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Session Status

At 1:06 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, June 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 1:18 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 the House stands adjourned until Monday, June 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Upcoming Session Days

House

June 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 (The House will convene at 10:00 a.m. on scheduled Tuesday-Friday session days in June)

Senate

June 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29

ABATE RALLIES FOR MOTORCYCLE RIGHTS

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | June 4, 2018

The Alliance of Bikers Aimed Toward Education (ABATE) held their annual motorcyclist rights rally in the Capitol Rotunda this afternoon.

Charles Umbenhauer, lobbyist for ABATE, thanked Gov. Tom Wolf for marking June as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month in Pennsylvania as well as Sen. John Rafferty (R-Montgomery) and Rep. Harry Readshaw (D-Allegheny) for sponsoring similar citations in the House and Senate. Umbenhauer noted that this year marks the 15th anniversary of making helmets a choice for motorcyclists 21 years old. "All the naysayers who said horrible things would happen if Pennsylvania repealed or modified the helmet law, none of that happened," he stated. "In May, a new report from the Governor's Highway Safety Association reported that motorcycle fatalities were down 5.6 percent in 2017. In 2016, Pennsylvania reported 191 motorcyclist fatalities. In 2017, Pennsylvania reported 184 fatalities. Let's be honest about that: some of those fatalities could have been prevented. Too many of those fatalities were the result of alcohol impairment, drug impairment, excessive speed, distracted driving, and the aging riding population."

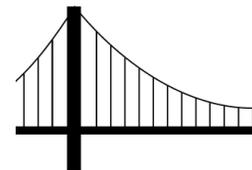
Umbenhauer shared a letter to the secretary of the Department of Transportation, Leslie Richards, from ABATE regarding concerns about the Motorcycle Safety Program. "The contractor who was hired to run that program, Cape Fox Professionals, succeeded to run that program into the ground. In their final year of operation in 2017, they trained only 13,000 students. The previous contractor, the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, consistently trained 25,000 students a year sometimes many more," he stated. "I'm requesting that you investigate what is being done with the program and a meeting to try to get some answers on how to return it to an award winning program."

Umbenhauer noted he was part of the first rally 38 years ago and he's 73 years old. "I don't know if I'll be back here next year or not. My time has come, I've come what I came to do. Some new blood is going to have to step up. If I have to come back up here I will," he stated. "When it comes to being a lobbyist in Harrisburg you have one thing: credibility. You either have it or you don't... Dan Frankel, god bless Dan we're good friends, but he's the only guy left that would rather put a helmet on your head than let you enjoy your freedom. I'm sure he's doing a dance right now but as long as I live and breathe I will come back if I have to."

Dave Evans, president of ABATE, reiterated that it is the 15th anniversary of the repeal of the helmet law. "It's been 15 years since motorcyclists have been able to enjoy the freedom of choice," he stated. "We continue to show support for Pennsylvania motorcyclists. There a lot of pieces of legislation we're still involved in. I would like to thank the legislators here today and personally thank you all for coming to the Capitol today for the motorcycle rights rally and ABATE PA."

Michael Sayre, government relations manager for American Motorcycle Association (AMA), presented Steve Zurl, former ABATE assistant state coordinator, with the 2018 Outstanding Road Rider Award. Rep. John Lawrence (R-Chester) then presented Zurl with the ABATE Distinguished Service Award and a citation from the House honoring his





service. “There are folks who talk the talk and there are folks who walk the walk. Steve has walked the walk on issues of motorcycle advocacy for decades,” he stated. “

Zurl said he was honored to receive the awards. “When I started with all this years ago I never really wanted to protect anything other than the motorcycle lifestyle, our lifestyle. I’m truly honored, thank you,” he stated.

Sen. Rafferty, chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, affirmed his support for ABATE legislation and urged Umbenhauer to stay on as a lobbyist for the organization. “He has not only kept your issues on the forefront, he’s one of the most respected individuals lobbying in this building,” he stated.

Mark Keller (R-Perry), prime sponsor of [HB 831](#), explained that the legislation affords organized motorcycle processions many of the same rights that funeral processions currently receive. He said the legislation passed the House a year ago and was promptly reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee. “I’m asking for each and every one of you to reach out to your senator to move this bill,” he stated. “The goal of this bill is for the safety of motorcycle riders and the safety of the public.”

Rep. Pam Snyder (D-Greene), prime sponsor of [HB 74](#), said her legislation would include motorcycles in the Pennsylvania Lemon Law. “When you invest in your bike and it’s a lemon, you should have the same protections as you do when you buy a car,” she stated. “The bill has been sitting in the Senate Consumer Protection Committee. We need to get it moving so it gets on the governor’s desk before the session ends on November 30.”

Rep. Jim Marshall (R-Beaver), prime sponsor of [HB 1239](#), said his bill is a top priority of ABATE and explained that the legislation would increase the fine for driving a motorcycle without the proper endorsement. “We want to make sure every operator has the training to operate the vehicle they are riding,” he stated. “This bill passed the House 191-1 and is currently in the Senate. The common message today is: let’s talk to the Senate and get them to run the dang bills.”

Rep. Harry Readshaw (D-Allegheny) invited the ABATE members to the 18th annual Readshaw’s Ride to Gettysburg and said ABATE chapters have raised \$187,000 for the Gettysburg Monuments Project over the years.

The event concluded with ABATE chapters presenting donation checks for the BikePAC.

Sen. John DiSanto (R-Dauphin), Sen. Mario Scavello (R-Monroe), Sen. Mike Regan (R-Cumberland), Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington), Sen. Elder Vogel (R-Beaver), Rep. Dan Moul (R-Adams), Rep. Bill Kortz (D-Allegheny), Rep. Dawn Keefer (R-York), Rep. Ted Nesbit (R-Mercer), Rep. Christopher Sainato (D-Lawrence), Rep. Tina Davis (D-Bucks), Rep. Carolyn Comitta (D-Chester), Rep. Rick Saccone (R-Allegheny), Rep. Brett Miller (R-Lancaster), Rep. Scott Conklin (D-Centre), Rep. Hal English (R-Allegheny), Rep. Keith Greiner (R-Lancaster), Rep. Tom Murt (R-Montgomery), Rep. Donna Oberlander (R-Clarion), Rep. Jeanne McNeil (D-Lehigh), Rep. Eric Nelson (R-Westmoreland), Rep. Bryan Barbin (D-Cambria), Rep. Paul Schemel (R-Franklin), Rep. Becky Corbin (R-Chester) were also on hand for the rally and expressed support for ABATE.

Committee News

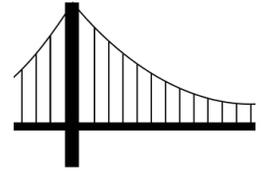
House Consumer Affairs Committee

6/7/18, 9:30 a.m., 140 Main Capitol

By Jessica Richardson and Nicole Trayer, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a hearing on the implementation of [Act 164 of 2016](#)

[Sami Naim](#), Public Policy Manager, Lyft, stated Act 164 of 2016 represents a reasonable compromise that includes: a multi-state, multi-jurisdictional criminal background check for all Transportation Network Service (TNC) drivers; a United States Department of Justice sex offender database check for all TNC drivers; a vehicle inspection regime that is one of



the most rigorous in the country; insurance policies that cover each and every stage of TNC operations; audit provisions that allow regulators to hold companies accountable; accessibility provisions, including provisions that require that TNCs be accessible to passengers who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, or hard-of-hearing, and provide a wheelchair accessible vehicles on an industry-wide basis; and a revenue stream that provides funds to regulators, the School District of Philadelphia for trips in the city, and Delaware County for trips at the airport.

Naim opined the law is working well. He said the full-time staff has increased 600 percent as the company expanded its Philadelphia team and dedicated a Market Manager for Pittsburgh. The trip volume has increase 300 percent with almost 70 percent of the trips in Philadelphia starting or ending in a low-income, traditionally underserved area, Naim said. He stated TNCs like Lyft help reduce incidents of DUIs by up to 51 percent. Naim added that Lyft's passengers contributed over \$600 million to the local economy with passengers contributing \$51 million in Philadelphia and \$16 million in Pittsburgh.

[Shari Shapiro](#), Senior Manager for Public Affairs for Pennsylvania, Uber, explained how Pennsylvania has benefitted from Act 164. She shared the following: over 1.5 million Pennsylvanians have used Uber to get where they want to go in the first quarter of 2018; over 39,000 Pennsylvanians have used the Uber platform to earn money on a schedule that fits their lives; the average wait time statewide is under six minutes, with more than 90 percent of rides within 20 minutes; and in just the past quarter, visitors from over 80 countries have used Uber to explore Pennsylvania.

Shapiro continued that Uber was the official rideshare sponsor of THON and donated over \$10,000. In addition, Uber partnered with the Community College of Allegheny County to offer drivers \$500 to use for tuition, books or fees at the college, Shapiro said. She stated Uber worked with three Philadelphia-area nonprofits to offer tech education to children and adults, and sponsored rides to water distribution centers during a lead-related drinking water ban in Pittsburgh.

Chairman Godshall questioned if there is any difference in regulations between the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) and the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA). Naim replied there are regulations specific to Philadelphia. Shapiro added that every year the PUC goes through a budgeting process to determine the costs of regulating TNCs while PPA set a 1.4 percent fee.

Chairman Caltagirone requested more information on the statement that 400 of 20,000 vehicles passed inspection with Uber. Shapiro stated every ride is rated on a five-star system and if someone were to fall below a certain rating they are dropped from the platform. She said all vehicles are compliant, registered and inspected, with Uber collecting inspection certificates. Chairman Caltagirone asked how a passenger would make a complaint in Philadelphia. Shapiro said they can make it with the PPA or directly provide feedback on the app.

Chairman Caltagirone questioned how many vehicles are operating from out of state daily in Pennsylvania. Shapiro said she does not have the number readily available. Chairman Caltagirone inquired how much of the fare goes to the driver. Naim replied with Lyft there is a tip option and all of the fare goes to the driver. He stated they hit over \$300 million in tips to the driver. Chairman Caltagirone asked what is surging and how the companies deal with it. Shapiro explained surging brings more drivers onto the platform in times of high demand. Naim added sometimes it will be more expensive because the supply is not there.

Rep. Neilson asked how Lyft calculated the number of how much the company contributes to the economy. Naim explained they have economists that have access to the data but also send surveys that find information such as people go more places and stay out longer because of this service. Shapiro noted in some areas there is little point-to-point transportation.

Chairman Godshall commented it is true for where he lives in Montgomery County.

Rep. Neilson stated the hearing is to address a funding issue and asked for comment. Shapiro responded that the PPA claims it does not have enough money to regulate TNCs and has proposed to increase the tax on Uber rides from 1.4 percent, or 14 cents per ride, to 50 cents per ride. Rep. Neilson asked how that compares to other states. Shapiro said it



is significantly higher. Shapiro continued that the PPA is asking for \$4 million in additional funds without having addressed any of the financial controls and other recommendations of the two audits from 2017. She stated the Philadelphia National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Urban League of Philadelphia and the African-American Chamber of Commerce have also raised the concern that the PPA's proposed 50-cent per ride fee could have a huge impact on people in communities of color where ridesharing services have increased access to transportation. Shapiro added the current regulatory scheme has only been in place since November, 2016, so there is less than two years' worth of information on how the current scheme is working.

Rep. White commented she believes calling it a regulatory scheme is inappropriate. She asked if either company has allowed the PPA to audit their books. Shapiro said the PPA has full authority to do so. Naim agreed. Rep. White asked if Shapiro was saying the increase in fee would be too much for the community of color. Shapiro replied that was told to the company by the NAACP and representatives closer to that community. Rep. White noted that they should be aware that the increase would add additional dollars to the education system.

Rep. White inquired how many vehicles were added to the companies since inception of the act. Naim replied prior to the act Philadelphia was a risky environment but now it is a friendly and stable environment they can invest in. Shapiro stated the 39,000 drivers in Pennsylvania are significantly due to the act.

[Gladys Brown](#), Chairman of the PUC, gave a regulatory perspective. She stated the PUC has oversight of TNCs in 66 of the 67 counties. Before Act 164, TNCs did not fit into the statute but since the enactment things have gone smoothly. Brown stated the significant compliance issue before the act was the pre-licensing period but that has been resolved. She said there have been very few complaints with the 50,000 TNC drivers operating in Pennsylvania. Brown explained violations since 2016 have been minimal and minor such as failure to display the TNC decal. The only two serious vehicle safety violations found both involved low tire tread depth, Brown said.

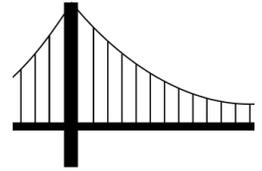
Brown continued that the commission has reviewed the criminal and driver compliance histories for TNC operators and did not find any abnormalities. She said the commission also has not had any issues with insurance coverage of claim adjustments and is not aware of any significant accidents involving TNC companies. The commission has received very few complaints regarding the issue around surge pricing because of the transparency afforded to the consumer with pre-trip pricing quotes, Brown said. She stated TNCs are subject to an annual assessment to fund the cost of regulation and, to date, TNCs have paid their appropriate share of commission costs.

[Scott Petri](#), Executive Director of the PPA, gave another regulatory perspective. He explained Act 164 assigned the PPA the task of regulating TNCs in Philadelphia, in addition to its authority to regulate the taxicab and limousine service in Philadelphia since 2005. Petri noted more than 128,000 trips are provided by taxicabs and TNCs in Philadelphia every day. He stated the authority regulates more than 23,000 vehicles, 865 businesses and 25,500 people engaged in providing for-hire vehicle services in a city of 1.5 million people.

One of the most important services that the PPA can deliver to consumers is consistent high-quality inspections for for-hire vehicles in Philadelphia, Petri said. He stated some of the vehicles' conditions they have found over the years include: animal feces in trunk, gas tank leaks, vehicles suspension parts missing, vulgar stickers, meters not functioning, missing seat belts, holes in the floor, bald tires with belts exposed, and more. Petri explained Act 164 cut taxicab inspection from twice a year to once every four years and limits the inspection of TNCs to 70 a month.

Petri added that the authority does not have the authority to do any of the following: restrict vehicles registered in other states, conduct background checks on drivers, provide information from TNCs to a third party, review or limit surge pricing, or require any variation in insurance. He said Act 164 also made drastic cuts to the authority's budget and cut regulatory funding by 58 percent.

Petri explained PPA is proposing a 50-cent per trip surcharge for all taxicabs and TNCs. Surcharges like this are already in place in Chicago, Massachusetts, Seattle, and New York, where the surcharge is \$2.50 per trip, Petri said. He stated



this will replace current taxi and TNC assessments. Petri explained based on a recent reported number of TNC trips in Philadelphia, school funding would increase from \$3 million to \$11 million. He added the proposed language would relieve taxicab owners and drivers of the need to collect or pay any assessment at all and create assessment parity between taxicabs and TNCs. PPA also proposes language that provides stability and predictability to the assessment charged to dispatchers and limousines.

Chairman Godshall asked if the PUC has had the same problems as the PPA. Brown said they have not and have only had seven formal complaints and they were minor. Chairman Godshall inquired how many vehicles the PUC regulates and what the cost is. Brown replied 50,000 vehicles and the general amount is \$2 million.

Chairman Godshall asked how many TNCs are regulated by the PPA. Administrative Counsel for PPA Christine Kirlin replied there are at least 20,000 TNCs in Philadelphia, but Act 164 does not require TNCs to provide the exact number. Chairman Godshall inquired how much it costs to regulate them. Kirlin stated it is estimated to cost \$4 million. Petri added that is based on what they believe to be needed to put boots on the ground. Chairman Godshall questioned what the difference is between regulating from PUC to PPA as there is such as disparity in cost. Petri commented he believes both the PUC and PPA are doing an inadequate job to protect the public. Brown said the PUC is doing a good job.

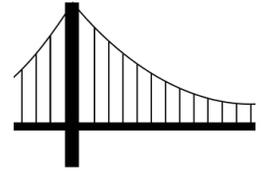
Rep. Quigley questioned the different fee structures for limousine companies and TNCs. Petri explained the PPA has been having conversations with the limousine industry and that it is fairer to have a per trip fee. Rep. Quigley asked for a comparison in complaints between limousines and TNCs. Kirlin stated limousines have higher compliance than taxicabs and TNCs. Deputy Chief Counsel for PUC John Herzog added it is a lower rate because of the nature and higher level of service. Rep. Quigley referred to upcoming testimony from limousine operators and stated there are 125 certified limousine operators regulated by the PPA at a requested regulatory budget of \$887,996 and then the PUC regulates 364 limousine operators with a budget of only \$753,430. He asked for comment. Petri responded looking forward they are trying to have a central budget and then allocate to personnel. Kirlin clarified they oversee 115 certified operators.

Rep. White inquired if the PUC randomly inspects TNCs. Herzog replied yes, but it is a difficult because TNCs are personal vehicles and not easily identifiable such as other vehicles. Rep. White asked how many TNC inspections were done this past year. Herzog stated they do not have that number as it is mostly a self-regulated industry. Rep. White questioned if there is staff dedicated solely to TNC regulations. Herzog explained there is an assessment bucket of passenger transportation and TNCs contribute \$2 million. Rep. White asked if TNCs provide the PUC with complaints they receive. Brown replied they have their own process but the PUC has the authority to audit. Rep. White asked if they will audit. Herzog stated it is on his desk to initiate the audit.

Rep. White questioned if the PPA is going to audit TNCs. Petri replied his general counsel indicated the PPA does not have any audit authority.

Rep. Neilson asked for the committee to be provided with an inspection list from the PUC as it would be nice to compare that to the PPA. He inquired how many drivers of limousines the PUC covers. Brown stated she would supply that information. Rep. Neilson asked for opinion on the 15-year rule. Brown said the PUC does not have a stance but she is concerned what they may or may not see going forward. Rep. Neilson inquired what the proportional share of TNC annual assessment is and how it is calculated. Brown explained it is based on growth interstate operating revenue and based on the formula it is \$2 million. Rep. Neilson suggested when the PUC audits they include drivers coming from out of state. Rep. Neilson questioned how many inspections PPA performs on TNCs. Petri replied they inspect 70 a month. Kirlin added the proposed increase of 50 cents would help put more patrol since they are limited by the number of vehicles they can pull in. Rep. Neilson asked what happens if a vehicle is asked to come in and does not. Kirlin responded the process has been done well, but if a vehicle fails to appear the PPA issues a citation and the TNC will take the vehicle off the platform.

Chairman Godshall noted the vehicles have to have a state inspection. Kirlin stated they do, but a lot of vehicles are out of state. Petri added any good regulator will do the best they can with the money available, and based on their resources



PPA is doing their best job, but that is not what the public deserves.

Chairman Godshall inquired about the PPA's budget as he has not seen a budget like this. He asked what fringes are for \$400,000. Petri replied it is medical insurance. Chairman Godshall questioned what the miscellaneous expenses are. Deputy Executive Director for the PPA Corinne O'Connor replied it is for things that do not happen regularly. Chairman Godshall inquired more information about the \$540,000 professional fees. O'Connor stated it covers all litigation involved and it is high in the industry. She said they are in court once every two weeks. Chairman Godshall asked for more information regarding the \$1.4 million for supports. Petri responded it is allocated among various groups for staff that help the entire operation. He added anytime someone wants more detail of the budget PPA is more than willing to provide it.

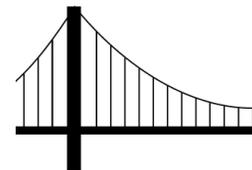
Anthony Viscusi, president, Global Limousine, said his business has operated as a PUC carrier since 1975 and has always abided by the PUC regulations. He noted the introduction of the PPA in 2005 along with a new series of regulations to abide by. At this point, he said, he is willing to cooperate with the PPA and sees the need for them in the taxi industry, but requests that they review the way assessments are currently done. He also called for any differences found regarding assessments between the taxi industry, TNCs and limousines to be documented and justified.

Michael Barreto of Eagle Chauffeured Services said he has previously testified about the harsh treatment the limousine industry has received from the PPA. He explained that professionals in the industry have gone into federal court to request negotiations that would allow the limousine industry to operate without being overly regulated. The problem is that the limousine industry feels as though it has been taken advantage of and been used as a "litmus test" for budgeting purposes by the PPA, he said. He stated that it is unfair for limousines to be kept at a per vehicle assessment while TNCs and taxicabs are assessed at a gross revenue percentage per year. Barreto pointed out that past PPA leadership has done nothing to assist the limousine industry and that the industry has continued to accept regulatory oversight for three decades. Before Act 164 of 2016, he explained, limousines were assessed a regulatory fee per vehicle of \$404, but following the implementation of Act 164 the fee increased to \$848 per vehicle without any explanation. "We are here today though because we feel we have a great opportunity to find parity across the board," he said. He stated that the limousine industry just wants to be regulated the same way as taxicabs and TNCs by gross revenue percentage versus revenue per vehicle. He added that limousine services are self-regulated and are required to inspect 25 percent of their vehicles yearly while TNCs operate over 20,000 vehicles in Philadelphia, but have only inspected about 700.

Anthony Onorota, owner of Anthony Limousine, said the panel has come before the committee today as people just trying to make a living and that all they're asking for is fair treatment. The lack of notice from the PPA upon increasing the regulatory fee per vehicle in 2016 left these businesses with no way to budget for it, he stated. Onorota explained that the word "limousine" changed following the economy crash in 2008 and that many of these companies also offer luxury sedans. "We want to pay something that's fair," he said. Despite efforts to negotiate through dialogue, he said the industry has not been successful and believes legislation is the only way to get on an even playing field.

Jared Sands, president of Hollowsands Luxury Limousine, said previous testimony stated that there are about 20,000 TNCs operating in Philadelphia, but that the number is in fact much higher. He explained that the PPA claims it needs roughly \$850,000 to regulate limousines. To properly regulate the 20,000 TNCs, he said the PPA would need about \$11.3 million, but yet they testified today that they only need \$4 million, which equates to \$200 per TNC vehicle. However, he said the limousine industry is charged \$566 per vehicle even though their costs of regulation are much lower. "The numbers don't add up," he said. To get on the same parity of regulation, he said the industry is willing to accept a per vehicle assessment as long as it's the same amount charged to TNCs. He expressed the same willingness for assessments based per trip. "It costs them more money to regulate a TNC, but yet they charge us more than double," he said. "It doesn't make any sense."

Steve Rhoads, president, Philadelphia Regional Limousine Association (PRLA), said the association filed a federal lawsuit in 2016 after the regulatory fee increased to \$848 and through negotiations was able to get the fee reduced to \$500 for that year with an agreement that it would increase to \$550 the following year. He noted that during proceedings the PPA verbally agreed before the judge to help the limousine industry get parity and on the same level of assessment as taxis



and TNCs. Onorota pointed out that the industry was asked by the PPA for various data that was provided and questioned where the legislation is to require the PPA to produce that data. In his testimony, Rhoads said the limousine industry was “turned upside down” in June 2012 when Uber began to operate its “UberBLACK” service in Philadelphia without any legal authorization. He explained that the PRLA initiated legislative discussions in May 2017 to change the PPA’s regulatory assessment process to a percentage of gross receipts assessment, but soon learned that the PPA was advocating for a change to the regulatory assessments imposed on taxis and TNCs from a percentage of gross receipts to a \$0.50 per ride surcharge that would be passed through to consumers. During discussions on the proposed changes, he said, the PPA refused to incorporate the PRLA’s proposed revisions and instead requested estimated gross revenues from the PRLA membership. He noted that the PPA has yet to introduce legislation to accomplish their goals and is continuing to negotiate language that is not agreed to by the PRLA. Therefore, Rhoads requested that the committee place [HB 1977](#) on its next voting agenda. He expressed objections to how the PPA assesses their businesses and said the PRLA does not believe that the number of vehicles in an operator’s fleet directly corresponds to the company’s profitability. He recommended that limousine regulation be moved back under the PUC if the PPA continues to be reluctant to support regulatory assessment parity for limousine operators.

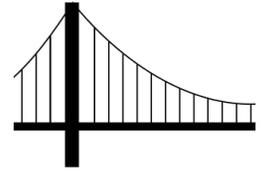
Barreto stated that the idea of limousine regulation was brought up four times during various testimony and noted that the industry regulates themselves and maintains a higher esteem of service. He said limousine companies are constantly rebuilding themselves and looking for ways to create margins in order to survive.

Chairman Godshall asked if there have been any problems with the PUC and their regulations around Pennsylvania or whether the problems only arise in Philadelphia. Barreto said the relationship between the ground transportation industry and the PUC has always been very friendly and he has never seen the PUC make unannounced changes to regulatory assessments like the PPA did. He added that he wishes the PPA would seek to align itself in a similar manner to the way the PUC imposes regulations.

Rep. Quigley asked if anything has changed since 2005 in terms of inspection requirements creating a higher burden. Rhoads said limousine companies make up 25 percent of the whole industry that the PPA is supposed to inspect. He added that the inspection fee was reduced, but 25 percent of the limousine industry registered in Philadelphia is still required to be inspected. Rep. Quigley asked if those inspections are required once per year. Rhoads said 25 percent is required to be inspected per year. Rep. Quigley asked if the companies must physically travel to an inspection center in Philadelphia to do so. Rhoads said the companies must go to the PPA inspection center in Philadelphia and are responsible for the costs of doing so on top of the fee for the inspection. Barreto added that as transportation operators each company must maintain the proper insurance, but has embraced those regulations and continues to survive. He noted that the inspection done by a TNC operator cannot be compared to those done by limousines. Rep. Quigley asked for an explanation of the inspection process with the PUC. Onorota said a PUC officer comes randomly and picks which vehicle to inspect and then looks over the vehicle file as well as physically gets under the hood. Rep. Quigley asked if there is a fee for that inspection. Onorota said there is no fee for a PUC inspection.

Rep. Neilson asked what the per fee assessment should be on taxis and limousines. Rhoads said taxis are assessed on their gross revenue. Rep. Neilson said there is a proposal to put a \$0.50 surcharge per trip in place of the gross revenue assessment. Barreto said there is legislation that will soon be introduced to address those issues. Rhoads added that whatever it is they just want to be treated equally across the board. Onorota said based on 750,000 trips per year the fee would be around \$1 or \$1.50. Rep. Neilson asked if the panel believes TNCs should also be required to complete more inspections. Rhoads said yes because they are not self-regulated in the same way as the limousine industry. Nobody knows how often the owner of that vehicle conducts maintenance on it, he added. Barreto noted that TNC operators do not receive any safety training and recommended the state identify TNC operated vehicles through bumper stickers. Rep. Neilson said that is a good point.

[Everett Abitbol](#), owner of 215 Get A Cab, said the biggest question is finding an equal playing field in terms of cost and regulation. He explained that taxis are different than other operators and his business pays a per vehicle fee for the rights to provide transportation to Philadelphians upwards of \$500,000. He noted that there are approximately 1,670



taxi medallions in service of which 1,100 to 1,200 are in operation. There has been a 40 percent reduction in revenue for the taxi industry since the introduction of TNCs, he added. “There is a financial crisis on-hand in the Philadelphia taxi industry,” he said. Abitbol described the burdens taxis face including a meter tariff which doesn’t allow them to compete with TNCs on pricing and his inability to deploy his drivers to earn less than minimum wage. He did point out that due to the stressor of 20,000 TNCs on the road some street career drivers have opted to return to taxis and that surge pricing has been somewhat beneficial. He gave the example of Pittsburgh Yellow Cab who has been able to have its own TNC license and has been very successful doing so. However, he said to do the same in Philadelphia would cost him a \$50,000 fee by the PPA. In terms of demand, he said his business cannot fulfill requests due to so many vehicles being out of service and the lack of taxi medallion owners as well as the inability to grow his fleet based on the TNC model. He stated that it makes more sense to have a per vehicle flat fee and noted that taxi drivers are against the \$0.50 surcharge proposal because of the worry it would reduce competitiveness. He added that the vehicle age requirements are far lower for taxis than they are for TNCs and the identifiable markings of a taxi make them easier to pull over and inspect. Regarding the other cities he operates in, Abitbol said in New York City TNC drivers must have a commercial license plate and professional license to provide Uber and Lyft services and their vehicles may only be registered with the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). In Washington, DC, he said there is a “geo-fence” to only allow TNC drivers from the DC metro area while Philadelphia is open to TNC drivers from any state.

Rep. Charlton asked what the value for taxi medallions was prior to TNCs. Abitbol said the PPA was transacting between 100,000 and 120,000 taxi medallions annually at a price of \$400,000 to \$500,000 of which the PPA collected three percent as a transfer tax that went towards their budget. Rep. Charlton clarified whether the one percent assessment fee applied to taxis is on the meter or the driver. Abitbol responded that there’s a meter rate so the taxi driver has the freedom to choose whether to provide services and the one percent fee was supposed to be off the lease revenue, but he is now paying one percent of the driver’s revenue. As a result, he explained that he is paying the fee based on driver earnings, which he does not have a lot of control over. The average assessment for a vehicle at the one percent rate fluctuates between \$400 and \$800 a year, he added. Rep. Charlton asked him to talk about the interactions between taxicabs and TNCs both in and out of the city. Abitbol said his business is primarily in Philadelphia, but he does try to copy a lot of the good stuff being done in Pittsburgh.

Rep. Quigley asked if the taxi driver is already at a disadvantage in their potential to earn money compared to a TNC driver due to the regulations currently in place. Abitbol said yes because the cost of regulations for taxis is far higher than those of a TNC and the business model for a taxi is in the confines of owning a physical asset leading to high expenses. He explained that to maintain his business he must buy cars every year while TNCs are using other people’s cars to execute their business model. Rep. Quigley questioned whether anything can be done on the regulation side to create a fairer playing field. Abitbol said yes and recommended a rethought of the administrative side of regulation as well as the ability for taxis to have a flexible TNC license associated with their existing dispatch license. He said another step forward would be to get the costs in line with what it really costs to regulate for-hire vehicle businesses at a flat rate. However, he said attaching the fee to the meter for taxis cannot happen and driving it off a percentage of the meter is difficult because he does not earn the meter.

Rep. Neilson asked what it costs for a taxi in New York City. Abitbol said the price ranges from \$3.25 to \$4.25 just to be in a taxi cab. Rep. Neilson wanted to know if the other cities Abitbol operates in have commercial plates. He said only in New York City. Rep. Neilson also questioned whether other cities regulate out-of-state drivers in any way. Abitbol said New York City and Washington, DC, do. The geo-fence in Washington, DC, prevents those who are not registered with a Maryland or Virginia license plate are prevented from accepting fares, he explained. Rep. Neilson asked for previous numbers on taxis operating in Philadelphia. Abitbol said the previous number was around 1,600 and from 2007 through 2013 his worst days were Friday nights because he did not have enough cars for all his drivers. Rep. Neilson opined that the amount of income for those drivers has significantly decreased. Abitbol said that is correct and noted that prior to Uber and Lyft a driver earned a gross income of about \$115,000 per year which equaled out to between \$60,000 and \$80,000.

Chairman Godshall asked if there is a disparity in rider complaints between the cities he operates in. Abitbol said the only city where he does not receive many complaints is New Orleans. He added that there are more complaints in Philadelphia



and Chicago because there is a centralized dispatcher. In New York City, he said it is anonymous and more difficult for the rider to figure out who to contact. As a business, he pointed out that he has to try and resolve any issues with a customer as best he can.

Written testimony was submitted by the [Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania](#).

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House Appropriations Committee

6/6/18, 11:16 a.m., 140 Main Capitol

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 2131 Quigley, Thomas](#) - (PN 3105) Amends the State Highway Law, in construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of State highways, by requiring the department to plant vegetation that is native to Pennsylvania and that will thrive in that plant hardiness zone, unless it is not feasible to plant native vegetation. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Professional Licensure Committee

6/6/18, 9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

Video:  [\(click here\)](#)

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 764 Gordner, John](#) - (PN 1377) Amends the Board of Vehicles Act providing for preliminary provisions, further providing for short title, for definitions, for State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, for powers and duties of board, for license to engage in business, for biennial renewal, for enforcement, for protest hearing decision within 120 days unless waived by the parties, for reimbursement for all parts and service required by the manufacturer or distributor and reimbursement audits, for damage disclosure, for mediation and arbitration, for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors, for area of responsibility, for termination of franchises, for industry reorganization, for succession to franchise ownership, for manufacturer right of first refusal, for manufacturer or distributor repurchase of inventory and equipment, for reimbursement of rental costs for dealer facility, for grounds for disciplinary proceedings, for administrative liability of employer, copartnership, association or corporation, for reinstatement, for application for license, for refusal of license, for change of salesperson's license to indicate new employer, for termination of employment or business, for exemption from licensure and registration, for limitations on establishing or relocating dealers, for licensing cost, for penalties, for civil actions for violations, for fees, for disposition of fees and fines, for vehicle shows, off-premise sales and exhibitions and for off-premise sales, shows, exhibitions or rallies on Sundays; providing for recreational vehicles and for miscellaneous provisions; further providing for savings provision, for repeals, expiration of terms of board members and for existing rules and regulations. The bill makes numerous technical changes and adds a chapter providing for the regulation of the relationship between recreational vehicle dealers, manufacturers and suppliers. Effective in 365 days. (Prior Printer Number: 956, 1322) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A07112](#) by Mustio and Readshaw, makes several technical corrections to ensure the language properly implements the legislative intent. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Chairman Mustio noted a [hearing](#) was held on this bill as well.

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Senate Appropriations Committee

6/6/18, 11:37 a.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 1192 Browne, Patrick](#) - (PN 1815) The General Appropriation Act of 2018 provides provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the State Racing Fund and the ABLE Savings Program Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, the State Lottery Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was **passed over**.

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House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee

6/5/18, 9:00 a.m., 205 Ryan Office Building

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a hearing on SB 792.

[SB 792 Alloway, Richard](#) - (PN 1547) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) repealing the Fertilizer Act and creating a new Fertilizer Act; providing for fertilizer; in soil and plant amendment, further providing for disposition of funds; and, in seed, further providing for disposition of funds. Also imposes duties on the Department of Agriculture. The bill provides for the licensure of fertilizer manufacturers and guarantors; provides for registration of specialty fertilizers; stipulates contents of labels; provides explicitly for the contents of fertilizer sold at retail and intended for use on turf; establishes inspection fees and provides for inspections; requires tonnage reports; imposes penalties; requires the licensure of fertilizer application businesses and certification of their employees; provides for training of fertilizer technicians; provides for recordkeeping for applicators and airports; stipulates application rates, requirements and prohibitions; and requires the department to undertake a program of public outreach to educate the public on proper use, application, handling and storage of fertilizers. Portions are effective in 18 months; portions are effective upon the development of certification courses; portions are effective upon the development of recertification courses; and the remainder is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1004)

[Russell Redding](#), Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, stated the process of arriving here is over three years in the making. He said it has been a collaborative and transparent process with stakeholders. Sec. Redding commented the bill recognizes Pennsylvania has a strong Fertilizer Act, enacted in 1956. He said it creates certification



for commercial and public fertilizer applicators and builds on existing training programs for lawn care businesses.

Sec. Redding continued the bill provides equity and allocates responsibility for reducing state nutrient loads. He said in the legislation there is a certification for fertilizer applicators and is mirrored on the pesticide applicator program, in which 3,500 of the same businesses are already in compliance. The same requirements of recordkeeping and training will apply to a commercial fertilizer and any pesticide applicator that would likely provide professional fertilizer applications will be grandfathered in, Sec. Redding said. He stated the only license fee associated with the new fertilizer certification program will be the annual business license fee of \$100 regardless of how many certified applicators are employed by the business.

In addition, the enabled label language proposed in the bill is recognized by industry on a national level and is compatible with other states' labeling requirements, and industry will have 18 months to make the necessary change to the fertilizer product labels, Sec. Redding said. He stated the education and outreach is for the non-professional fertilizer applicator and includes educating homeowners on the four Rs model: using the right source, right rate, right time, and right place. Sec. Redding explained the fees are to cover the costs to run the program and the fee increase is the first in 34 years. The department proposes raising the fertilizer manufacturer license fee from \$25 to \$50, Sec. Redding said. He added the bill proposes an application rate of 0.9 pounds of total nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. Sec. Redding said the bill takes a holistic approach and there is equity for responsibility for homeowners as well as agriculture.

Chairman Causer stated anytime there is a fee it is a concern to legislators. He asked if this legislation is set up to accomplish what they want to accomplish and if the overall effect to cut back on fertilizer will have a negative effect on lawns to filter water. Sec. Redding replied the department spent time to find a balance and factors such as intentional labeling, certification and education can change the total use of nitrogen fertilizer. Ruth Welliver, Director, Bureau of Plant Industry, Department of Agriculture, added the intent of the bill is not to cut usage but to make responsible usage. She said it could even mean more fertilizer is needed in areas to fight runoff.

Chairman Causer asked if the bill is passed how they will get credit. Sec. Redding stated the tracking and education should not fall solely on the shoulder of the department and it will be a collaborative effort.

Chairman Pashinski questioned how far the educational outreach will go. Sec. Redding replied it is comprehensive and will not be the sole responsibility of the department. Chairman Pashinski commented this seems like a lot of common sense.

Rep. Bloom inquired what the fees and penalties collected will be used for. Sec. Redding explained any fee increases of penalties are restricted use for this program. Rep. Bloom commented giving the Secretary of the department the power to raise penalties and fees gives away what should be a legislative function of making allocations. Sec. Redding said the goal is to make it a public process. Welliver added to increase the department must show it lost money for two years.

Rep. Keller questioned if the department provides the data on lawn fertilizer in sales to counties affected with Chesapeake Bay. Welliver replied they have county level data showing from the manufactures what counties they sold into. Rep. Keller said the county he represents does not have a Lowes or Home Depot. He asked if they can look at if there has been an increase or decrease. Welliver said use data is not being collected.

Rep. Moul asked how the fees on the manufacturer will not be passed onto the agriculture community. Welliver responded manufacturers pay a fee already and it is not a new fee. Rep. Moul noted he has a concern of letting the Secretary increase fees as they cannot raise fishing or hunting licensees without a vote in the legislature.

Rep. Diamond questioned why they would put more fertilizer in some areas if they would not get credit for reduction in overall sales. Sec. Redding stated there will be an immediate change in what is going to occur by switching to the 0.9 rate.

Rep. Gillen inquired if there is a document to refer to on what lies beyond the horizon regard to fees and shows the relationship from moving to 15 cents to 17 cents per ton. He also asked how the department got the numbers. Sec.



Redding said they can provide some of the history fees and the use of fees.

[Marel King](#), Pennsylvania Director, Chesapeake Bay Commission, was joined by Executive Director Ann Swanson. She said they are present to discuss urban storm water, specifically the runoff from turf and lawns. King commented that is the only sector in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed that is increasing its loads to the Chesapeake Bay. The commission has been investigating for several years opportunities to cost-effectively make reductions from the urban and suburban sector, King stated. She said source reduction happens to be the most cost effective way to reduce the loads.

King commented they are not anti-fertilizer or anti-lawn as healthy lawns promote infiltration and reduce runoff. She stated there are two sections in the bill with the 0.9 rate. It is there regarding the do-it-yourself product to reduce by ten percent the typical industry standard and applies for a default rate, King said. She explained if there is a trained professional that has a site specific plan and the site plan is leading to apply more than that is allowed. King added this bill emphasizes the value of trained professionals, and the bill would set the standard for the industry.

Chairman Causer noted that in the definition of fertilizer application business it includes government, schools, universities and golf courses. He asked if those stakeholder groups have been involved in the discussion. Swanson replied they have sat down with all groups and it has been an eye-opening process. She said an example can be in school yards for big games there is intentional trampling so they need different kinds of products to maintain a healthy lawn. The language in the bill allows for that variability, Swanson said. Chairman Causer asked if these groups are aware they have to be certified and if there is an analysis of how much it will cost these entities. King responded they were involved in early iterations of the bill and it has been around for eight years.

Chairman Pashinski commented it sounds like a good plan that balances costs and education.

Rep. Millard inquired, with respect to how much fertilizer can be put down per 1,000 square feet, has there been actual testing or was it verified by paperwork. King replied there is extensive water quality monitoring in the Susquehanna River Basin and others.

Rep. Moul asked who approves the site specific plans. King said it is done by trained professionals who have gone through the certification program and their record keeping could potentially be submitted to the department, but the department does not review the plan.

[Matthew Johnston](#), Senior Policy Analyst, Chesapeake Bay Program Office, explained the office goes through three steps: plan, verify, and test. He said the office makes a plan that is legislation is passed it can be implemented. Johnston continued that they verify information such as looking at fertilizer sales data and urban nutrient management plans, and with testing there are some places they test 365 days. He said the office takes a best guess at what is happening on the landscape to see if the model matches the water quality and adjust the model to fit. Johnston added credit can be taken for two things: reduction in fertilizer on the soil and plans that commercial applicators submit to the department.

Chairman Causer noted a lot of members are concerned about getting credit. He asked if it is the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or Chesapeake Bay Partnership that is giving credit. Johnston replied EPA wants reasonable reassurance and the partnership built a model to ensure that. He said his understanding is that EPA is depending on what the department gives them.

Rep. Keller inquired if the numbers in the Chesapeake Bay have gone up or down and if the legislation is enacted how it would affect the numbers. Johnston explained they are monitoring Marietta which contains most of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and have seen a large reduction in nitrogen. He added phosphorus trends are improving as fertilizer sales data has plummeted 50 percent since the 1980s. Johnston said it is estimated to reduce for Pennsylvania 180,000 pounds of nitrogen and 220,000 pounds of phosphorus in local waters. To estimate the office take the sales over the entire watershed and look at how urban turf is changing to come up with an average rate of application across Pennsylvania, Johnston said.



Rep. Moul commented that across Pennsylvania billions of dollars was used in retooling treatment facilities to go to denitrification and wondered what could be next. Johnston responded he is here to present what happens in the water quality based on this specific legislation and it is up to the legislature to do the value judgments.

[Gregg Robertson](#), Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association, commented while the bill is less objectionable than the prior bill language, the association questions the need for this bill at all, particularly those parts that regulate turf grass fertilizer and the professionals who apply it for a living. Robertson stated based on the EPA's Expert Panel Report, the bill will have no impact on water quality in the Bay watershed and may even make conditions worse. The bill will also impose real costs in the millions of dollars on Pennsylvania's law care industry, Robertson said. He added given the recent statement of the EPA, Pennsylvania is unlikely to receive any credit for this legislation.

Robertson continued with some recommendations. He said they should keep Subchapter B, Fertilizer Manufacturers and Guarantors as it is a small price to pay to maintain the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's capacity to manage and enforce the program. Robertson suggested they drop Subchapters C and D relating to Applicator Licensing, Certification and Recordkeeping as most of what is covered in the section is already a part of the current Pesticide Control Act. He stated the association is ambivalent about Subchapter E on Application Rates, Requirements and Prohibitions. The association supports Subchapter F on Agriculture and Homeowner Education and Subchapter G on Administration and Penalties.

Chairman Causer commented he is looking through the written testimony and the cost of compliance for the industry is \$5 million. He asked how that was calculated. Robertson explained the association took the time and hourly rates a company would have to pay employees that are not doing productive work that would create revenue. He said they looked at the registration fees and time required for record keeping and training.

Chairman Pashinski questioned how this changes the current plan that is facilitated and operated. Robertson replied there would be additional testing and training. Chairman Pashinski asked how much more time would be involved. Robertson said about an additional hour a month.

Rep. Boback inquired how many municipalities have ordinances regarding professional lawn care services. Robertson said he is not aware of any in Pennsylvania. Rep. Boback added she is aware of one.

Rep. Zimmerman asked if the legislation would add considerable paperwork. Robertson responded just by itself it does not seem like a lot but added to the other things that they have to keep track of it adds up.

Rep. Keller noted in Sec. Redding's testimony the association did not object as long as there was an amendment but now it seems as if the association is saying something different. Robertson explained it is difficult for the association because it has a very good relationship with the Department of Agriculture, but they came here today to represent its members.

Written testimony was submitted by:

- [Chesapeake Stormwater Network](#)

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Senate Judiciary Committee

6/5/18, 11:30 a.m., 8E-B East Wing

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

Video:  [\(click here\)](#)

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 1216 Farry, Frank](#) - (PN 2203) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in particular rights and immunities, providing for rescue from motor vehicle, waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of a dog or cat from a motor vehicle if the animal is believed to be in imminent danger. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency



response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1444, 2166) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A05657](#) by Alloway, addresses an error in Libre's Law regarding degrees for neglect. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Sen. Rich Alloway (R-Franklin) explained his amendment addresses a "snafu" in Libre's Law, which accidentally narrowed the degrees for neglect. This puts that back in, he said.

Rep. Frank Farry (R-Bucks) briefly spoke in favor of his bill and noted his support for the Libre correction.

[HB 1346 Pyle, Jeff](#) - (PN 2167) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally), in burglary and other criminal intrusion, defining the offense of unlawful use of unmanned aircraft; and, in preemptions, prohibiting local regulation of unmanned aircraft. Includes an exception, with conditions, for aerial data collection. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1672) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Public-Private Partnerships Board will hold a meeting on June 26, 2018 10 a.m. to 12 p.m at the Keystone Building in Harrisburg. More information can be obtained by contacting Kathryn Tartaglia at (717) 214-7222 or katartagli@pa.gov.

[INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION: NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL RULEMAKING](#)

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission received the following regulation, scheduled to be considered at 10 a.m. on June 28, 2018 at 333 Market Street, Harrisburg:

- Department of Transportation #18-479: Access to and Occupancy of Highways by Driveways and Local Roads
For a copy of the regulation, contact the department or it can be viewed on the Commission's web site at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

Cosponsor Memos

HCO3447	Nesbit, Tedd(R)	Allows for an annual hauling permit for the movement of agricultural liming materials.
HCO3463	Heffley, Doyle(R)	Resolution charging the Legislative and Budget Finance Committee with conducting a study into the state highway maintenance funding formula.



Bill Actions

- [HB 74](#) [Snyder, Pam\(D\)](#) (PN 2808) Amends the Automobile Lemon Law further providing for definitions, for manufacturer's duty for refund or replacement and for presumption of a reasonable number of attempts by including motorcycles in the definition of "new motor vehicle" and establishing if the manufacturer fails to repair or correct a nonconformity after a reasonable number of attempts, the manufacturer shall, at the option of the purchaser, replace the motor vehicle with a comparable motor vehicle of equal value or accept return of the vehicle from the purchaser and refund to the purchaser the full purchase price or lease price, including all collateral charges, less a reasonable allowance for the purchaser's use of the vehicle. Also establishes a "modification or alteration by the purchaser" shall include, in relation to a motorcycle, a modification or alteration made after the date of actual delivery of the motorcycle to the purchaser. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 69)
- Bill History:**
- 12-12-17 Laid out for discussion 7:55pm
 - 12-12-17 Third consideration 7:55pm
 - 12-12-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:187/N: 4)
 - 01-02-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure
 - 06-04-18 S Press conference held
- [HB 179](#) [Day, Gary\(R\)](#) (PN 142) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; and, in violations and penalties, further providing for unauthorized operation by carriers and brokers. Adds any individual who provides or furnishes transportation of household property between residential dwellings for compensation as a common carrier. Establishes violations under subsection (b) as a third degree misdemeanor with a fine of \$5,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense. Effective in 60 days.
- Bill History:**
- 03-12-18 H Removed from the table
 - 06-05-18 H Set on the House Calendar
 - 06-04-18 H Laid on the table
 - 06-04-18 H Removed from the table
 - 06-11-18 H Set on the House Calendar
- [HB 831](#) [Keller, Mark\(R\)](#) (PN 1840) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for following too closely. The bill allows the driver of a vehicle or motorcycle that is being driven in an organized motorcycle procession to park or stand irrespective of provisions and proceed past a red signal indication or stop sign if the lead vehicle or motorcycle in the procession started through the intersection while the signal indicator was green, only if the lead and trailing vehicle or motorcycle in an organized motorcycle procession is equipped with and displays a yellow flashing light, lighted head lamps and emergency flashers. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1178)



Bill History:

06-30-17 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
06-30-17 S First consideration
09-19-17 S Set on the Senate Calendar
09-19-17 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)
06-04-18 S Press conference held

[HB 1216](#)

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

(PN 3608) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of neglect of animal if a person fails to provide for the basic needs of each animal to which the person has a duty of care including water, shelter, and necessary veterinary care; and, in particular rights and immunities, providing for rescue from motor vehicle by waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of a dog or cat from a motor vehicle if the animal is believed to be in imminent danger. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1444, 2166, 2203)

Bill History:

06-05-18 S Meeting set for 11:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Judiciary -- Senate Judiciary
06-05-18 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Judiciary
06-05-18 S Reported as amended Senate Judiciary
06-05-18 S First consideration
06-11-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 1239](#)

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

(PN 1466) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language to section 1504 relating to classes of licenses providing a person who violates subsection (a) relating to proper class of license required shall be sentenced to pay a fine of up to \$200, except that, if the person charged provides satisfactory proof of having held the proper class of license valid on the last day of the preceding driver's license period and no more than six months has elapsed from the last date of renewal, the fine shall be \$25. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

01-31-18 S First consideration
03-19-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
03-19-18 Second consideration 4:51pm
03-19-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
06-04-18 S Press conference held

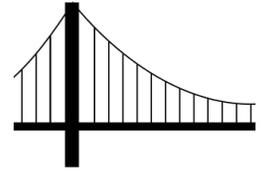
[HB 1346](#)

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

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

Bill History:

06-05-18 S Meeting set for 11:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Judiciary -- Senate Judiciary
06-05-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Judiciary
06-05-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Judiciary
06-05-18 S First consideration
06-11-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



[HB 1446](#) [Quinn, Marguerite\(R\)](#)

(PN 3161) Amends Titles 66 (Public Utilities), in restructuring of electric utility industry, providing for transportation fueling infrastructure development; and, in turnpike, further providing for definitions and providing for statewide electric vehicle charging and natural gas fueling networks. The bill requires the governor to establish a statewide goal at a minimum of 50 percent expansion for the expansion of transportation electrification in this commonwealth based upon a statewide transportation electrification opportunity assessment and regional goals for each group of priority alternative transportation infrastructure counties that are served. Also requires electric distribution companies serving one or more priority alternative transportation infrastructure counties to contract with a qualifying independent transportation analyst to develop a transportation electrification infrastructure regional framework, complete statewide interstate and Turnpike fast electric and natural gas refueling networks, and assess opportunities to increase the deployment of natural gas vehicles to support fleets and other high-value uses. Requires owners of charging stations to remit appropriate alternate fuels taxed to the state; adds hydrogen as a fuel for inclusion in the program. Also requires the costs recovered of an electric distribution company to only be used for the maintenance and expansion of transportation electrification infrastructure. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1916)

Bill History:

03-14-18 H Removed from the table
06-06-18 H Set on the House Calendar
06-06-18 H Laid on the table
06-06-18 H Removed from the table
06-11-18 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1977](#) [Miccarelli, Nick\(R\)](#)

(PN 2833) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities, further providing for budget and assessments relating to limousines by adding that annual assessments issued by the authority to limousine owners shall not exceed 1% of the annual gross revenue of a limousine owner generated within the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia International Airport for the provisioning of limousine service. Assessments may only be made upon the rates collected for the provisioning of limousine service in the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia International Airport and may not include tips or tolls. Assessments may be payable to the authority in a lump sum or on a quarterly basis. The authority shall promulgate regulations. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

12-13-17 H Filed
12-19-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Consumer Affairs
06-07-18 H Discussed during public hearing, House Consumer Affairs -- House Consumer Affairs

[HB 2044](#) [Bloom, Stephen\(R\)](#)

(PN 2951) Act designating the bridge on State Route 641, also known as East High Street, over the Letort Spring in Carlisle Borough, Cumberland County, as the Lance Corporal Edward Rykoskey Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.



Bill History:

05-22-18 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
05-22-18 Laid out for discussion 4:10pm
05-22-18 Third consideration 4:11pm
05-22-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:192/N: 0)
06-04-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 2131](#)

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

(PN 3592) Amends the State Highway Law, in construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of State highways, by requiring the department to plant vegetation that is native to Pennsylvania and that will thrive in that plant hardiness zone and under the environmental conditions of the highway right-of-way. If it is not feasible to plant native vegetation, the department may authorize the use of nonnative vegetation, provided that the nonnative vegetation is not a federally listed invasive plant or a noxious weed or controlled plant. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 3105)

Bill History:

06-06-18 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
06-06-18 Laid out for discussion 12:37pm
06-06-18 Third consideration 12:37pm
06-06-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:194/N: 1)
06-08-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 2162](#)

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

(PN 3198) Act designating a portion of State Route 2050 in Montgomery County as the First Lieutenant Geoffrey Lawrence Ham Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-22-18 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
05-22-18 Laid out for discussion 4:11pm
05-22-18 Third consideration 4:11pm
05-22-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:191/N: 0)
06-04-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 2256](#)

[Topper, Jesse\(R\)](#)

(PN 3321) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 36 over Three Springs Run, South Woodbury Township, Bedford County, as the Marine Lance Corporal Darrell Magruder Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-22-18 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
05-22-18 Laid out for discussion 4:12pm
05-22-18 Third consideration 4:12pm
05-22-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:192/N: 0)
06-04-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 2257](#)

[Topper, Jesse\(R\)](#)

(PN 3322) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1001 over Imlertown Run, Bedford Township, Bedford County, as the First Lieutenant Eric Fisher Wood, Jr., Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.



Bill History:

05-22-18 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
05-22-18 Laid out for discussion 4:17pm
05-22-18 Third consideration 4:18pm
05-22-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:192/N: 0)
06-04-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 2264](#)

[Hanna, Mike\(D\)](#)

(PN 3350) Act designating the portion of State Route 2024 and State Route 1016, also known as Monument Orviston Road, from the intersection of State Route 2024 and Main Street in Beech Creek Borough, Clinton County, to the intersection of State Route 1016 and Kato Orviston Road in Curtin Township, Centre County, as the CPL Milford H. Wensel Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-22-18 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
05-22-18 Laid out for discussion 4:14pm
05-22-18 Third consideration 4:14pm
05-22-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:192/N: 0)
06-04-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 2297](#)

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

(PN 3430) Act providing for the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway on U.S. Route 30 in Franklin County from the eastern intersection with State Route 1008 to the western intersection with State Route 1008. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-22-18 H Reported as committed from House Appropriations
05-22-18 Laid out for discussion 4:18pm
05-22-18 Third consideration 4:19pm
05-22-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:192/N: 0)
06-04-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[HB 2420](#)

[Petrarca, Joseph\(D\)](#)

(PN 3516) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286, known as Washington Street, over the Kiskiminetas River, between Saltsburg Borough, Indiana County, and Loyalhanna Township, Westmoreland County, as the First Sergeant Alexander Kelly Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-05-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
06-05-18 H Removed from the table
06-06-18 H Set on the House Calendar
06-06-18 Second consideration 10:43am
06-06-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 2425](#)

[Greiner, Keith\(R\)](#)

(PN 3541) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1010 over the Conestoga River, Lancaster County, as the Sergeant Melvin R. Wink Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-05-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
06-05-18 H Removed from the table
06-06-18 H Set on the House Calendar
06-06-18 Second consideration 10:44am
06-06-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations



[HB 2473](#) [Godshall, Robert\(R\)](#)

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxicabs & limousines in first class cities, est. a Taxicab Medallion Account & Limousine Account within the Philadelphia Taxicab & Limousine Regulatory Fund; providing for budget & funds.

Bill History:

06-06-18 H Filed
06-07-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Consumer Affairs

[HR 967](#) [Heffley, Doyle\(R\)](#)

(PN 3640) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the distribution of State highway maintenance funds to determine if the current funding is fairly shared among each of the 11 PennDOT Districts and whether the funding formula requires adjustments.

Bill History:

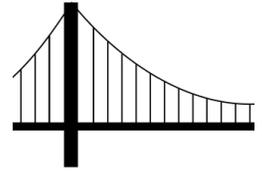
06-06-18 H Filed
06-07-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[SB 251](#) [Vulakovich, Randy\(R\)](#)

(PN 1814) Amends Titles 44 (Law & Justice) and 75 (Vehicles) establishing a six-year pilot program for accredited municipal and regional police to use radar as a speed timing device. Limits the use to only fulltime police officers and provides for defense against prosecution if being used to generate revenue. Requires annual progress reports from municipalities to the Department of Transportation and requires the department to make an annual report to the General Assembly. Prohibits agencies from imposing quotas on the issues of citations for certain offenses. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 231, 300, 1316)

Bill History:

05-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation
06-04-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation
06-04-18 H First consideration
06-04-18 H Laid on the table
06-11-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



[SB 764](#)

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

(PN 1829) Amends the Board of Vehicles Act providing for preliminary provisions, further providing for short title, for definitions, for State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salespersons, for powers and duties of board, for license to engage in business, for biennial renewal, for enforcement, for protest hearing decision within 120 days unless waived by the parties, for reimbursement for all parts and service required by the manufacturer or distributor and reimbursement audits, for damage disclosure, for mediation and arbitration, for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors, for area of responsibility, for termination of franchises, for industry reorganization, for succession to franchise ownership, for manufacturer right of first refusal, for manufacturer or distributor repurchase of inventory and equipment, for reimbursement of rental costs for dealer facility, for grounds for disciplinary proceedings, for administrative liability of employer, copartnership, association or corporation, for reinstatement, for application for license, for refusal of license, for change of salesperson's license to indicate new employer, for termination of employment or business, for exemption from licensure and registration, for limitations on establishing or relocating dealers, for licensing cost, for penalties, for civil actions for violations, for fees, for disposition of fees and fines, for vehicle shows, off-premise sales and exhibitions and for off-premise sales, shows, exhibitions or rallies on Sundays; providing for recreational vehicles and for miscellaneous provisions; further providing for savings provision, for repeals, expiration of terms of board members and for existing rules and regulations. The bill makes numerous technical changes and adds a chapter providing for the regulation of the relationship between recreational vehicle dealers, manufacturers and suppliers. Effective in 365 days. (Prior Printer Number: 956, 1322, 1377)

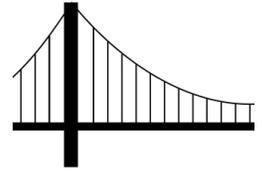
Bill History:

06-06-18 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Professional Licensure
06-06-18 H Reported as amended House Professional Licensure
06-06-18 H First consideration
06-06-18 H Laid on the table
06-11-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[SB 792](#)

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

(PN 1547) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) repealing the Fertilizer Act and creating a new Fertilizer Act; providing for fertilizer; in soil and plant amendment, further providing for disposition of funds; and, in seed, further providing for disposition of funds. Also imposes duties on the Department of Agriculture. The bill provides for the licensure of fertilizer manufacturers and guarantors; provides for registration of specialty fertilizers; stipulates contents of labels; provides explicitly for the contents of fertilizer sold at retail and intended for use on turf; establishes inspection fees and provides for inspections; requires tonnage reports; imposes penalties; requires the licensure of fertilizer application businesses and certification of their employees; provides for training of fertilizer technicians; provides for recordkeeping for applicators and airports; stipulates application rates, requirements and prohibitions; and requires the department to undertake a program of public outreach to educate the public on proper use, application, handling and storage of fertilizers. Portions are effective in 18 months; portions are effective upon the development of certification courses; portions are effective upon the development of recertification courses; and the remainder is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1004)



Bill History:

03-20-18 Third consideration 3:22pm
03-20-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 47/N: 3)
03-26-18 H Received in the House and referred to House Agriculture and Rural Affairs
06-05-18 H Hearing set for 9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Agriculture and Rural Affairs -- House Agriculture and Rural Affairs
06-05-18 H Public hearing held in committee House Agriculture and Rural Affairs

[SB 880](#) [Langerholc, Wayne \(F\)\(R\)](#)

(PN 1431) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in size, weight and load, further providing for operation of certain combinations on interstate and certain other highways, repealing provisions relating to operation of motor homes on interstate and certain other highways and further providing for width of vehicles and for length of vehicles. The stated intent of the bill is to allow 102-inch wide trailers on all Pennsylvania highways, while still allowing the department and municipalities the ability to restrict these vehicles where necessary on specific roadways. Certain provisions of the bill are effective in 180 days and the remainder is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1138)

Bill History:

05-24-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:171/N: 4)
06-04-18 S Signed in the Senate
06-04-18 H Signed in the House
06-05-18 G In the hands of the Governor
06-15-18 G Last day for Governor's action

[SB 1024](#) [Rafferty, John\(R\)](#)

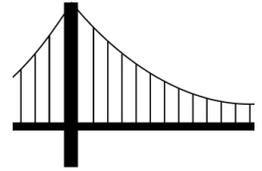
(PN 1418) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for duty of driver in construction and maintenance areas or on highway safety corridors by doubling fines for violations relating to prohibited text-based communications. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

03-27-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
03-27-18 S Laid on the table
03-27-18 S Removed from the table
06-04-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-04-18 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)

[SB 1156](#) [Mensch, Bob\(R\)](#)

(PN 1793) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 100 over the Schuylkill River in Pottstown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Newstell Marable, Sr., Memorial Bridge; designating the Private Raymond Lafayette Naugle Memorial Bridge in Cumberland County; designating the Sergeant Kenneth Lee Devor Memorial Bridge in Cumberland County; designating the Pfc. Nick Kozorosky Memorial Bridge in Cambria County; designating the Francis V. McAndrew Memorial Highway in Schuylkill County; and the Corporal Michael Dennis Cooke Memorial Highway in Montgomery County. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1736) 1793



Bill History:

05-23-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
05-23-18 S First consideration
06-04-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-04-18 Second consideration 4:26pm
06-11-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

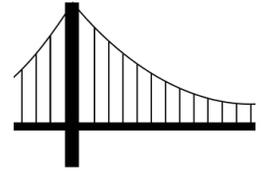
[SB 1192](#)

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

(PN 1815) The General Appropriation Act of 2018 provides provide from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, for certain institutions and organizations and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; to provide appropriations from the State Lottery Fund, the Tobacco Settlement Fund, the Aviation Restricted Account, the Hazardous Material Response Fund, The State Stores Fund, the Milk Marketing Fund, the Home Investment Trust Fund, the Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund, the Tuition Account Guaranteed Savings Program Fund, the Banking Fund, the Firearm Records Check Fund, the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority Fund, the Oil and Gas Lease Fund, the Home Improvement Account, the Cigarette Fire Safety and Firefighter Protection Act Enforcement Fund, the Insurance Regulation and Oversight Fund, the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development Restricted Receipt Account, the Justice Reinvestment Fund, the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the State Racing Fund and the ABLE Savings Program Fund to the Executive Department; to provide appropriations from the Judicial Computer System Augmentation Account to the Judicial Department for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019; to provide appropriations from the Motor License Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019, for the proper operation of several departments of the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania State Police authorized to spend Motor License Fund money; to provide for the appropriation of Federal funds to the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth and for the payment of bills remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; and to provide for the additional appropriation of Federal and State funds from the General Fund, the State Lottery Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Fund for the Executive and Judicial Departments of the Commonwealth for the fiscal year July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2018, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. Effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History:

06-04-18 S Filed
06-04-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Appropriations
06-06-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
06-06-18 S Passed over in committee Senate Appropriations



Upcoming Events

House Transportation

June 12, 2018 - Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [SB 564](#) Yaw, Gene Act re Protective Fencing over Highways [SB 1002](#) White, Donald Act re Indiana County Bridge Designations [SB 1091](#) Martin, Scott (F Amends Title 75 re pediatric cancer research [SB 1101](#) Stefano, Patrick Amends Title 75 re theft vehicle title

PA Public Utility Commission

June 12, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Zlock Performing Arts Center, Bucks County Community College, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown
Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by PECO Energy Company. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

June 14, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

PA Public Utility Commission

June 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
En Banc Hearing on Supplier Consolidated Billing by Electric Generation Suppliers. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

June 14, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Piatt Place, Room 2019, 301 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Public Input Hearings for Rate Increase Request by Duquesne Light Company. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

June 14, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Park Inn by Radisson, 7195 Eastwood Road, Beaver Falls
Public Input Hearings for Rate Increase Request by Duquesne Light Company. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

June 14, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Betsy Ross Conference Room, 801 Market Street, 6th Floor, Philadelphia
Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by PECO Energy Company. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

June 14, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Kingdom Life Christian Center, 6325 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia
Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by PECO Energy Company. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Turnpike Commission

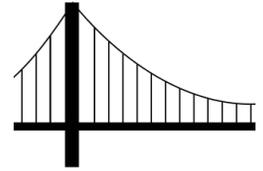
June 19, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO

June 20, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

Pittsburgh Port Authority

June 21, 2018 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137



Pittsburgh Port Authority

June 21, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Performance Oversight Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

PA Public Utility Commission

June 21, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Courthouse Square Building, 100 West Beau Street, Washington
Public Input Hearing for Rate Increase Request by Columbia Gas. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

June 21, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Administration Committee meeting immediately followed by an Operations Committee meeting. For additional information:
(215) 580-7800

Department of Transportation

June 26, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Keystone Building, PUC Hearing Room #1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public-Private Transportation Partnership Board Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-3154

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

June 28, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting. For additional information: (215) 580-7800

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

June 28, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

To consider the following regulation:

- Reg. No. 3200 Department of Transportation #18-479: Access to and Occupancy of Highways by Driveways and Local Roads

Pittsburgh Port Authority

June 29, 2018 - 9:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh
Board Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

In the News

06-07-2018 [Governor Wolf, PennDOT Secretary Announce Plan to Improve Travel Between King...](#)

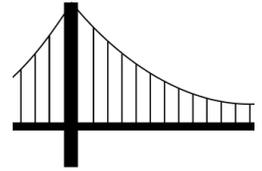
(Press Release)

06-07-2018 [Pittsburgh looking to replace Washington Boulevard floodgates after latest failure](#)

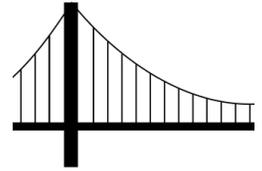
Chronic technical problems are finally bringing an end to Pittsburgh's floodgates on Washington Boulevard. After a partial system failure late Tuesday, city leaders said they will replace the \$450,000 equipment, meant to steer Highland Park drivers away from flash floods in the low-slung area of Washington, Allegheny River and... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

06-07-2018 [Southwest Pa. Commission proposes \\$4.9 billion in transportation projects over next 4 years](#)

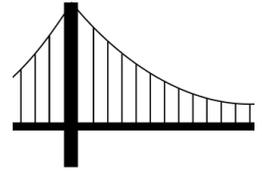
If you need further evidence of the changing nature of Western Pennsylvania, look at the types of projects proposed in the four-year, \$4.9 billion regional Transportation Improvement Program. Sure, there's the usual projects like rehabilitating the Rachel Carson... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



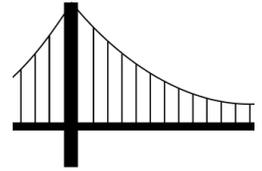
- 06-07-2018 [**Mohnton gets tough on junk motor vehicles**](#)
The fine for unlicensed or uninspected cars and trucks will increase dramatically. - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Erie Insurance seeks city OK for pedestrian bridges**](#)
The bridges would carry employees from the Fortune 500 company's new seven-story office complex to other buildings on the company's downtown campus. Erie Insurance wants to build two above-street pedestrian bridges that would carry employees from its new seven-story office complex to other... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Pine Creek Twp. has a new supervisor**](#)
AVIS — John Reese was sworn in as a Pine Creek Township supervisor at Wednesday's meeting of the supervisors. Reese fills the vacant seat left by Jim Moore, who passed away last month. According to fellow Supervisors Dennis Greenaway and Thomas Wilt, Jr., Reese has been an employee of the township for over 18 years, is a resident... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Two Bristol Road extension plans met with mixed review in Chalfont**](#)
Early drafts for both plans would connect either Bristol Road or Butler Avenue to Park Avenue. The state Department of Transportation is eying two plans connecting Butler and Park avenues in Chalfont, but the proposals to ease bottleneck traffic were met with mixed reviews this week.... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Norristown Council hears updates on July 4th celebration, NASD budget, and Lafayette St. Extension Project**](#)
NORRISTOWN >> Municipal council received updates on the Norristown Area School District budget, preparations for the Fourth of July celebration and the progress of the Lafayette Street Extension Project at their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday evening. Council also heard concerns from union... - [*Norristown Times Herald*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**One-vehicle accident closes Chester County covered bridge**](#)
WEST VINCENT >> The Sheeder Hall Covered Bridge is closed again until further notice after a driver crashed into the bridge on Tuesday. It's the second time in two years that a vehicle plowed into the bridge, causing extensive damage. West Vincent Police Chief Michael Swinger said the covered bridge at... - [*Pottstown Mercury*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Trail of trash concerns resident**](#)
Washington Township supervisors engaged in a little trash talk during Monday's meeting. Township resident Duane Dickey raised concerns about the amount of trash laying along Buchanan Trail between Rouzerville and Blue Ridge Summit. "It gets worse as you go up [Sunshine] Trail," Dickey told the... - [*Waynesboro Record Herald*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Hydetown plans e-waste day**](#)
The Hydetown Borough Council tentatively planned a date for an e-waste day, where Hydetown residents can get rid of electronic waste they cannot normally have hauled off, at their meeting Monday. The council is awaiting word from T.J. Domino, an Erie man doing the... - [*Titusville Herald*](#)



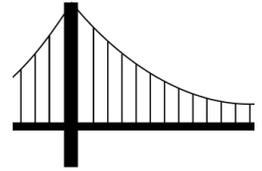
- 06-07-2018 [**As Fuel Prices Rise, Airlines Warn of Higher Fares**](#)
The price of jet fuel has gone up 50 percent in the past year, and airline executives are warning that they may have to raise ticket prices and cut capacity if fuel costs continue to rise. Delta Air Lines on Wednesday became the latest carrier to cut its profit... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Philly's court win on sanctuary cities is a loss for Pa., Barletta says | Thursday Morning Coffee**](#)
Good Thursday Morning, Fellow Seekers. Reminding us that, in politics, there is no connection so tenuous that it cannot be turned into a campaign issue, GOP U.S. Senate candidate Lou Barletta is using Philly's sanctuary city win to slam Democratic rival Bob Casey.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Tarentum Council to award contract for road milling, resurfacing**](#)
Street paving is expected to be done pretty quickly in Tarentum this year, according to borough officials. Eight companies submitted bids for the borough's 2018 paving project. A contract is expected to be awarded to the low bidder at council's meeting Thursday.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Can the rural prison economy survive the era of decarceration?**](#)
It was still dark, not yet 5 a.m., when Cynthia Mason climbed onto the coach bus outside 30th Street Station. It was so early she'd decided it was better not to go to bed at all; she couldn't risk oversleeping, not when she finally had the chance to see her son.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 06-07-2018 [**Murrysville officials show interest in proposal for Penn Township ramp to Turnpike**](#)
If the Turnpike Commission wants to build a cashless toll ramp in Penn Township , Murrysville officials appear to be in favor of it. Although they did not take an official vote at their June 6 meeting, consensus among Murrysville council members seemed to be in support of... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Senate Session Notes for Wednesday, June 6, 2018**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-06-2018 [**New Emergency Alert Service Connects Transportation Agencies with Drivers**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-06-2018 [**Senate Advances Plan to Require Certain Payments to Local EMS Providers**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-06-2018 [**Casey, Wolf Secure PA Over \\$35 Million Federal Grant to Update, Rebuild I-99/80**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-06-2018 [**House Votes to Save Money, Conserve Energy with Native Plants, Quigley Says**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-06-2018 [**Lawmakers, EMS Personnel Rally to Save Our Ambulance Services**](#)
(Press Release)



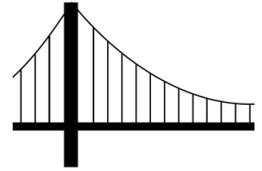
- 06-06-2018 [**Pittsburgh seeks futuristic options for moving people around the city**](#)
Pittsburgh and Ford Motor Company are partnering with local foundations in a program designed to enhance the city's transportation and mobility needs, officials said Tuesday. The eight-month Pittsburgh City of Tomorrow Challenge, which began with the launch of a website Tuesday, will seek input from residents on problems... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Building a better highway: Dauphin County residents give input on Route 39 improvements**](#)
It links Dauphin County's oldest urban core to congested inner-ring suburbs, through rapidly developing ex-urbs, and then finally turns into a major feeder between Interstate 81 and the region's biggest tourist attractions. It's a lot to ask of one road and Pa. Route 39 - better-known to locals as... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Editorial: Reading enacts reasonable cap on towing fees**](#)
The new limit is sufficient to serve as a deterrent from trying to use illegitimate means to avoid paying for parking. - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Federal grant to fund I-80, I-99 connection**](#)
A \$35 million federal grant is intended to fund a direct connection between I-80 and I-99 in Centre County, according to a Tuesday evening announcement from three congressman. On Tuesday, U.S. Reps. Bill Shuster, R-9th District, Glenn "GT" Thompson, R-5th District, and Lou Barletta, R-11th District, announced that... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**PennDOT to outline plans to replace Springboro area bridge**](#)
SPRINGBORO — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will share plans to replace a bridge on East Spring Road in Crawford County during a public meeting June 11 at 3:30 p.m. at the Spring Township Municipal Building, 23578 N. Center Road. The bridge is over Carr Run and is rated as structurally deficient. It is... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**New start sought for 160-year-old bridge**](#)
Northampton County is in the process of reclaiming a crumbling, 160-year-old stone arch bridge in Lower Saucon Township in an effort to secure millions of dollars in federal funding to replace it. The county's General Purpose Authority voted unanimously Tuesday to... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Washington County seeking input on public transit**](#)
Displays outlining the future of public transit in Washington County are available at locations throughout the county this week for the public to view and weigh in on the plans. The draft five-year transit development plan is a regional effort through a partnership between the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC),... - [Uniontown Herald-Standard](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Officials move ahead with Monaca street project**](#)
MONACA — Borough officials hope that work on a multimillion-dollar upgrade to Pennsylvania Avenue could begin next spring. But that depends on how much money comes in during the next few weeks. Borough Manager Mario Leone said officials are waiting to hear about grants... - [Beaver County Times](#)



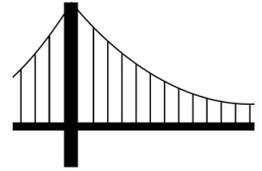
- 06-06-2018 [**PennDOT nets grant for I-99/I-80 interchange project**](#)
PennDOT has been awarded more than \$35 million in federal funding to finally push forward the I-99/I-80 interchange project that's been stalled for a decade. The funding comes from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant program. The state Department... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**I-80/I-99 Interchange Project Awarded \\$35 Million in Federal Funding**](#)
A proposed project to construct a long-desired high-speed interchange between Interstates 80 and 99 at Bellefonte got a major boost on Tuesday. The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$35,110,410 grant for the project through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program,... - [State College News](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Transportation committee seeking emergency funds for Route 44 soil slide**](#)
A soil slide is deteriorating the shoulder of Route 44's southbound lane between the villages of Waterville and Ramsey and blocking the Pine Creek Rail Trail below, which sits between the embankment and a stream, said Mark Murawski, Lycoming County's transportation supervisor, during... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Black Creek Twp. supers fire road foreman**](#)
ROCK GLEN — Black Creek Twp. is looking to hire after firing its road foreman Tuesday. On a 2-1 vote — with Supervisor Dr. Saura Rohrbach voting no — supervisors Bonnie Adams and Joe Lescowitch voted to fire John Ross as the result of a “hostile” verbal exchange between Ross and Lescowitch... - [Hazleton Standard-Speaker](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Students and mentors get unique view of local history on train ride**](#)
BOYERTOWN >> Area kids got to experience local history in a unique way Tuesday thanks to some area business owners. Stepping inside the meticulously restored train at the historic Colebrookdale Railroad in Boyertown on Tuesday, 45 students from Exton and Pottstown involved with the Big Brothers Big Sisters Independence Region... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Bribery-related charge filed against former PennDot manager**](#)
HARRISBURG >> A former PennDOT official from Lower Providence turned himself in to authorities Monday after a felony conflict of interest charge was filed against him for allegedly soliciting and accepting bribes for contracts with the agency. Nicholas Martino, 53 of PennView Lane, who was PennDOT's assistant... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Johnstown could lose air service subsidy; airport manager says community support is key**](#)
The U.S. Department of Transportation said in an order issued last month that it has “tentatively decided to terminate” Johnstown's eligibility for a subsidy program that, according to officials, is key to maintaining scheduled air service in the region. In the order, the Department of Transportation stated that Johnstown is one... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Northumberland residents say detour is creating danger**](#)
NORTHUMBERLAND — If the steady volume of northbound cars going in circles at Duke and Fourth Street in Northumberland Borough wasn't so dangerous, it might seem comical to the casual observer. But funny, it's not. “It's become almost like a traffic circle,” said Ken Young, of... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)



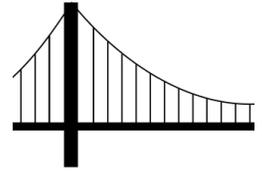
- 06-06-2018 [**Annual payments, stricter enforcement, new app all part of proposed Harrisburg trash changes**](#)
While some proposed changes in Harrisburg's sanitation ordinance could mean a bigger upfront bill for homeowners instead of smaller monthly payments, and fines could be imposed for failing to recycle, officials say these changes will go a long way in cleaning up the city.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Woman pays over \\$10,000 in restitution for unpaid Pa. Turnpike tolls**](#)
A Mount Joy Township woman who accumulated more than \$92,000 in unpaid tolls on the Pennsylvania Turnpike has paid some restitution. Lori Yearick, 45, has paid over \$10,000 of those unpaid tolls and late fees, LancasterOnline reports. Yearick still faces a court date next month on theft of services charge,... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Train station may finally go out for bid**](#)
After nearly four years of waiting, the Nicholson Heritage Association's dream of renovating an old train station into a welcome center is about to happen. "Thank God, it's about time," said Wyoming County Commissioner Tom Henry when informed the project was to be put out for bid June 29.... - [WC EXAMINER](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Harrisburg seeking public input on Vision Zero plan**](#)
HARRISBURG, Pa. (WHTM) - Harrisburg city engineer Wayne Martin is helping to launch Vision Zero, a program popular in Europe that aims to eliminate traffic-related deaths. Harrisburg has seen traffic-related deaths double since 2014. "What we are doing now is we are going to develop an action plan and we are... - [WHTM](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto pushes self-driving vehicle restrictions**](#)
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto said Tuesday he is continuing to work with Uber and other operators of self-driving vehicles in the city to follow his recommendation to operate at 25 miles an hour or less until the state adopts formal testing and operating regulations.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Pa.'s \\$10M helps AmerisourceBergen decide on new Conshy HQ, with 550 new jobs:**](#)
Drug distributor AmerisourceBergen said Wednesday it is planning a new headquarters in Conshohocken, Montgomery County and will move bosses and staff from its former Chesterbrook headquarters and a smaller Conshohocken office into a new, 12-story, 427,000-square-foot tower.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Lehigh Valley to see half-billion dollars in road projects in next four years**](#)
Drivers getting onto Route 309 from Tilghman Street in South Whitehall know they have to be especially alert. The acceleration lanes are barely existent and the sight lines substandard. That would all change under a half-billion dollar spending plan finalized by Lehigh Valley transportation officials on Wednesday.... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Pittsburgh to partner with Ford to improve city's mobility**](#)
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto stood with John Kwant, vice president of Ford City Solutions, Tuesday to announce a partnership between Ford, the city, and the Department of Infrastructure and Mobility that will make the Steel City the first to participate in the company's City of Tomorrow... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)



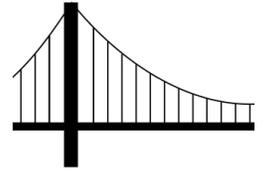
- 06-06-2018 [**Pittsburgh's Washington Boulevard flood gates are again malfunctioning**](#)
Pittsburgh's Washington Boulevard floodgates installed in 2011 after four motorists drowned in a flash flood have been a "consistent problem" and need to be replaced, Public Safety Director Wendell Hissrich said Wednesday. The gates, which have worked sporadically since they were installed, are... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-06-2018 [**Woman pays \\$10,000 to turnpike for 1,600 skipped tolls**](#)
Prosecutors say a Pennsylvania woman who failed to pay turnpike tolls on over 1,600 trips during a five-year period has paid \$10,000 in restitution. .. - [AP](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Senate Session Notes for Tuesday, June 5, 2018**](#)
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- 06-05-2018 [**Former PennDOT official accused of corruption**](#)
A former PennDOT official is facing felony charges after prosecutors say he solicited and accepted bribes from at least one contractor in exchange for continued contracts with the agency. Nicholas Martino, 53, of Norristown was charged Monday with conflict of... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Reading City Council caps towing fees**](#)
Limit of \$100 per vehicle, plus \$10 per day storage, spurred by complaints about \$250 fees during 2017 Reading High graduation. - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Our view: Cell phones and cars don't mix**](#)
State police Sgt. Jeffrey Tylman is correct on two counts. Motorists who operate a vehicle and cellphone at the same time are near ubiquitous and that situation is both ridiculous and scary, as Tylman told Erie Times-News reporter Tim Hahn. On just about any drive, one can see the car that weaves out of its lane or... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Last chance to comment this week on possible changes to transit service**](#)
Feedback that Freedom Transit received a few months ago has morphed into short-term, medium-term and long-term proposals that could affect bus riders' daily commute. The local transportation authority is giving bus riders one more chance this week to either view plans in person at one of several locations around... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Waynesburg downtown road project to begin Monday**](#)
WAYNESBURG – A state Department of Transportation project to reconstruct all of the major thoroughfares through Waynesburg is expected to begin Monday night. Construction crews will repave High and Greene streets in Waynesburg, the main east-west state highways through the borough, and Route 19/21 in... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Hermitage roundabout plans unveiled**](#)
HERMITAGE — Hermitage Planning Commission members got to see PennDOT's updated design for the city's roundabout at the their meeting Monday. Originally the design called for two lanes, but was cut to one after PennDOT determined there wasn't enough traffic to warrant two, as well... - [Sharon Herald](#)



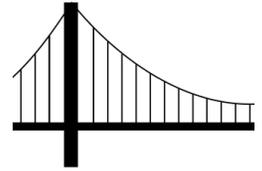
- 06-05-2018 [**Selinsgrove considers change to parking ordinance**](#)
SELINSGROVE — The borough may soon ease parking requirements for owners of downtown businesses and residences. Years of complaints about Selinsgrove's zoning ordinance requiring a specific number of off-street parking spaces be available for each business in the central business district prompted the planning commission to make... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Hydetown plans e-waste day**](#)
The Hydetown Borough Council tentatively planned a date for an e-waste day, where Hydetown residents can get rid of electronic waste they cannot normally have hauled off, at their meeting Monday. The council is awaiting word from T.J. Domino, an Erie man doing the... - [*Titusville Herald*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Borough approves advertising ordinance**](#)
BURNHAM—The Burnham Borough Council gave approval to advertise for a new roadway ordinance during their monthly meeting on Monday night at the Burnham Borough Building. According to Borough Solicitor Jeffrey Snook, a traffic study was conducted in the borough to determine needed improvements for roadway safety and... - [*Lewistown Sentinel*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Remaining wreckage from Flight 93 should be buried at crash site**](#)
Sept. 11, 2001, seems so long ago, in many ways. A whole generation of Americans has no personal recollection of that tragic day. We are being reminded of it once again, by the announcement that some wreckage from Flight 93, no longer needed for purposes such as... - [*Lewistown Sentinel*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Volkswagen Vows to End Experiments on Animals**](#)
The German automaker Volkswagen is promising that it will no longer support the use of animals in testing the effects of diesel exhaust, as the company tries to move past an emissions-cheating scandal in which it was found to have helped finance experiments on monkeys.... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**State road Pike plans: "Expect delays"**](#)
Paving and road reconstruction work on state highways in Pike County for the 2018 season were outlined May 30th, at the PennDOT Milford office. MILFORD - Paving and road reconstruction work on state highways in Pike County for the 2018 season were outlined May 30th, at the PennDOT Milford... - [*Hawley News Eagle*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Former PennDOT exec charged with taking bribes**](#)
A former PennDOT executive was charged with accepting bribes from a contractor in exchange for continued contracts with the agency, said the Pa. attorney general. Nicholas Martino, 53, of Norristown, was charged Monday with conflict of interest - restricted activities, a felony, for accepting payments from an... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Mount Joy Township woman pays \\$10,000 in restitution for 1,645 unpaid Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls**](#)
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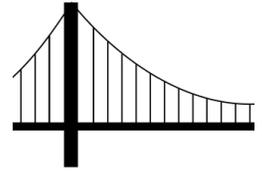
- 06-05-2018 [**Wake-up call: Could Trump's 'Philly special' impact fall elections?**](#)
Good morning! President Donald Trump — who avoided the draft five times and claims a “deep state” is trying to usurp his administration — canceled his White House invitation to the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles because he claimed they were not patriotic enough.... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Southwest, Allegiant dropping their nonstop flights to New Orleans from Pittsburgh**](#)
To paraphrase an old Louis Armstrong song, local travelers soon will know what it means to miss New Orleans — or at least the nonstop that got them there. Southwest Airlines and Allegiant Air are both dropping their flights to the Big Easy, leaving Pittsburgh International Airport without any nonstop... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Pittsburgh, Ford announce challenge program to find mobility solutions**](#)
Ford announced Tuesday morning that Pittsburgh will be the first city to work with its City of Tomorrow Challenge, a new program that calls on the public to identify and offer solutions for mobility problems. Mayor Bill Peduto and John Kwant, vice president of Ford City Solutions,... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Once an Underground Railroad stop, Montgomery County property may soon be filled with townhouses**](#)
Roy and Ann Wilson pay \$23,000 in taxes each year to live in their historic home in Whitemarsh Township. And the couple estimates they spend thousands annually for repairs to the three century-old buildings on their property in the Plymouth Meeting Historic District.... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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- 06-05-2018 [**DUI driver who hit pedestrian in crosswalk didn't use car as a 'deadly weapon,' Pa. Supreme Court rules**](#)
A drunken driver who struck a pedestrian in a crosswalk and kept going didn't intentionally use his car as a weapon and so should not face added criminal penalties, the state Supreme Court has ruled. That decision, outlined in an opinion by Chief Justice Thomas G. Saylor,... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-05-2018 [**Amtrak train collides with tractor: passengers evaluated**](#)
Authorities say the driver of a tractor and several train crew members were injured when an Amtrak train hit a farm tractor stopped on the tracks in Pennsylvania... - [*AP*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Senate Session Notes for Monday, June 4, 2018**](#)
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- 06-04-2018 [**PA Turnpike Commission Meeting Agenda for June 5, 2018**](#)
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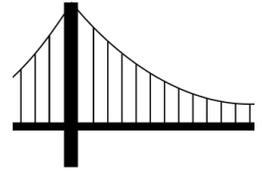
- 06-04-2018 [**Weekly Update: Investing in Jobs, Resurfacing PA, and Raising the Wage**](#)
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- 06-04-2018 [**Mattucci aims for sky with aerials**](#)
Mattucci Aerials was begun in Carnegie by Anthony Mattucci to combine his two loves of flying and photography. He has his bachelor's degree in finance and economics from Robert Morris University and an associate degree in flight technology from Community College of Allegheny County. He is a... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Feds should step up**](#)
PennDOT contractors have been making tremendous headway in repairing a landslide along Route 30 in East Pittsburgh, and we hope state and federal disaster officials come through in equally fine fashion to help pay for the region's many landslides. A landslide April 7 collapsed three lanes of Route 30. It damaged two... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Trucking company to open Millerstown location**](#)
On May 18, a causal meeting was held at the County Seat Restaurant in New Bloomfield among local officials and representations of Nagle Companies, turbocharging the economies of Perry County and surrounding region. Nagle Companies, a truckload carrier based in Walbridge, Ohio, will be... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Veterans hope Scranton doughboy statue finds permanent home at Steamtown**](#)
SCRANTON — Local veterans hope they have found a permanent home for the “Spirit of the American Doughboy” World War I statue removed from the former Duffy Park to make way for the new Harrison Avenue Bridge. Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Rabiega-Gorgol Post No. 3451 of South... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Study shows vigilance vital**](#)
The state Department of Environmental Protection is the last word in Pennsylvania on most industrial processes that affect the environment, from the proposed expansion of the Keystone Sanitary Landfill in Lackawanna County to the many environmental aspects of gas extraction from the... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission targets toll scofflaws**](#)
Berks County District Attorney John T. Adams says that he's cooperating with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's new get-tough policy on those who owe thousands of dollars in unpaid tolls. Adams said that his office is prepared to criminally prosecute violators... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Millcreek garage is 'dream come true' for owner**](#)
Out-of-work mechanic opens his own automotive garage in Millcreek. When Bob Edmonds Jr. lost his job last summer he decided to turn it into an opportunity to realize a lifelong dream. Edmonds, 48, was head technician at Erie General Tire, where he had worked... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**York City's bicycle-friendly status upgraded to 'silver'**](#)
The League of American Bicyclists upgraded York City's status as a bicycle-friendly community to "silver," according to a Friday, June 1, city news release. The nonprofit organization promotes cycling and advocates for safer conditions for cyclists nationwide. Each year, it assesses members in all... - [*York Dispatch*](#)



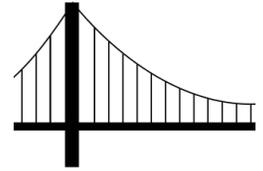
- 06-04-2018 [**Concerns raised over train station passageway**](#)
A year after more than \$1 million in renovations were completed at Johnstown's historic train station, concerns have been raised about deteriorating conditions in the underground walkway to the Amtrak platform. Richard Burkert, president and CEO of Johnstown Area Heritage Association,... - [*Johnstown Tribune-Democrat*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Radar bill rewrite sets up showdown in state House**](#)
HARRISBURG — Only 117 of the roughly 1,000 local police departments in Pennsylvania would meet the requirements to use radar to crack down on speeders under a plan approved by the House Transportation Committee. Proponents leading the push to give local police the right to crack down on... - [*Meadville Tribune*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Miracle Fest brings fun to Geisinger telethon**](#)
MAHONING TWP. — Kids played variations of "Chutes and Ladders" and "Twister" and watched a balloon magician in the parking lot of Geisinger's Woodbine Lane clinic. Many even got to pose with a lineup of superheroes. A little more than two miles away in the Janet Weis Children's Hospital... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Toomey aide, Smucker tour downtown Oxford**](#)
OXFORD >> Borough officials hosted a town tour this week with U.S. Rep. Lloyd Smucker, R-16, of Lancaster, and Kate Schramm — a representative of U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey's office — with an eye toward connecting with some federal funds for Oxford's planned Multimodal Transportation... - [*West Chester Daily Local News*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**PennDOT to contribute more money to McAdoo water line project**](#)
The relocation of a 10-year-old water line along Kennedy Drive in McAdoo won't stop the reconstruction of the street by the state Department of Transportation, the chairman of the Kline Township Municipal Authority said. Aaron Debalko said PennDOT has agreed to provide more money to relocate the... - [*Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Lawsuit claims Stowe concrete plant falsified data for D.C. rail project**](#)
STOWE >> Pre-cast concrete panels made by a Stowe company for a \$5.8 billion construction project to extend a Washington, D.C., metro rail system to Dulles International Airport are flawed, according to inspections and a whistleblower lawsuit. About 1,500 panels manufactured by Universal Concrete Products, located at... - [*Pottstown Mercury*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Arkoosh: SEPTA'S KOP Rail plays a key role in Montgomery County's Comprehensive Plan**](#)
Following five years of detailed analysis and community input, the KOPRail project is moving out of the planning phase and into design. This project, which will add a 5 mile spur from the Norristown High Speed Rail line out to King of Prussia, will be transformative for businesses, residents, and... - [*Norristown Times Herald*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Road repairs coming soon**](#)
HAZLETON — More than \$191,000 worth of repairs to streets that were disturbed by water distribution system projects will begin in the next few weeks, according to an engineer for Hazleton City Authority. The authority board voted unanimously Thursday to give Franzosa Trucking... - [*Hazleton Standard-Speaker*](#)



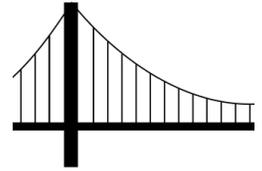
- 06-04-2018 [**Let's pass these commonsense improvements to Pa.'s DUI laws | Opinion**](#)
On a sunny July afternoon in Lancaster County, our beautiful 18-year old daughter Meredith was killed by a repeat DUI offender well known by the police, who was drunk, high on heroin and driving on a suspended license at the time of crash. Immediately thereafter we were exposed to the reality of Pennsylvania's... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Most people expect driverless cars to become common, and they worry about it**](#)
Most Americans think autonomous cars will be quite common within 15 years, though 74 percent of people say they don't expect to have one and two-thirds say they wouldn't want to walk or ride a bicycle anywhere near one. Confusing? That's in part because the results come from three different... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Second lawsuit filed in Trump House vehicle crash**](#)
A Hempfield woman who was seriously injured in a crash outside of the Trump House is suing two drivers and the property owner. Savannah Logan was a passenger in a vehicle that was turning into the Unity Township shrine erected to the then-presidential candidate that featured a... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**No serious injuries reported, but 4 sent to hospital from school bus crash**](#)
A student, the driver and two young children were taken to Good Samaritan Hospital as a precaution after a school bus rolled over in a crash in Lebanon County on Monday afternoon. Glenn Meck, administrator of the Lebanon County Career and Technology Center, said no serious injuries occurred during the 2:15 p.m. accident at... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**A time for change: Turnpike's longest-serving employee calls it a career after 62 years**](#)
Chester Detweiler grew up on a Bucks County farm, and if he hadn't wearied of milking the cows before dawn and after dark, he might have lived a bucolic life among the wheat and alfalfa. Instead, he became the face of the Pennsylvania Turnpike — quite literally once, when he posed for the cover photo of the turnpike map... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 06-04-2018 [**Gas prices avoid \\$3 per gallon nationwide, but higher prices costing drivers plenty**](#)
Gas prices avoided reaching \$3 per gallon nationally, but higher gas prices are costing the country more than \$200 million each day compared to a year ago, according to price analyst firm GasBuddy. "Finally, some moderation has hit tens of thousands of gas stations... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Uber gears up for ride-sharing in the sky**](#)
series of partnerships — with NASA and the U.S. Army's research wing, among other entities — to bring flying ride-share to Los Angeles by 2023, my first thought was "Blade Runner." The Ridley Scott science fiction film, released in 1982, takes place in 2019 and portrays a dystopian Southern California in which the urban core... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)



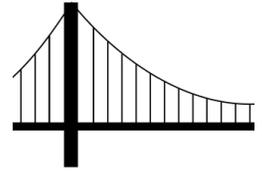
- 06-03-2018 [**SEPTA to make senior fare card switch Sept. 1**](#)
SEPTA will end the use of the paper PA Senior Citizen Transit ID Card starting Sept. 1 to make way for the SEPTA Key Senior Photo Identification Card, the transit agency has announced. SEPTA urged senior riders to register for the new card if they have not done so already. Riders can sign up at the offices of local elected leaders... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Wanted: Truck drivers**](#)
Trucking company officials in Northeast Pennsylvania say they are being impacted by a shortage of truck drivers and it's slowing growth. Transportation and logistics provider A. Duie Pyle has projected a need for nearly 100 additional professional drivers in the next several months.... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Pa. plans \\$22.3 million pothole blitz**](#)
A new statewide initiative is expected to accelerate repaving work on interstate highways and attack potholes on other roads across Pennsylvania, including here in the Wyoming Valley. Gov. Tom Wolf and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Secretary Leslie S. Richards recently released details of "Resurface PA," a... - [*Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Cheers and Jeers**](#)
CHEERS to the state police, Luzerne County District Attorney's Office and Wilkes University for holding a session with the families of missing people that offered DNA testing and national database information that someday might help them learn the fates of their missing loved ones.... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Trail race, first of its kind, to highlight GAP**](#)
It's not unusual to see hikers, bikers and joggers on the Great Allegheny Passage with its winding pathways through the scenic mountains and ridges that run from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC. - [*Uniontown Herald-Standard*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Distracted-driver crashes in Erie County grow to 20-year high**](#)
"Cell phone usage is almost ridiculous," State Police Sgt. Jeffrey Tylman said. Ongoing efforts to get motorists to buckle up and to refrain from driving after drinking appear to be paying off in Erie County. But keeping drivers focused on the operation of their vehicles remains a... - [*Erie Times-News*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Clean Air: Clean Air Board's fight to clear the air in Carlisle**](#)
Sometimes the proudest achievement is the hardest one to measure in terms of its impact down the road. Such is the case with the Clean Air Board of Central Pennsylvania and the lobbying effort it led a decade ago to implement anti-idling legislation. That legislation put into place time limits on idling in the hope the new... - [*Carlisle Sentinel*](#)
- 06-03-2018 [**Closure of bridge linking Exeter, Robeson townships likely to cause headaches**](#)
The closure of a bridge over the Schuylkill River connecting Exeter Township with the Gibraltar area of Robeson Township is expected to inconvenience motorists for most of the summer. The 43-year-old Gibraltar Road bridge was closed Wednesday so crews can replace its deck. It is anticipated to reopen at the end of August, barring... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)



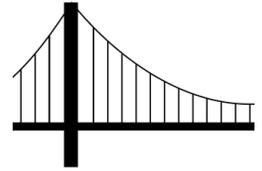
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When President Trump announced on June 1 last year that the United States would exit the Paris climate deal, many of America's largest corporations said they would honor the agreement anyway, vowing to pursue cleaner energy and cut emissions on their own. A year later, there's one area where that pledge is highly visible:... - [New York Times](#)
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On the surface, the Port Authority's annual self-analysis doesn't look good: The agency has the highest cost per passenger among its peers, the worst on-time bus service and among the lowest amount of time in service collecting revenue. New CEO Katharine Eagan Kelleman admits some of the numbers are concerning... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
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In Cumberland County's new game of casino tag, South Middleton Township and its residents may now be "It." Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment is eyeing sites in the township that wraps around Carlisle's southern and eastern borders for its planned mini-casino in the Carlisle / Chambersburg corridor.... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



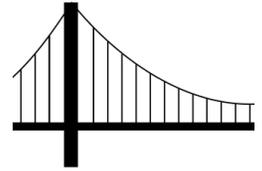
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Vehicle crashes. Drowning. Smoking. Obesity. Inadequate obstetric and maternal care. All are major public-health issues that Kelly Henning has spent much of her adult life trying to address. Henning, a medical doctor and epidemiologist, has led the Bloomberg Philanthropies Public Health Program... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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The people prosecuting the engineer responsible for the 2015 Amtrak derailment in Philadelphia and his defense attorney have found common ground over a frustration with federal authorities who are seemingly loath to part with records about the deadly crash. Last July, Christopher Phillips, the deputy attorney general handling the... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
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A big, bad bomber named FIFI highlights a mini air show later this month at the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. One of two still-flying B-29s, the iconic bomber that served as a staple of the Air Force for decades starting with World War II, will headline the... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
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HOLLIDAYSBURG — Finding a parking space around the Blair County Courthouse has been a longtime problem. But it's not one the county has ignored, commissioners said Thursday. "The county has done an awful lot to address parking," Commissioners Chairman Bruce Erb said. "We just can't take a magic... - [*Altoona Mirror*](#)
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Quakertown Airport received \$270,000 from the state to reimburse half the cost to buy two properties near the runways. A Bucks County airport will use a \$270,000 state grant to cover half the cost of two properties near its runways. The Bucks County Airport Authority spent \$540,000 from its own budget to... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
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HERMITAGE — The Mercer County Regional Council of Governments is moving forward with plans for a new natural gas fueling station for its buses. The compressed natural gas facility would be located outside a fenced-in area in front of the Shenango Valley Shuttle Service garage at 5200... - [*Sharon Herald*](#)
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HARRISBURG — Only 117 of the roughly 1,000 local police departments in Pennsylvania would meet the requirements to use radar to crack down on speeders under a plan approved by the House Transportation Committee. Proponents leading the push to give local police the right to crack down on... - [*New Castle News*](#)



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REEDSVILLE—After Mifflin County was awarded more than \$834,000 for a streetscape project, the county plans to use the grant funding for significant improvements in Brown Township. According to the Brown Township Supervisors, the township is expected to provide a 15 percent match to the approximately \$834,610 grant and will be... - [Lewistown Sentinel](#)
- 06-01-2018 **[SoftBank Fund Puts \\$2.25 Billion in G.M.'s Driverless Unit](#)**
Self-driving cars have increasingly figured in visions of the automotive future, and a big new investment is the latest signal that such a moment is close at hand. On Thursday, a fund affiliated with SoftBank Group of Japan said it planned to invest \$2.25 billion in the driverless-technology division of General... - [New York Times](#)
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Local and national authorities across Europe are considering, and in some cases already placing, restrictions on diesel vehicles in city centers — with one notable exception: Germany. Now, that is changing. On Thursday, Hamburg became the first city in Germany to put in place any... - [New York Times](#)
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At its introduction last summer in Barcelona, Spain, the 2019 Audi A8 quattro became the poster child of automotive high tech: matrix L.E.D.s that shine from the headliner with the wave of a hand, advanced autonomous driver assistance sensors, active electromechanical suspension. And on the... - [New York Times](#)
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Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo may have played coy about embracing the new transit rescue proposals when they were announced last week, but on Thursday he jumped in with both feet. Of course. He knew every important detail before the plans were made public, said Joseph Lhota, the chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation... - [New York Times](#)
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A former federal transportation secretary said on Thursday that he has “100 percent confidence” that the chaos that brought John F. Kennedy International Airport to a standstill during a January blizzard would not recur. Ray LaHood, now an adviser to a Manhattan law firm, said he believed that... - [New York Times](#)
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Losing a handful of street parking spots along a stretch of Upper Manhattan may seem like relatively little to give up. But in the blood sport that is parking in New York, Elisa Ferreira, who was pushing her son, Mason, in a stroller through Hamilton Heights on a recent weekday, said that the 20... - [New York Times](#)
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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration took a major step toward dramatically weakening an Obama-era rule designed to cut pollution from vehicle tailpipes, setting the stage for a legal clash with California that could potentially split the nation’s auto market in two.... - [New York Times](#)



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It was a curious position: Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo helped hire the new leader of New York City's subway. But when that leader released a sweeping plan to fix the failing system last week, Mr. Cuomo offered a tepid response, promising simply to review it. Eight days later, on Thursday, Mr. Cuomo embraced the plan and said that he... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 06-01-2018 [**Rollback of auto mileage standards advances to White House, bringing conflict with California closer**](#)
The rollback of the Obama administration's fuel efficiency standards for automobiles took another step forward Thursday when the Transportation Department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration sent a proposal to the Office of Management and Budget.... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 06-01-2018 [**Pittsburgh & Uber In 'A Family Fight' Over Driverless Car Testing**](#)
PITTSBURGH (KDKA) — The PennDOT secretary was expected in Pittsburgh on Thursday to meet with autonomous vehicle companies and discuss new guidelines for testing self-driving cars. It was a meeting in which Mayor Peduto wanted to participate, but the meeting was canceled.... - [*KDKA Pittsburgh*](#)
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The rise of Uber and Lyft has made clear that a growing number of people are perfectly content not to own a car. Automakers, in turn, have responded by introducing their own ride-sharing services in hopes of meeting changing consumer tastes. Now another trend is emerging: so-called subscription services that allow... - [*Los Angeles Times*](#)
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For the past 17 years, some of the wreckage of Flight 93 has sat in secure storage as federal investigators investigated the 9/11 terror attacks as the National Park Service readied the memorial site in Shanksville, Somerset County. Now the remaining wreckage of the Boeing 757 will be returned to the Flight... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 06-01-2018 [**Peacocks on the loose in Philadelphia after escaping from zoo**](#)
Four peacocks were roaming the Philadelphia area Thursday after escaping the Philadelphia Zoo and causing a traffic jam on the Pennsylvania Turnpike. State police shut down two lanes of traffic after the birds were spotted on the highway, slowing traffic for miles, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-01-2018 [**I-70 upgrade triggers power line shift, rolling stops in South Huntingdon**](#)
Motorists traveling on a stretch of Interstate 70 in South Huntingdon will have to come to a temporary stop June 10 as West Penn Power relocates power lines along the highway. State police will assist with rolling 15-minute closures between 7 and 8 a.m. The closures will affect eastbound and westbound lanes between mile... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-01-2018 [**Summer road work begins in Murrysville**](#)
Murrysville public works officials have begun their summer paving program, starting with Apple Hill Drive and Buena Vista Drive, where milling and overlay work started late last week. Work on Apple Hill Drive will take place from the municipal border to Manor... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)



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