforce development through the various state agencies. Cipriani responded that they have just developed an individual employment plan. She said they do track the services being provided.

Chairman Cox pointed out the law requires an annual report to the General Assembly to be filed by March 1 of each year. He reported that the Chief Clerk’s office has yet to receive a report for a number of years. Chairman Cox asked the panel to submit a report this year. Jones responded that they will be filing a report this year by the March 1 deadline.



Bullet.in.Points

[PENNDOT: FEES FOR OPTIONAL REAL ID PRODUCTS](#)

The Department of Transportation indicated they will make REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards available to residents starting in March of 2019. More information on the REAL ID driver's licenses and identification cards is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

[PUC: RULES AND REGULATIONS - MOTOR CARRIER AGE REQUIREMENT](#)

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission adopted a final rulemaking for consistency with Department of Health regulations by reducing the minimum age requirement for paratransit drivers from 21 years of age to 18 years of age in limited circumstances. More information on the final form rulemaking is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

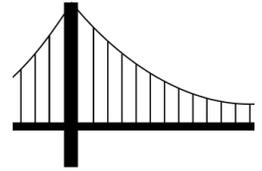
[PUC: STATEMENTS OF POLICY - THIRD PARTY ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING—RESALE/REDISTRIBUTION OF UTILITY SERVICE TARIFF PROVISIONS](#)

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission adopted a policy statement intended to encourage the development of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure by clarifying that policy that an EV charging facility open to the public for the sole purpose of recharging an EV battery should not be construed as a sale to a residential consumer, and requiring that electric distribution companies expressly address EV charging stations in their tariffs.

More information on the final form rulemaking is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Cosponsor Memos

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| HCO 894 | Masser, Kurt(R) | Encourages landowners to lease their land for use by recreational authorities for off-highway vehicle (OHV) riding. |
| HCO 895 | Masser, Kurt(R) | Permits owners of Jeeps that have factory removable doors to be able to drive on the highways of the commonwealth with those doors removed. |
| HCO 927 HCO 960 | Donatucci, Maria(D) Bernstine, Aaron(R) | Requires seat belts on school buses. Delays the implementation of the Medical Assistance Transportation Program until the Department of Human Services conducts a thorough review. |
| HCO 982 | Ryan, Frank(R) | Amends the Prevailing Wage Act to provide a clear definition of what actions taken with respect to road repairs are subject to the act's requirements. |
| HCO 983 | Ryan, Frank(R) | Amends the Prevailing Wage Act to provide a clear definition of what actions taken with respect to local road repairs are subject to the act's requirements. |
| HCO 990 | Rothman, Greg(R) | Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to define electric low-speed scooters. |
| HCO1006 | Conklin, Scott(D) | Establishes a natural gas transportation system through a natural gas severance fee. |
| HCO1018 | Wheatley, Jake(D) | Applies funds raised by a severance tax to improving state technology, development, and infrastructure. |
| HCO1029 | Conklin, Scott(D) | Addresses K-9 heat detection devices in police vehicles. |



- HCO1032 Everett, Garth(R) Creates the Pennsylvania Keystone Tree Fund and provides for a voluntary checkoff box to a driver's license and vehicle registration renewal applications.
- SCO 530 Baker, Lisa(R) Provides for a comprehensive Legislative Budget & Finance Committee (LBFC) study of PennDOT's highway maintenance funding.
- SCO 550 Santarsiero, Steven (F)(D) Creates the Commuter and Commerce Toll Tax Credit.

Bill Actions

- HB 26 Snyder, Pam(D) (PN 41) Amends the Automobile Lemon Law, adding motorcycles to the definition of a new motor vehicle. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-03-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Consumer Affairs
02-04-19 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Buildin, House Consumer Affairs -- House Consumer Affairs

- HB 28 Snyder, Pam(D) (PN 43) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) requiring the Department of Transportation on State-designated highways, including intersections with local highways, shall establish and enforce specifications for the erection and maintenance of agricultural business advertising signs, including, but not limited to, signs that advertise local farm markets and wayside fresh produce stands. Effective in 60 days.

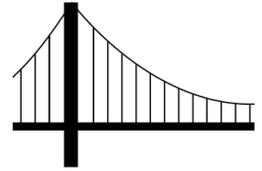
Bill History: 01-03-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

- HB 40 Snyder, Pam(D) (PN 53) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing for special license plates for children with autism. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-09-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

- HB 65 Sankey, Thomas(R) (PN 69) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3047 over the South Branch of Blacklick Creek, Blacklick Township, Cambria County, as the Private First Class Steve L. Klosz Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 66 Sankey, Thomas(R) (PN 70) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Peg Run Road, PA Route 240, over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, Susquehanna Township, Cambria County, as the United States Army Sergeant Scott O. Henry Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-14-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 74 Rothman, Greg(R) (PN 78) Amends Titles 44 (Law and Justice) and 75 (Vehicles), establishing a six-year pilot program for accredited municipal and regional police to use radar as a speed timing device. Effective in 120 days.

Bill History: 01-14-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 127 Miller, Daniel(D) (PN 121) 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. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-22-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 132 Jozwiak, Barry(R) (PN 126) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act further providing for prohibited acts and penalties. The bill establishes that for a first or second offense, a person is guilty of a summary offense and upon conviction shall pay a fine not exceeding \$300. For a third or subsequent offense, a person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree and upon conviction shall pay a fine not exceeding \$1,000. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-23-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

HB 176 Quinn, Chris(R) (PN 148) The Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Act establishes the Public-Private Partnership Infrastructure Board; providing for solicitation of public-private projects and for public-private agreements; and establishing the Public-Private Account. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government



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| HB 190 | Quinn, Chris(R) | <p>(PN 162) Amends Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in inspection of vehicles, further providing for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles. The bill establishes that a vehicle may not pass inspection if less than 50 percent of the vehicle's head lamps or rear lighting with light-emitting diodes, except ornamental lights, fail to light properly. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p> |
| HB 206 | Deasy, Daniel(D) | <p>(PN 176) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in other required equipment, providing for student driver sign. The bill establishes that a student driver must place a student driver sign on the rear of the vehicle that the student driver is operating to alert other drivers that a student driver is operating the vehicle. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p> |
| HB 214 | Cruz, Angel(D) | <p>(PN 184) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in penalties and disposition of fines, further providing for inability to pay fine and costs by adding court-ordered community service may be imposed in lieu of payment of up to 50 percent of the fine and costs originally imposed. The court shall fix the duration, time, and manner of the performance of community service. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p> |
| HB 216 | Cruz, Angel(D) | <p>(PN 186) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, providing for impoundment of vehicles at the time of arrest for 12 hours whenever a person has been arrested for a violation of section 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance). Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation</p> |



HB 217 Cruz, Angel(D) (PN 187) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in offenses in general, prohibiting persons from smoking in motor vehicles occupied by child under 18 years of age; and prescribing a penalty. The bill establishes that no person may smoke in a motor vehicle that is occupied by a child under 18 years of age. An operator of a motor vehicle who violates this commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$25. A conviction shall occur only as a secondary action when the operator of a motor vehicle has been convicted of violating any other provisions of this title. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 218 Cruz, Angel(D) (PN 188) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in enforcement, further providing for investigation by police officers by adding that no police officer who stops a vehicle as part of a systematic program of checking vehicles or drivers may use a data extraction device to secure information from an electronic device in the possession of the driver or passenger in the vehicle. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 219 Cruz, Angel(D) (PN 189) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, to disallow cutting through a gas station when at a red-light to get around red-light traffic. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 220 Cruz, Angel(D) (PN 190) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for application for driver's license or learner's permit, providing for issuance of driver's license or learner's permit to undocumented resident; establishing the Undocumented Resident Driver's License Services Administration Fund; and imposing penalties. The bill establishes that a person who has resided in this Commonwealth for 90 days or more may apply for an undocumented resident driver's license or learner's permit if the person is ineligible to obtain a Social Security number and unable to present documentation issued by the Federal Government authorizing the person's lawful presence in the United States. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed
01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



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| HB 221 | Cruz, Angel(D) | (PN 191) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for application for driver's license or learner's permit by requiring compliance with Federal Selective Service Act. An individual between 18 and 26 years of age who applies for a driver's license or learner's permit and is required to register with the Selective Service System in compliance with the requirements of section 3 of the Military Selective Service Act (62 Stat. 604, 50 U.S.C. 3801 et seq.) may consent to registration by the department by checking the box provided on the application for such purpose. Effective in nine months. Bill History: 01-24-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation |
| HB 224 | Pickett, Tina(R) | (PN 194) Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 87 along the Sullivan County and Bradford County line as the Specialist Second Class W.H. "Doc" Shoemaker, Jr., Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 01-25-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation |
| HB 231 | Deasy, Daniel(D) | (PN 201) 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. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 01-25-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation |
| HB 242 | Pickett, Tina(R) | (PN 212) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for accidents involving death or personal injury. The bill establishes that an occupant of any vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury or death of any person shall, upon failure of the driver of the vehicle to comply with the requirements, report the accident as soon as the occupant is physically able to the nearest office of an authorized police department. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 01-25-19 H Filed 01-28-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation |



HB 266 Lawrence, John(R)

(PN 237) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program by requiring the Department of Environmental Protection, in cooperation with the department, to develop and submit for approval to the Environmental Protection Agency an amendment to the existing enhanced emission inspection program. The amendment shall provide that a subject vehicle with a model year of 1992 through 1995 that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code 177.51(f)(2) or (4) (relating to program requirements), and a subject vehicle with a model year of 1996 or newer with a gross vehicle weight rating between 8,501 and 9,000 pounds that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code 177.51(f)(2) or (4), shall be required to undergo the following tests: (1) A fuel filler gas cap test, as specified in 67 Pa. Code 177.204(3) (relating to basis for failure), that determines if the vehicle's gas cap is functioning as designed; and (2) A visual emission control device inspection, administered as specified in 67 Pa. Code 177.204, of the vehicle emission control system. Effective immediately.

Bill History: 01-29-19 H Filed
01-29-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 271 Driscoll, Michael(D)

(PN 242) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in special vehicles and pedestrians, requiring that every self-propelled wheelchair and electrical mobility device operated and designed for the exclusive use of a person with a mobility-related disability when operated on a sidewalk, sidewalk area or highway between sunset and sunrise be equipped with a red reflector facing to the rear and a reflector on the front and each side, all of which shall be visible from at least 500 feet. No person may sell a self-propelled wheelchair or electrical mobility device, whether new or used, unless it is equipped as required by this section. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-29-19 H Filed
01-29-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 277 Owlett, Clint(R)

(PN 251) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 14 over Fall Brook, Troy Borough, Bradford County, as the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-29-19 H Filed
01-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



HB 279 Boback, Karen(R) (PN 247) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for rescue from motor vehicle. No person shall be liable for damage to a motor vehicle or the contents thereof caused by entry into the motor vehicle for the purpose of removing an individual from the motor vehicle, if the person: (1) has a good-faith, reasonable belief that the individual is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed from the motor vehicle; (2) determines that the individual is unable to exit the motor vehicle without assistance; (3) makes a reasonable effort to locate the driver of the motor vehicle and to contact law enforcement, a fire department or other emergency responder prior to entry; (4) uses no more force than necessary under the circumstances to enter the motor vehicle; (5) makes a good-faith effort to leave notice on or in the motor vehicle stating the reason the entry was made, the location of the individual who was removed from the motor vehicle and, if possible, identifying the police or fire department or other emergency responder that is expected to respond; and (6) remains with the individual in a safe location until law enforcement or emergency responders arrive. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-29-19 H Filed
01-29-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

HB 294 Davis, Austin(D) (PN 267) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license by providing for reduced-cost identification card for a homeless individual, individual in poverty, disabled individual, or veteran. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-29-19 H Filed
01-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 304 Toohil, Tarah(R) (PN 273) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, further providing for the definition of a traffic signal. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-30-19 H Filed
01-30-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance

HB 317 Rothman, Greg(R) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in penalties & disposition of fines, providing for surcharge; for automated license plate reader systems; imposing penalties; and establishing the ALPR Equipment Fund.

Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed



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| HB 326 | Warren, Perry(D) | Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms, further providing for defs., for persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms, for sale or transfer of firearms and for Pennsylvania State Police. Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed |
| HB 329 | Warren, Perry(D) | Amends the Tax Reform Code, providing for a commuter and commerce toll tax credit. Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed |
| HB 343 | Cruz, Angel(D) | Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), providing for use of government property. Bill History: 01-31-19 H Filed |
| SB 49 | Killion, Thomas(R) | (PN 95) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for civil immunity of person rescuing minor from motor vehicle. A person who removes or attempts to remove a minor from a motor vehicle shall be immune from civil liability for any damage to the motor vehicle or property contained in the motor vehicle resulting from the removal or attempt if the person: (1) determines that the motor vehicle is locked or no reasonable method exists for the minor to exit the motor vehicle; (2) has a reasonable and good faith belief that forcible entry into the motor vehicle is necessary because the minor is in imminent danger of suffering harm if not immediately removed from the motor vehicle; (3) contacts emergency responders before the removal or attempt occurs, if practicable, or as soon as possible after the removal or attempt occurs; (4) remains with the minor at a safe location near the motor vehicle until a law enforcement officer arrives; and (5) uses no more force than necessary for the removal or attempt. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 01-29-19 S Filed 01-29-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary |
| SB 117 | Langerholc, Wayne(R) | (PN 85) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 3016 (Bedford Street) over Solomon Run in the City of Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Seaman Apprentice Kenneth D. Scaife Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. Bill History: 01-25-19 S Filed 01-25-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation |



SB 128 Regan, Mike(R)

(PN 91) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 74 (Transportation) establishing the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as liaison for the Civil Air Patrol and supervise their expenditures of state funding as well as the maintenance and use of commonwealth facilities used. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-29-19 S Meeting set for 11:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared. -- Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
01-29-19 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
01-29-19 S Reported as committed from Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
01-29-19 S First consideration
02-04-19 S Set on the Senate Calendar

SB 131 Sabatina, John(D)

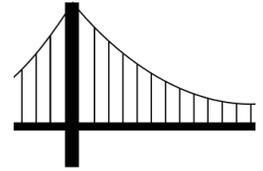
(PN 108) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in licensing of drivers, further providing for examination of applicant for driver's license; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for prohibiting text-based communications and providing for prohibiting use of interactive wireless communications device by novice drivers. The bill establishes 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. It also states no driver shall operate a motor vehicle on a highway or trafficway in this commonwealth while using an interactive wireless communications device to send, read or write a text-based communication, unless the motor vehicle is parked on the side or shoulder of a highway or trafficway in this Commonwealth where the motor vehicle is safely able to remain stationary. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-31-19 S Filed
01-31-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 132 Sabatina, John(D)

(PN 109) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) in licensing of drivers, further providing for issuance and content of driver's license. The bill establishes that there is no fee for the veteran designation on a driver's license or identification card and the qualified applicant shall be exempt from paying any renewal or duplicate driver's license or identification card fees. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 01-31-19 S Filed
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Upcoming Events

House Consumer Affairs

February 4, 2019 - Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: HB 26 Snyder, Pam Amends Automobile Lemon Law re motorcycles HB 318 Mizgorski, Lori Amends Telemarketer Reg. Act re Do Not Call HB 350 Rigby, Jim (F) Amends Precious Metal Sale Regulation Law (Note: HB 350 added to agenda)

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

February 5, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ

Operations & Maintenance Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

February 5, 2019 - 10:30 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ

Labor Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

PA Turnpike Commission

February 5, 2019 - 2:00 p.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

February 6, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ

Finance Committee Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

PA Public Utility Commission

February 7, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg

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

February 7, 2019 - 10:30 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Desert Room, 400 North St., Harrisburg

Annual Meeting with the PA Sustainable Energy Board. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

House Appropriations

February 11, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol

Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office

State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons

February 19, 2019 - 9:30 a.m., 2601 North Third Street, Harrisburg

Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1697

PA Turnpike Commission

February 19, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown

Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Senate Appropriations

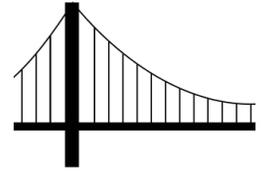
February 19, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Budget Hearing - Independent Fiscal Office

Senate Appropriations

February 19, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Budget Hearing - Public Utility Commission



Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

February 20, 2019 - 9:00 a.m., One Port Center, 11th Floor, 2 Riverside Drive, Camden, NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

February 21, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg
Public hearing on the availability of wheelchair accessible vehicle service in this Commonwealth

Senate Appropriations

February 25, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Dept. of Transportation

House Appropriations

February 26, 2019 - 1:00 p.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Department of Transportation

House Appropriations

March 6, 2019 - 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary - Office of the Governor/Executive Offices

Senate Appropriations

March 7, 2019 - 3:00 p.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building
Budget Hearing - Budget Secretary/Governor's Executive Office (if necessary)

In the News

- 01-31-2019 **[Delegation members receive House committee assignments](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-31-2019 **[Governor Wolf Outlines Plan to Restore Critical Pennsylvania Infrastructure](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-31-2019 **[State Sens. Vogel, Bartolotta get committee assignments](#)**
Both of Beaver County's state senators will serve on five committees in addition to chairing their own committees. State Sen. Elder Vogel Jr., R-47, New Sewickley Township, will be vice chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee and sit on the... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 01-31-2019 **[Snow squall causes 27-car pileup on Route 222 in Wyomissing](#)**
UPDATE: 6 p.m. A snow squall caused a 27-car pileup on Route 222 in Wyomissing and sent nine people to the hospital, two of whom are in critical condition, officials said. "First and foremost our thoughts are with the victims of the crash," Wyomissing police Lt. Thomas D. Endy said during a press conference at the... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-31-2019 **[Amtran report troubling](#)**
Amtran's reported low ranking among its bus-service-provider peers, based on a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation performance report covering a five-year period that ended in 2015, has cast a shadow over its operations and the strong image it has tried to maintain.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)



- 01-31-2019 **Erie-area lawmakers want changes to medical transportation program delayed**
Bizzarro, Merski, Harkins and five other Democrats who make up the Northwest Democratic Caucus ask Department of Human Services to hold off on changes to Medical Assistance Transportation Program. Three Erie-area lawmakers are co-sponsoring a bill that would delay the... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-31-2019 **City of Erie, other defendants want viaduct appeal tossed**
A new court filing says the issue is moot because most of the eastside bridge has already been demolished. The McBride Viaduct is nearly gone. That is a key reason why the city of Erie and other defendants want to quash the appeal of a federal lawsuit filed by a group of Erie-area... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-31-2019 **PECO plans lane closures in Schuylkill Township for utility work**
PECO Energy is planning weekday lane closures with flagging on Valley Park Road at Springview Lane in Schuylkill Township. The closures will begin on Monday, Feb. 4, through Monday, Feb. 11, from 9: 00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., for utility work, PennDOT announced today.... - [Phoenixville News](#)
- 01-31-2019 **Police vow DUI crackdown for Super Bowl weekend**
You've been warned! Police in Pennsylvania say they will be out in force on Super Bowl Sunday checking for fans who have overindulged on alcoholic beverages and then made the mistake of getting behind the wheel. While Super Bowl Sunday has grown into a near national holiday, with... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 01-31-2019 **State Rep. Perry Warren appointed to three House committees**
HARRISBURG >> State Rep. Perry Warren, D-Bucks, has been appointed to serve on three standing committees in the House of Representatives: Transportation, Environmental Resources and Energy, and Insurance. "I look forward to working with my colleagues on these committees that... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 01-31-2019 **Fatal crash involving school bus reported in central Pa.**
Police in York County are investigating a fatal crash involving a school bus. No students were injured in the crash, which involved a collision between the bus and another vehicle, Northern York County Regional Police said via Twitter. The crash happened on Lewisberry Road between Canal and Butter roads in... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 01-31-2019 **DA Exploring Filing Charges In 2017 Parkway North Fatal Crash**
PITTSBURGH. (KDKA) – District Attorney Stephen Zappala says he will take another look at whether charges should be filed in a fatal accident on the Parkway North. On Oct. 5, 2017, Scott Hirsh was changing a tire on the Parkway North when he was killed by an errant driver. Just last week, the family was told that... - [KDKA](#)
- 01-31-2019 **Philly school district to update bus schedule throughout Thursday morning**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — The School District of Philadelphia is taking a special precaution to help keep students warm as they get ready to go to school in these subzero temperatures. Throughout Thursday morning, the district will use its Twitter profile and... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)



- 01-31-2019 **SEPTA, passengers deal with the deep freeze**
PHILADELPHIA (KYW Newsradio) — SEPTA buses, trains and trolleys — and passengers of the regional transit service — had to prepare for the arctic blast today. SEPTA officials say they they kept Market-Frankford and Broad Street Line subway cars underground, in the tunnels instead of the railyards,... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)
- 01-31-2019 **Interstate 70 closed in Westmoreland after crash involving propane tanks**
Eastbound Interstate 70 was closed Thursday after a crash apparently involving a truck hauling propane tanks. Firefighters were called to the scene in South Huntingdon near the Smithton exit just before 11 a.m., according to a Westmoreland 911 dispatcher. Other... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-31-2019 **Gov. Wolf again pitches plan for taxing Marcellus gas drillers**
Gov. Tom Wolf on Thursday announced plans to once again seek a severance tax on Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling, promising to use the money for disaster recovery, infrastructure and the expansion of broadband internet, among other projects. The Democratic governor plans to approach state lawmakers with a proposal... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 01-31-2019 **Wolf seeks \$4.5B capital program paid by Marcellus Shale tax**
Gov. Tom Wolf said Thursday that he will ask Pennsylvania lawmakers to approve a severance tax on Marcellus Shale natural gas production to finance a multibillion-dollar capital plan for a wide range of projects, from controlling floodwaters to fighting blight... - [AP](#)
- 01-30-2019 **Bizzarro urges halt to changes in medical transportation program**
(Press Release)
- 01-30-2019 **Governor Wolf Announces \$121 Million Investment in Water Infrastructure...**
(Press Release)
- 01-30-2019 **Uber rolls out frequent flyer-type program in Pittsburgh**
Rewards are coming for people who frequently use Uber to get around Pittsburgh. Uber announced it will roll out its new rider rewards program this week. Riders can opt in to the program and start earning points toward rewards such as cash back, flexible cancelations, price protection and extra... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-30-2019 **Local professionals offer tips for vehicle, homes and personal safety in the extreme cold**
Large portions of Northeast Pennsylvania will awaken to a single-digit sunrise this morning. By tonight, temperatures will sink below zero, said AccuWeather Senior Meteorologist Tom Kines. “The record of minus seven in 1948 is going to be challenged,” he said. “We’re going to get close to that.”... - [Scranton Times](#)



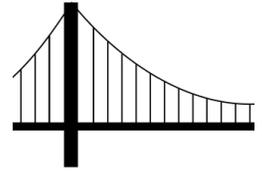
- 01-30-2019 **Bartolotta appointed to six committees**
State Sen. Camera Bartolotta, R-Carroll, has been appointed to serve on five additional Senate committees for the 2019-20 legislative session. In addition to serving as chair of the Senate Labor and Industry Committee – which is expected to consider a wide range of issues over the next... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 01-30-2019 **The real deal on Pennsylvania's new Real ID**
Not everyone will need the new driver's licenses or photo IDs that will be issued by PennDOT beginning in March. You may need a new kind of identification to get on an airplane beginning in October 2020. That's when Pennsylvania finally becomes compliant with federal law... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-30-2019 **Residents voice concerns over trees, proposed project at meeting**
Presenting concerns about how Fourth Street will look, and 51 trees slated to be cut down, and other matters relating to a proposed PennDOT construction project, residents of Newberry attended a meeting with representatives of the state's highway department, the water and... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-30-2019 **Stroudsburg Borough declares Snow Emergency**
The borough of Stroudsburg has declared a Snow Emergency as of 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, January 29, 2019. The Snow Emergency will remain in effect until 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019. Snow Emergency Routes are marked with signs. A Snow Emergency is declared... - [Pocono Record](#)
- 01-30-2019 **Penndel Wawa out, another in works in Middletown**
The prospective developer of a Wawa in Penndel recently notified the borough the convenience store chain had backed out of plans for a downtown store. About half a mile away, in Middletown, a different Wawa developer received the first of several approvals it needs for a store off East... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)
- 01-30-2019 **Roundabout: Will they, won't they, can they?**
PennDOT is taking a timeout. An effort was undertaken at this month's Warren City Council meeting to reverse the November decision in favor of a roundabout over a traffic signal re-configuration at the intersection of Market St. and Pennsylvania Ave. And until council makes up its mind, PennDOT won't continue with... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 01-30-2019 **DeWine seeking solutions to Ohio's road money shortfall**
Facing a state transportation budget that lacks money for new major infrastructure projects, Gov. Mike DeWine has assembled a committee and tasked it to quickly come up with options. A key question is whether it will recommend raising money through a gas tax... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-30-2019 **How to make e-scooters truly safe**
THE QUESTION for cities should not be whether to allow electric scooters on their streets. It should be how to welcome them safely. Recent studies on scooter-related emergency room visits provide not an argument for prohibition but instead a kind of manual on how to proceed with caution.... - [Washington Post](#)



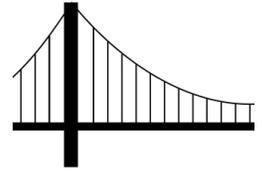
- 01-30-2019 **[The Energy 202: 2020 hopefuls love talking about a 'Green New Deal.' But they're short on specifics.](#)**
Last November, the “Green New Deal” was barely on the lips of any Democrat running for office. Fast-forward two months, and the phrase is all over the campaign trail. Potential presidential candidates who otherwise have starkly different political approaches — from Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) to former New... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-30-2019 **[Pileup closes Interstate 78 westbound in Berks County](#)**
Interstate 78 westbound is closed in Berks County following a pileup Wednesday afternoon, according to reports. The crash was reported around 3 p.m. near mile marker 33. Traffic was being diverted at the Lenhartsville exit at Route 143. Traffic is reported to be... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-30-2019 **[Snow squall leads to Route 222 pileup involving dozens of vehicles](#)**
A line of fierce snow squalls apparently sparked a chain reaction pileup on Route 222 in Berks County involving dozens of vehicles Wednesday afternoon. The wreck in Wyomissing has closed a portion of the highway between Route 422 and Route 724 around 1:30 p.m. Berks County officials have called a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-30-2019 **[Dozens of vehicles in pileup after Pennsylvania snow squall](#)**
READING, Pa. (AP) — Dozens of cars have been involved in a chain-reaction crash on a central Pennsylvania highway after a snow squall caused whiteout conditions... - [AP](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[Gov. Wolf Urges Pennsylvanians to Take Precautions During Extreme Cold Weather](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-29-2019 **[PennDOT: Vehicle Restrictions Temporarily Lifted on Interstate 78, Part of I-81](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-29-2019 **[Mullins appointed to three key House committees](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-29-2019 **[UPDATED: Travelers Urged to be Vigilant, Monitor Weather Conditions in...](#)**
(Press Release)
- 01-29-2019 **[Board grants parole over DA's objection to accused rock thrower in I-80 incident](#)**
LEWISBURG - The young man accused of throwing a rock from an Interstate 80 overpass in Union County in 2014, critically injuring an Ohio school teacher, is scheduled to be paroled March 11. The state Board of Probation and Parole approved the release of Dylan M.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



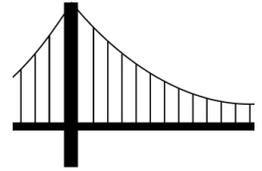
- 01-29-2019 **[Jury to decide if city is responsible for tree](#)**
Blair County Judge Timothy M. Sullivan ruled this month that it will be up to a jury to decide if the City of Altoona or the property owner is responsible for addressing the maintenance of trees planted in the public right-of-way abutting a street. The question has been raised in a lawsuit resulting from a single-vehicle... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[Exeter officials nix medical marijuana dispensary site OK'd by state](#)**
Exeter Township may get a medical marijuana dispensary, but it will not be at 3901 Perkiomen Ave. Cresco Yeltrah LLC won state approval last month for a dispensary at the Perkiomen Avenue spot near the Exeter Promenade. But the address chosen is not zoned for a medical marijuana dispensary,... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[PennDOT announces highway restrictions ahead of storm](#)**
Commercial vehicles and others will be prohibited on some highways in northeastern Pennsylvania ahead of an expected winter storm, PennDOT announced Monday. The restrictions will be go into effect at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, and will tentatively be lifted at 6 p.m. that day, according to the... - [York Dispatch](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[Clean your car, 'ice missiles' can be fatal](#)**
After heavy snowfalls, like the icy one we had last week, it's common to see many vehicles zipping around on streets and highways still covered in ice and snow. Don't try that in New Hampshire, where the law would consider you a "negligent" driver for not taking the time to clear all of the snow... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[Delaware manufacturing executive charged in Amtrak bribery case](#)**
An executive at a Milford textile company publicly claimed in 2016 that a hiring boom – a rarity in the industry – was a result of years of "hard work" gathering the technical knowledge needed to win lucrative train contracts. Yet, internal emails sent the same year show the executive, Scott Crothers,... - [Wilmington News Journal](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[Uncertainty over GM future at Lordstown a familiar story for other northeast Ohio communities with closed auto plants](#)**
The United Autoworkers will try this summer to get General Motors to put in writing that the Lordstown plant will make another vehicle after Chevrolet Cruze production ends as scheduled in early March after a more than eight-year run. Whether Lordstown or other plants that GM last November officially... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[Costly 220 corridor work beginning soon](#)**
The estimated \$36 million Route 220 safety corridor project ideally will get started by fall, said Chris King, of the state Department of Transportation's District 3, at the Williamsport Area Transportation Study Technical Committee meeting Monday morning. The long-awaited construction project is expected to take three years to... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-29-2019 **[Wolf Administration announces grants to reduce emissions](#)**
HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will begin accepting grant applications to replace, repower, or retrofit fleet diesel-powered trucks, buses, and other vehicles and equipment through the Driving PA Forward program. More than \$2.6 million will be... - [Hawley News Eagle](#)



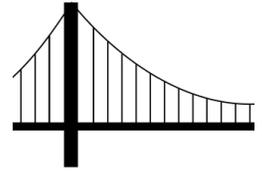
- 01-29-2019 **State Supreme Court to hear North Shore appeal**
NORTHUMBERLAND — The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has agreed to hear a SEDA-COG Joint Rail Authority (JRA) appeal and review a lower court decision concerning an operating agreement. - [Milton Standard](#)
- 01-29-2019 **Travelers Urged to be Vigilant, Monitor Weather Conditions**
Harrisburg, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is advising motorists to closely monitor weather forecasts and conditions as a storm system is anticipated to impact most of the state, with many areas expected to see precipitation during the Tuesday rush hours.... - [Honesdale Wayne Independent](#)
- 01-29-2019 **PennDOT issues travel restrictions**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is advising motorists to closely monitor weather forecasts and conditions as a storm system is anticipated to impact most of the state, with many areas expected to see precipitation during the Tuesday rush hours.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 01-29-2019 **PennDOT lifts truck restrictions on two highways for mid-day break**
In light of the impending snowfall, PennDOT and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission issued vehicle restrictions on several interstate roadways in eastern Pennsylvania. The ban was lifted for two of those highways from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at which point it will be reinstated.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-29-2019 **Woman charged in crash that killed 2 Warwick High School students will face trial, judge rules**
The Mount Joy woman accused of causing a multi-vehicle crash that killed two Warwick High School students in October will be tried on charges including third-degree murder, a judge ruled Monday. Police said Debra Slaymaker-Walker, 63, caused the Oct. 26 chain-reaction... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-29-2019 **Central Pa. schools letting out early as heavier snow expected in afternoon**
Many school districts across central Pennsylvania were announcing early dismissals on Tuesday morning as snow was expected to fall faster this afternoon, according to news reports and school websites. As of Tuesday morning, the region is in a winter weather advisory through 8... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-29-2019 **Cities around the world have figured out how to ease congestion. Here are five fixes for Philly.**
Cities around the world have figured out how to ease congestion. Here are five fixes for Philly. - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-29-2019 **PennDOT temporarily lifts travel restrictions on some highways**
The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has temporarily lifted some vehicle restrictions on the state's highways. With two snow systems moving through the state today, restrictions were placed on many highways, prohibiting empty tractor trailers and commercial... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)



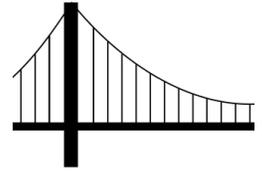
- 01-29-2019 **Philly's still stuck in traffic. Here are 5 fixes from around the world.**
Cities around the world have figured out how to ease congestion. Here are five fixes for Philly. ? Just try traveling in a straight line for any distance in Center City Philadelphia. Moving, by any means, requires navigating around myriad obstacles: jaywalkers, construction fencing, an illegally parked delivery truck.... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 01-29-2019 **Final contract awarded for \$306 million section of Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway**
The fourth and final contract has been awarded for the construction of the northern section of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. has gotten the \$52.3 million contract to do drainage, paving, sign, lighting and traffic signal work, the... - *Penn Live, Patriot-News*
- 01-29-2019 **Passenger totals jumped by 100,000 at Lehigh Valley International Airport in 2018**
Lehigh Valley International Airport closed 2018 with another strong month of passenger totals, accommodating 100,000 more passengers last year than 2017. Airport officials knew going into December that 2018 was going to be its best year since 2011, when 895,997 people boarded or disembarked flights at... - *Allentown Morning Call*
- 01-28-2019 **PennDOT: Travelers Urged to be Vigilant, Monitor Weather Conditions in...**
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- 01-28-2019 **Warren appointed to three House committees**
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- 01-28-2019 **Gainey named to four key House committees**
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- 01-28-2019 **Rep. Sara Innamorato named to state House committees**
(Press Release)
- 01-28-2019 **Schlossberg appointed to four House committees**
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- 01-28-2019 **AG DePasquale Says Federal Shutdown Causing Delays in Air Travel, Raising...**
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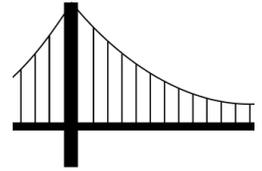
- 01-28-2019 **The dangers of drunken driving**
Julie Webster was 25 years old when she died in a DUI crash along state Route 26 near Pleasant Gap in July 2010. Her former boyfriend was driving the vehicle at a speed of more than 110 mph and with a blood alcohol level triple the legal limit, according to Julie's father, Jeffrey Webster.... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 01-28-2019 **County ranks deficient bridges eligible for vehicle registration revenue**
Bridges will be replaced using revenue from \$5 registration fee, state funds. Three bridges along a stretch of Old Route 99 in McKean Township are among the worst locally-owned spans in all of Erie County. Last year, McKean Township supervisors were forced to invest in upwards of... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Aviation school ready to take flight as pilot shortage grows**
Chad and Melissa Pensiero want young people considering career paths to know the sky is the limit. The Somerset County natives have launched Flying.org, a nonprofit organization to promote interest in aviation-related careers and support training. "My husband and I have a vision," Melissa Pensiero said. "We... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Bill would allow cops to stop drivers of snow-covered vehicles**
Editor's note: Gov. Tom Wolf signed 164 bills into law in 2018, but that's just a fraction of the hundreds of bills introduced at the Capitol. This series examines some of the legislation that's circulating in Harrisburg but hasn't drawn much attention. HARRISBURG — Police would be able to stop drivers who haven't... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Road salt use creates environmental worries**
Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation still relies on a steady diet of salt to de-ice state roads and highways. But in some other states, including neighboring New Jersey, products like beet juice and cheese brine are being used to keep drivers safe and roads... - [Meadville Tribune](#)
- 01-28-2019 **State, local road crews follow similar winter storm procedures**
In advance of last weekend's pending snowstorm, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation road and maintenance staffs geared up to make the roads safe for driving. The same protocols, except on a smaller scale, were in place at local municipalities, such as Point Township.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Knowles announces committee positions**
State Rep. Jerry Knowles announced that he will serve on the high-profile state House Education and Judiciary committees in the current two-year session of the state Legislature. Knowles, R-124, Tamaqua, said in a news release he looks forward to having a more prominent role in the ongoing debate to eliminate school property... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Bucks County Community College offering airplane pilot training**
The eight-session training course will start Feb. 2 at the East Rockhill campus and Feb. 4 at the Newtown Township campus. Bucks County Community College is offering private airplane pilot ground school training starting Feb. 2 at the East Rockhill campus and Feb. 4 at... - [Levittown Bucks County Courier Times](#)



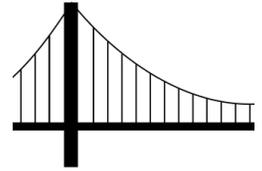
- 01-28-2019 **Joint Rail Authority case goes to state Supreme Court**
SEDA-Council of Government Joint Rail Authority's appeal of a court decision addressing the process for a new rail freight operating agreement is headed to the state Supreme Court. The issue involves a vote by the Joint Rail Authority in July 2015 to award an operating agreement to Carload Express Inc.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Program to help suspended drivers regain Ohio licenses**
HB336, which passed in June, created the Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Initiative. Beginning Jan. 31, the six-month program will reduce or waive driver's license reinstatement fees for drivers who have been suspended for specific violations. Ohio has the second-highest number of driver's license suspensions per... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Textile exec accused of bribing Amtrak officer for contracts**
MILFORD, Del. (AP) — A former textile manufacturing executive is accused of bribing an Amtrak employee to secure contracts worth millions for his Delaware employer... - [AP](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Ring roads near Easton's Centre Square could become two-way streets under \$4 million project**
A \$4 million project to improve traffic flow around Easton's Centre Square could turn the city's ring road into two-way streets — ending what Mayor Sal Panto Jr. called a “big fad” in design that dates to the 1960s but is now passe. The project also includes creating better pedestrian access to Centre... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Gas prices rise in Pittsburgh, fewer nationally under \$2 per gallon**
Gas prices are up in the Pittsburgh area, and, nationally, fewer stations are selling fuel for under \$2 per gallon. “The percent of gas stations in the U.S. selling under \$2 per gallon fell from 37 percent to 27 percent over the last week as oil prices hold... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Pittsburgh's Rachel Carson Bridge closing in February for more than a year**
One of Pittsburgh's three “Sisters Bridges” connecting Downtown to the North Side will close in February for more than a year during a \$23.3 million rehabilitation project, Allegheny County announced Monday. The Ninth Street Bridge, dubbed the Rachel Carson Bridge, will close on... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-28-2019 **Crews make repairs to historic Westmoreland County covered bridge**
Crews worked Monday to repair parts of a historic covered bridge damaged recently in an apparent hit-and-run. Part of Bells Mills Road has been closed since last week. The damage on Bells Mills Bridge, which connects South Huntingdon and Sewickley townships, was relatively minor — a few pieces of wooden... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-27-2019 **Record rain makes Pittsburgh area rivers challenging to use**
For more than a year, weather has been pounding the Pittsburgh area, causing historic rainfall and river conditions that have created additional challenges for the barge industry and sometimes by extension for road traffic. Fast river conditions, fueled by more than an inch of rain from last... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



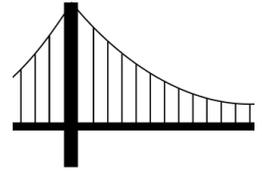
- 01-27-2019 **Boscola on the right track with Christine’s Law | Editorial**
For years Pennsylvania has been lagging behind other northeastern states in one important part of winter highway safety — getting truckers and other motorists to clear snow and ice off their vehicles, to reduce the chance of chunks coming loose and endangering others on the road.... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 01-27-2019 **Paul Muschick: The shutdown ended when wealthy people finally were hurt**
The partial government shutdown is over, at least temporarily. President Donald Trump announced this afternoon that he had reached a deal with Congress to reopen the shuttered agencies for three weeks. All it took was for the effects to finally be felt by wealthy people.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-27-2019 **Road Warrior: That awkward talk about senior drivers**
Earlier this month, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and husband to Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, got his car knocked on its side in a two-car collision. Two days later, he was seen driving in a different vehicle without wearing a seat belt, resulting in a warning from English... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 01-27-2019 **Shutdown Sets Off Airport Delays as F.A.A. Announces Staffing Shortages**
At La Guardia Airport in New York on Friday, Divneet Wadhwa, 26, was stewing. Her flight to Toronto, where she was going for a wedding, had been delayed three times. “I don’t think we’re going anywhere,” Ms. Wadhwa said, adding that she had events later and that being stuck in New York would... - [New York Times](#)
- 01-27-2019 **The FAA is taking encouraging steps on regulating drones. It should go further.**
WHAT WAS thought to be drones temporarily shut down traffic near Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey earlier this week. Now officials say they are unsure exactly what it was that two pilots spotted in the air. (A bird? A superhero?) Still, the incident points to the... - [Washington Post](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Senators Laughlin, Boscola Reintroduce Snow and Ice Bill**
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- 01-25-2019 **Senator Boscola Announces Reintroduction of Snow and Ice Bill**
(Press Release)
- 01-25-2019 **DMVA Supports Winter Storm Harper Response**
(Press Release)
- 01-25-2019 **Senate Republican Standing Committee Memberships**
(Press Release)



- 01-25-2019 **Pa. Supreme Court's pending ruling on railroad vote could have bigger implications**
LEWISBURG - The validity of a vote awarding an Allegheny County railroad company a seven-year, multimillion dollar contract to operate five shortlines in central Pennsylvania is in the hands of the state Supreme Court. The high court Wednesday agreed to consider three of the issues raised by... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Amtrak's iconic flipboard will come down this weekend, says Philly congressman**
Amtrak plans to remove its clacking, 1970s-era analog schedule board from 30th Street Station this weekend and replace it with a digital screen, according to U.S. Rep. Brendan Boyle, who has been advocating for a modern version of the split-flap sign. Amtrak would not comment on the timing of the work or even confirm... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 01-25-2019 **AVP air traffic controllers call for end to shutdown**
PITTSTON TWP. — Air traffic controller Lenny Ameika says he and his colleagues have to be nothing less than perfect on the job. That's why he worries about the potential impact of personal distractions caused by the ongoing federal government shutdown that has... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Wilkes-Barre/Scranton airport finishes second best year**
PITTSTON TWP. — A year that began badly for the local airport ended with five straight monthly passenger-departure records and almost another annual record. A record December for departures capped the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport's second-best year ever, airport Director Carl... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Renovo Borough Council: Push is on for Delaware Avenue Grant**
Borough council is facing an end-of-the-month application deadline for the grant and, according to information at its meeting earlier this month, some of the affected residents don't want the improvement. There are a reported 16 households along the roadway which parallels Route 120 into the... - [Lock Haven Record](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Survey gauges need for expanded bus service in Bellefonte**
BELLEFONTE — Does Bellefonte need more bus service? The Bellefonte Intervalley Area Chamber of Commerce wants to know. The BIACC is exploring the feasibility of increased availability for weekend CATA bus service between State College and Bellefonte. Now through... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 01-25-2019 **State police issued close to 1K citations to commercial drivers during recent storm**
Truck drivers who chose to ignore Gov. Tom Wolf's commercial vehicle ban during Winter Storm Harper now face an expensive consequence. Facing dire weather forecasts, Wolf declared a state of emergency on Friday and banned commercial vehicles from noon Saturday to noon Sunday on most... - [Easton Express-Times](#)



- 01-25-2019 **Planners take a look at region's worst intersections**
POTTSTOWN — Ever wonder what the area's worst intersections are? Just ask a member of the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission. For the past two months, they have been getting a fairly in-depth look at 18 of them. Their tour continued Wednesday night as eight more were examined and... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 01-25-2019 **McCarter Transit donates bus service to fallen soldier Dylan Elchin's family**
The family of U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Dylan Elchin traveled to Arlington, Va., on Thursday to bury their loved one, and a Chippewa Township bus company made sure they didn't have to worry about the journey there and back. McCarter Transit donated a coach bus and volunteered to transport the... - [Beaver County Times](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Pike's lack of recycling program may be tied to overwhelming litter rates**
Recycling services came to a halt in Pike County in August 2012. County officials were responding to a four-year period before than when costs were going up while state funding was going down. At its peak, according to a 2012 county report, Pike made nearly \$190,000... - [Milford Pike County Courier](#)
- 01-25-2019 **We must change the culture on pedestrian safety**
THE ISSUE The number of pedestrian deaths in traffic accidents has been increasing, LNP's Lindsey Blest wrote Jan. 17, citing a 2017 report from the Governor's Highway Safety Administration. That report shows that pedestrian fatalities in the U.S. increased by 27 percent between 2007 and... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Confused about REAL ID? This Q&A session could help**
State Sen. Lindsey Williams and Rep. Sara Innamorato have scheduled a workshop for Friday in Millvale to help constituents navigate Pennsylvania's REAL ID program. Starting in October 2020, state residents will need federally accepted identification such as a REAL ID drivers license for domestic air travel or... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 01-25-2019 **Several Flights Delayed At Pittsburgh Airport Due To Government Shutdown**
PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — Several flights are being delayed at Pittsburgh International Airport due to the government shutdown. The problems are originating at New York's LaGuardia Airport where flights are being delayed due to a staffing problem the FAA reports. "We have experienced a slight increase in sick leave at two air traffic... - [KDKA](#)
- 01-25-2019 **FAA: Flight delays at PHL, major Northeast airports due to staffing**
(CNN, KYW Newsradio) — Travelers at Philadelphia International Airport are feeling the impact of the partial government shutdown. Right now, there are delays of about 15 minutes on arrivals and departures, according to the airport's Twitter account. UPDATE: @FAANews news reporting departure delays at PHL are averaging... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)



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