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Session Status

The House convened in session at 10:00 a.m., on Friday June 22, 2018.

The Senate convened in session at 11:00 a.m., on Friday, June 22, 2018.

Upcoming Session Days

House

June 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
(Note: the House will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday through Friday for session days scheduled in June)

Senate

June 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30
September 24, 25, 26
October 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17
November 14



WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP

Around the Rotunda

No Around the Rotunda this week.

Committee News

Senate Appropriations Committee

6/18/18, 3:55 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 945 Brooks, Michele](#) - (PN 1718) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund by adding the ability of an applicant for a two-year vehicle registration to make a contribution of \$6 to the Veterans' Trust Fund on the Department of Transportation's website. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1312) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1239 Marshall, Jim](#) - (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. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[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**.

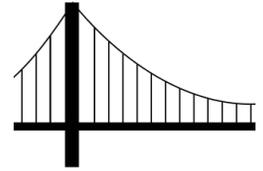
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Senate Appropriations Committee

6/19/18, 4:05 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1898 Santora, James](#) - (PN 3673) Amends the Board of Vehicles Act further providing for definitions; providing for vehicle recalls by adding a manufacturer shall compensate its new vehicle dealers for all labor and parts required by the manufacturer to perform recall repairs; and further providing for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors, for application for license and for licensing cost. The bill's stated intent is to require dealer disclosure of vehicles with open, unremedied recalls at time of sale. If a "stop sale" or "do not drive" order has been issued by a vehicle manufacturer on a used vehicle and a recall remedy or repair parts are unavailable to the dealer, after 15 days from the issuance of the order the manufacturer will be required to compensate their franchisee dealers at a



rate of 1.5 percent of the value of the in-brand vehicle per month beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the stop-sale or do-not-drive order was provided to the dealer, until the earlier of the date the recall or remedy parts are made available or the date the dealer sells, trades or otherwise disposes of the affected used vehicle. Also prohibits vehicle manufacturers from requiring their franchisee dealers to significantly modify their dealership facilities within ten years after the construction or major renovation of the facility and establishes a temporary permit available to new vehicle dealers for operation for 45 days from the date of their application to the Department of State for a new vehicle dealer license. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2688, 2814) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Minority Chairman Vincent Hughes (D-Philadelphia) commented some consumer organizations have concerns on the bill but he will vote to move the process along and offer additional thoughts in the future.

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House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee

6/19/18, 9:15 a.m., G-50 Irvis Office Building

By Robert Cochran, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

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

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 604 Costa, Dom](#) - (PN 642) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) increasing the fine for failure to keep right while driving on a limited access highway from \$25 to \$100. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**

Prime sponsor Rep. Mark Gillen (R-Berks) discussed the destruction of war graves in the South China Sea for pre-nuclear era metals and regarded the disposal of human remains as, "A stench in the nostrils of decency." Rep. Gillen said this behavior will continue to occur and it needs to be addressed by federal lawmakers.

Chairman Stephen Barrar (R-Delaware) asked where the metals are being sold. Rep. Gillen said, primarily, the metals are being purchased by China for medical equipment. Chairman Barrar asked if the materials or goods make their way to Pennsylvania. Rep. Gillen said they are hard to track but there is a possibility because of the medical industry in the commonwealth.

Rep. Gary Day (R-Lehigh) asked the difference between laws that handle ocean findings. Rep. Gillen said the Sunken Military Craft Act of 2004 identified 17,000 sunken aircraft and vessels owned by the United States military and international law prohibits tampering of these sites, but without enforcement, behaviors like this occur. Rep. Tallman asked if Japanese wrecks were protected. Rep. Gillen indicated they were.

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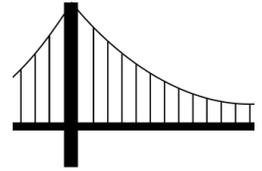
House Appropriations Committee

6/19/18, 11:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 2121 Saylor, Stanley](#) - (PN 3056) The General Appropriation Act of 2018 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 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 Race Horse Development Restricted Receipts 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; and 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. The effective date is effective immediately and the remained is effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A07781](#) by Saylor, is an omnibus budget amendment. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Chairman Stan Saylor (R-York) explained that the bill as amended is the 2018-19 budget. “The total spend number is \$32.7 billion; it’s a \$560 million increase, or a 1.7 percent increase, over last year’s budget. The budget is below the inflation rate. There are no new taxes or fees utilized to balance this budget. We are also putting money in the Rainy Day Fund. With cooperation from everyone, instead of 25 percent of the surplus going into the Rainy Day Fund, 50 percent of the surplus will go into the Rainy Day Fund,” he stated.

Chairman Saylor highlighted increases in the budget including the following:

- \$100 million increase for basic education;
- \$20 million increase for Pre-K Counts;
- \$5 million increase for Head Start;
- \$15 million increase for special education;
- \$25 million increase for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC);
- \$60 million for school safety;
- 3.3 percent increase for PASSHE;
- 3 percent increase for the state-relateds, community colleges, and Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology;
- Increased funding to provide services for an additional 965 individuals with intellectual disabilities;
- Increased funding to provide home and community based services for an additional 5,230 seniors and those with physical disabilities;
- Increased funding to provide child care services to an additional 1,600 children;
- Increased funding to provide evidence-based home visit services for 800 families impacted by the opioid epidemic.

“This is a fiscally responsible budget that provides for the needs of the citizens of Pennsylvania without increasing taxes,” Chairman Saylor affirmed.

Minority Chairman Joseph Markosek (D-Allegheny) noted that it is his final budget as a member of the legislature and urged an affirmative vote on the bill. “This is an interesting year, it’s an election year, and we need to make sure we do the best for all of the citizens of Pennsylvania particularly those that need the help of state government, the most vulnerable of our citizens,” he stated. “We haven’t always done that to the extent I would have liked to have seen but I think this year we are making progress to reverse that and moving toward a more positive direction.”

[HB 2084 Markosek, Joseph](#) - (PN 3147) Act appropriating \$2,935,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and \$200,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. Effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.



[HB 2085 Markosek, Joseph](#) - (PN 3148) Act appropriating \$74,185,000 from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. \$3,977,000 from the federal appropriation is allocated for natural gas pipeline safety and \$2,090,000 from the federal appropriation is allocated for motor carrier safety. Effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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Senate Transportation Committee

6/20/18, 10:00 a.m., 8E-B East Wing

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider two bills and to conduct a hearing on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) budget and program priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.

[SB 1096 Browne, Patrick](#) - (PN 1613) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, defining "highly automated work zone vehicle" and "platoon";, in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for autonomous vehicles. The bills states that nonlead vehicles in a platoon shall not be subject to the provisions of section 3310 (relating to following too closely) and all platooning motor carrier vehicles must be marked with a visual identifier on the power unit. The department or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle. When operating in an active work zone, a highly automated work zone vehicle does not require a human operator. Effective in 90 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

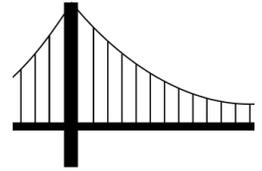
[A07769](#) by Rafferty, removes the current language and inserts new language modernizing the "platoon" definition; addressing commonwealth ownership of highly automated vehicles; and establishing a Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Commission. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[HB 1958 Rothman, Greg](#) - (PN 2916) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for autonomous vehicles. The bill states that nonlead vehicles in a platoon shall not be subject to the provisions of section 3310 (relating to following too closely). Allows the Turnpike Commission to restrict platooning during inclement weather. It also states the department or the commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2794) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A07808](#) by Rafferty, removes the current language and inserts new language modernizing the "platoon" definition; addressing commonwealth ownership of highly automated vehicles; and establishing a Highly Automated Vehicle Advisory Commission. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[Leslie Richards](#), secretary of PennDOT, submitted written testimony to the committee and offered some highlights. Sec. Richards reported the department continues to move forward on automated vehicle technology. She also reported the department this week will conduct its first ever statewide freight summit in the Lehigh Valley. According to Sec. Richards, the summit will take a look at where warehouses are "popping up" and impacting freight movements in the commonwealth's corridors as well as the wear and tear on the interstates. She said that the department has announced a very aggressive pothole patching and road repair work "where tens of millions of dollars are being spent." Sec. Richards noted, "This has been a very difficult winter, especially on our roadways and for me, in my fourth year here, it was by far the worst winter for repairs."

Chairman Rafferty commended Sec. Richards regarding the freight summit. He commented, "It is something we really need to take a look at." Chairman Rafferty described the upcoming summit as "very forward thinking especially with the



port of Philadelphia starting to pick up as well with the dredging of the Delaware and more ships coming in.” Sec. Richards pointed out that in 2011 trucks moved more than 867 million tons of goods on Pennsylvania highways and by 2040, that number is projected to increase sharply to 1.5 billion tons of freight being hauled by trucks through and within the commonwealth.

Sen. Dinniman commented on the lack of progress on the improvement projects for the railroad stations in Coatesville and Parkesburg in Chester County. He wanted to know the status of the projects. Sec. Richards announced that Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation Toby Fauver has left the department and Jennie Granger will be the new deputy secretary beginning July 9. She said that after Granger has time to settle into her new position they will sit down with the committee to set out objectives. Sec. Richards said she has asked the department’s executive deputy secretary Leo Bagley to look at that specific project and once he reports back to her and Granger they will set up a meeting with the committee.

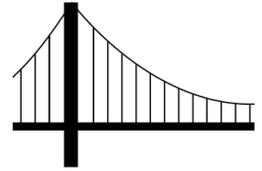
Sen. Yudichak asked if there is any discussion around having an inland port authority in trying to coordinate and recognize that there is going to be major traffic changes and major impact to the current infrastructure in Pennsylvania and better coordinate with the rail system. Sec. Richards responded, “The issue of inland ports was the catalyst in getting this freight summit together.” She said that some large real estate developers are coming to the summit to explain what they are looking for when they position themselves and where they want to be located. Sec. Richards also said the department knows freight moves on many modes of transportation and the department wants to take advantage of rail system that exists in the commonwealth. She noted she is assuming the freight summit will be an annual event.

Sen. Brewster commended Sec. Richards on the speed of her staff in reacting to the landslide on Route 30 in the Pittsburgh area. Sec. Richards gave a brief overview of some of the steps the department had to take in responding to the situation. She indicated the roadway will be open “very shortly.” Sec. Richards pointed out that something that would typically take at least 1.5 years is going to get done in four months.

Sen. Stefano reported that the PennDOT districts in his area have been routinely complaining about delays in permitting slowing down a lot of their projects. He wanted to know if things are moving quicker now. Sec. Richards responded that she would check into it. She said the department was working very closely with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) particularly with their representation in southwestern Pennsylvania. According to Sec. Richards, DEP staff in the area has been augmented and things are going better but she will check to see if PennDOT is now meeting all of its time schedules. Sen. Stefano then asked for an update on the expansion of US Route 219. Sec. Richards reported that what has been slated and funded is moving along. She said that the department received a \$35 million federal grant in Centre County to help with an interchange. Sec. Richards also reported that Chairman Bill Shuster has made it very clear in discussions with her that if the commonwealth were to get federal funding to finish the last piece of US 219 they would be able to finish the last piece. She added that the work that is being done is “going very well.” Noting money had to be shifted for road repairs due to the winter weather, Sen. Stefano wanted to know if there are any surplus funds available for the completion of US 219. Sec. Richards responded that tens of millions of dollars are going into the pothole patching and road repairing that this past winter required. She said all of the money is being utilized.

Sen. Bartolotta commented that there has been a lot of flooding in her area. She said that she has been informed that PennDOT no longer puts in wedge berms and many of her municipal leaders have said they really need those wedge berms back because they divert the water into the inlets so it can be carried away. Sen. Bartolotta wanted to know if that is what is being done. Sec. Richards responded she is unaware of it but she does know the department has focused on storm water and flooding issues and they have been working with local municipalities and DEP. She said she will have department staff meet with local officials on it.

Chairman Rafferty asked if the moneys coming in from Act 89 are being used efficiently and effectively. Sec. Richards responded, “Absolutely.” She added, “I know it because we get complaints about all the detours and construction going on.” Sec. Richards continued, “We are able to move the projects forward. I think we have made great progress on all of the projects that were identified in the Decade of Investment.” She told the committee, “Over the next ten years we will



have almost every single one of those projects moving in some form either under design or getting to construction.” Sec. Richards observed, “We are able to plan better which is for me the best result because we know what money is coming in and then we can put together a program that actually can get accomplished and get done.”

Chairman Rafferty said he recently attended a press conference with Sec. Richards and Governor Wolf on some of the measures that are going to be taken to help move traffic quicker and more efficiently and effectively on the Schuylkill Expressway. He commented, “I thought it was a very informative meeting and the engineers there seem to think that some of this can be done in those areas where they can use the shoulders.”

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Senate Appropriations Committee

6/20/18, 2:14 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room

By Andre Dienner, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

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[HB 2085 Markosek, Joseph](#) - (PN 3148) Act appropriating \$74,185,000 from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. \$3,977,000 from the federal appropriation is allocated for natural gas pipeline safety and \$2,090,000 from the federal appropriation is allocated for motor carrier safety. Effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 2121 Saylor, Stanley](#) - (PN 3056) The General Appropriation Act of 2018 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 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 Race Horse Development Restricted Receipts 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; and 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. The effective date is effective immediately and the remained is effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later. - The bill was **reported as committed** with Sen. John Eichelberger (R-Blair) voting in the negative.

Chairman Patrick Browne (R-Lehigh) outlined THAT General Fund appropriations total \$32,092,325,000 and federal augmenting appropriations total \$27,743,772,000.



Chairman Hughes asked for a yes vote and thanked leadership, the governor, and staff for their collaborative work on the bill. He hoped a budget will be passed early this year consistent with efforts that have occurred so far. He labeled “a few” outstanding issues that will continue to be worked on, specifically mentioning school and community violence efforts.

Sen. Mario Scavello (R-Monroe) echoed appreciation for staff on both sides.

Chairman Browne concurred in appreciation for the hard work done so far.

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House Consumer Affairs Committee

10:50 a.m., 6/20/18, B31 Main Capitol

By Mike Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 2473 Godshall, Robert](#) - (PN 3650) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities, establishing a Taxicab Medallion Account and Limousine Account within the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and monies in the funds shall not be commingled; and further providing for budget and assessments and for funds. The bill implements an assessment of one percent of the annual gross revenue of a limousine owner generated within a city of the first class or an airport in the city. Additionally, the auditor general shall investigate and audit the authority’s use of the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the assessment formulas, processes and procedures for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

Chairman Godshall said the bill levels the playing field for providers. He confirmed the auditor general has communicated his willingness to conduct an audit.

[A07648](#) by Godshall, is a technical amendment. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Chairman Godshall noted the amendment is agreed-to.

On the bill as amended Rep. Ed Neilson (D-Philadelphia) agreed with the need for transparency and accountability. He said he is concerned with the potential fiscal impact on Philadelphia Parking Authority employees. He said he will vote in favor of the bill in committee but will anticipate further refinements on the Floor.

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House Appropriations Committee

6/20/18, 10:45 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 764 Gordner, John](#) - (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) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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House Transportation Committees

6/21/18, 9:00 a.m., Room 205 Ryan Building

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held a public hearing on legislation proposing changes to Pennsylvania's handicapped parking rules.

[SB 888 Rafferty, John](#) - (PN 1242) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing that except for a person with a disability, a person may not park a vehicle on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability, nor may a person obstruct a vehicle on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability, or a part of a curb ramp or access aisle adjacent to a parking space reserved for a person with a disability. Requires the owner or lessee of a parking space, curb ramp, and access aisle on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability to maintain it. Outlines penalties for violations. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1154)

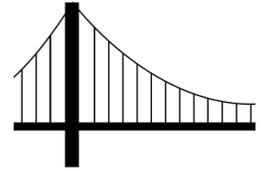
[Sen. Scott Martin](#) (R-Lancaster), co-sponsor of the legislation, provided a brief overview of the bill. He said the legislation would improve access to disabled parking spaces and focuses on prohibiting the obstruction of access aisles and strengthening enforcement measures. He also provided committee members with a [photograph](#) from social media depicting the difficulty the disabled face in gaining access to a vehicle parked in a designated parking spot.

Rep. Fee commended Sen. Martin for bringing the issue to the legislature's attention.

Rep. Rothman asked if the bill addresses the issue of the misuse of handicap placards. Sen. Martin responded there are components of the bill that do deal with the illegal use of the placards.

[Bob Pento](#), Section Chief for Traffic and Engineering Permits, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), testified that the amendments to section 3354 (d) "could be misinterpreted in two specific ways that may lead to confusion for the department, local authorities and private lot developers, and law enforcement." He explained that the bill provides "the department shall not be deemed to be an owner of a parking space and not maintain stopping, standing or parking signs, access aisles or parking space markings." Pento noted, "PennDOT is currently responsible to maintain numerous park and ride lots throughout the state that were designed and constructed as department transportation projects." He further explained, "As such, PennDOT maintains all elements of these facilities including traffic control devices." Pento stated, "Although the wording in this section was initially suggested to clarify that per Title 67 Chapter 212, the department is not and should not be considered responsible to maintain traffic control devices for parking spaces on state or local roadways or private lots, it should not be construed to remove the department's current duty to build and maintain park and ride lots which are an important element of our intermodal transportation system.

Pento also expressed concern with the provision in the bill allowing PennDOT to permit a person or local authority to design, install and maintain stopping, standing or parking signs, access aisles or parking space markings. He explained, "Similar to the maintenance issue, although Pennsylvania regulations stipulate that PennDOT has the sole authority to develop and adopt standards for traffic control devices for use in the commonwealth, we recognize that the term



'design' as used in the current bill could be misinterpreted to supersede Title 67 Chapter 212 giving parties other than the department the authority to establish their own standards for these signs and pavement markings." Pento suggested, "Since the misinterpretation could potentially create a wide range of parking-related sign and pavement marking standards, (and) vary from municipality to municipality, confusing both motorists and law enforcement, this issue should be further clarified in the legislation." Concluding his testimony, Pento told lawmakers, "Current Pennsylvania regulations provide the department with the necessary authority to ensure all traffic control devices used on state or local roadways or parking facilities are effectively maintained and comply with all applicable federal or state requirements and standards." He said, "It is our view that the proposed bill as presented will lead to confusion on maintenance responsibilities for certain PennDOT-maintained parking facilities and open the door to a proliferation of non-standard signing and pavement markings which may vary depending on the municipality."

Looking at the photograph provided by Sen. Martin, Chairman Taylor wanted to know if PennDOT could authorize a sign to be placed between the vehicles in addition to the markings on the surface and whether it would comply with federal requirements. Pento responded that he would have to get back to the committee on the question.

Minority Chairman Keller asked if it is up to each individual municipality as to whether the vehicle in the photograph parked in the access aisle can be towed. Pento said he knows the vehicle parked in the access aisle is subject to the same penalty as parking in the space itself so they would be exposed to the fine but he is not sure about the towing requirement. He added he would check into it and report back to the committee.

Rep. Hennessey suggested placing a wheelchair silhouette over the access lane hash marks which would indicate to a driver not to park over those hash marks. He then asked if PennDOT has a process for allowing handicapped parking spaces or if it is left up to the municipalities. Pento responded that it would be addressed at the municipal level through an ordinance. Rep. Hennessey asked if the department has any guidelines for municipalities. Pento said those guidelines are established through federal regulations and guidelines.

Rep. Matzie wanted to know if there is anything that prevents PennDOT from instituting its own rules and regulations for property it owns or is in charge of. Pento responded that he would have to defer to the department's counsel. Noting he has two elderly parents, Rep. Matzie told committee members that he has experienced the problem of accessibility.

Rep. Lawrence asked if there is any access aisle signage currently approved by the Federal Highway Administration that addresses the issue. Pento said he is not aware but he would like to consult with the department's American with Disabilities Act office.

[Corinne O'Connor](#), Deputy Director of On Street Parking, Philadelphia Parking Authority, explained that the parking authority has 265 budgeted parking enforcement officers along with 28 supervisors. She further explained, "On an average day, there are 170 parking enforcement officers patrolling the city streets due to our officers' regular days off and scheduled time off." O'Connor pointed out the ticketing staff primarily patrols the Center City and University City areas of Philadelphia along with "a multitude of business districts and residential permit parking areas." She noted the patrol hours are based off the hours on the posted regulations with a majority of outlying areas of regulations ending at 6:30 p.m. O'Connor stated, "After reviewing Senate Bill 888, the authority cannot fully commit to being available at all locations and hours that this bill is requesting without additional staff." She added, "The authority fully supports the disabled community and would respond to this request for enforcement, but Philadelphia is a very large city so we may not be five minutes away and it make take some time to get to an area if it's not in a location that we normally patrol." O'Connor also pointed out the bill uses the term "parking enforcement specialist." She explained, "While the definition itself reflects the duties and responsibilities of what we call 'parking enforcement officers' at the authority, those officers are members of District Council 13, Local 1697." O'Connor further explained the council has designated those individuals as officers, not specialists. She suggested, "This may create a practical issue for employment purposes and the committee should consider revising that particular term in Senate Bill 888."

Rep. Neilson asked if Philadelphia police can write parking tickets as well. O'Connor responded, "Correct." She added



that in addition to the Philadelphia police, the universities have their own police departments who also assist in issuing parking tickets.

Chairman Taylor asked about the authority's power to tow a vehicle. O'Connor indicated the authority tows vehicles off all city thoroughfares along with I-95, I-76, and I-676 per a memo of understanding with the State Police. She said they do not currently go on private property.

Rep. Hennessey commented that people tend to take ownership of a handicapped parking space if they have asked a municipality to authorize it in the first place. He wanted to know how Philadelphia deals with competing interests when two people decide to fight over a space and whether they have a system to adjudicate that. O'Connor said currently there is no system. She noted an individual does not own the space and it is considered a public thoroughfare.

Rep. Kortz asked if the authority's parking enforcement officers when issuing a citation run the license plate to see if a vehicle is stolen. O'Connor explained their hand-held ticketing devices are connected to a back-in so if the plate comes up stolen an alert is sent to the Philadelphia Police Department.

Rep. Donatucci wanted to know if there is a time limit when a person parks in a handicapped space. O'Connor responded, "No."

[John Kulik](#), Executive Vice President, Pennsylvania Petroleum Association, testified, "In our view, the provisions of Senate Bill 888 would create a confusing and costly system by its authorization of local municipalities to mandate their own signage requirements and subsequent enforcement actions." According to Kulik, "These requirements would impact companies with retail locations in multiple localities who would need to comply with a potential myriad of different requirements." He observed, "We understand the sincere desire of the sponsor of the bill to address situations that have occurred that have made access difficult for some customers shopping in stores." Kulik asked "that other approaches be considered rather than providing for a confusing system of individual municipal ordinances." He expressed the association's willingness to be part the process.

Chairman Taylor indicated the committee will be receiving written testimony from the Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association. He also indicated that it is the committee's intention to move forward on this legislation "to clear out any ambiguities and make sure the goal of Sen. Martin is fulfilled."

The following submitted written testimony to the committee:

- [Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors](#)
- [David Weiser](#)

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Bullet.in.Points

No Bullet.in.Points this week.

Cosponsor Memos

[HCO3527](#)

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

Names the bridge that spans a portion of U.S. Route 219 over the Kinzua Creek in Lafayette Township, McKean County as the Staff Sergeant Carl Enis Memorial Bridge.



- [HCO3532](#) [Tai, Helen \(F\)\(D\)](#) Provides for a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$75 dollars for operating a motor vehicle whereby accumulated snow and ice on the motor vehicle may reasonably pose a threat to persons or property.
- [HCO3533](#) [Sankey, Thomas\(R\)](#) Designates a bridge on a portion of State Route 3047 over the southern branch of Blacklick Creek, Blacklick Township, Cambria County as the Private First Class Steve L. Klosz Memorial Bridge.
- [HCO3534](#) [Hanna, Mike\(D\)](#) Designates the portion of State Route 192 from the intersection with State Route 477 in Miles Township, Centre County, to the intersection with State Route 144 in Centre Hall Borough as the Central PA Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

Bill Actions

- [HB 247](#) [Sainato, Chris\(D\)](#) (PN 209) Amends Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 75 (Vehicles) changing the Pennsylvania Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund to the Pennsylvania Veterans' Monuments and Memorial Trust Fund. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Requires the money to be granted for the operation and maintenance of monuments as designated by the department in consultation with the State Veterans' Commission. Further provides the moneys in the fund shall be used for the promotion, administration, operation, maintenance and completion of the monuments and memorials dedicated to Pennsylvania veterans and military units. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-13-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.
06-13-18 S First consideration
06-18-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-18-18 Second consideration 4:24pm
06-18-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

- [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:

03-19-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
06-04-18 S Press conference held
06-18-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor,
Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate
Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
06-18-18 S Reported as committed from Senate
Appropriations
06-22-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[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:

06-11-18 Second consideration 4:23pm
06-11-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
06-18-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor,
Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate
Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations
06-18-18 S Reported as committed from Senate
Appropriations
06-22-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 1646](#)

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

(PN 3568) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) defining "vulnerable highway user " as a pedestrian or a person on roller skates, inline skates, a skateboard, motor-driven cycle, motorcycle, pedalcycle, motorized pedalcycle, pedalcycle with electric assist, an animal, an animal drawn vehicle, a farm vehicle or a wheelchair. Also increases the penalties for a person convicted of careless driving that results in the death, seriously bodily injury or bodily injury of a vulnerable highway user. Further provides for automated speed enforcement systems in active work areas with traffic barriers on interstate highways and freeways under the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's jurisdiction. Portions take effect in 60 days and others in 45 days or immediately. The remainder shall take effect in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2205, 2466)

Bill History:

05-23-18 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
05-23-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
05-23-18 S First consideration
06-21-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-21-18 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)



[HB 1684](#) [Brown, Rosemary\(R\)](#)

(PN 3460) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, establishing a two-point penalty for violations of hand-held devices for all drivers; prohibits hand-held use of devices when vehicle is in motion; establishes presumption of use; removes the non-applicability provisions for certain professions; establishes the Driver Distraction Awareness Fund; and establishes additional penalties for careless driving while distracted. Also provides for distracted driving education for teenage drivers. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2261)

Bill History:

04-30-18 H Laid on the table
06-21-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
06-21-18 H Removed from the table
06-21-18 H Laid on the table
06-22-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[HB 1845](#) [Reed, Dave\(R\)](#)

(PN 2584) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 2026 over the North Branch Blacklick Creek, Buffington Township, Indiana County, as First Lieutenant Theodore P. Pytash Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2541)

Bill History:

03-19-18 S Signed in the Senate
04-09-18 H Signed in the House
04-09-18 G In the hands of the Governor
04-16-18 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 12)
06-15-18 G Earliest effective date

[HB 1854](#) [Keller, Fred\(R\)](#)

(PN 2585) Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 522 in Snyder County as the Staff Sgt. Stanley R. Saylor Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2555)

Bill History:

03-27-18 S Signed in the Senate
04-09-18 H Signed in the House
04-09-18 G In the hands of the Governor
04-16-18 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 13)
06-15-18 G Earliest effective date



[HB 1898](#)

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

(PN 3673) Amends the Board of Vehicles Act further providing for definitions; providing for vehicle recalls by adding a manufacturer shall compensate its new vehicle dealers for all labor and parts required by the manufacturer to perform recall repairs; and further providing for unlawful acts by manufacturers or distributors, for application for license and for licensing cost. The bill's stated intent is to require dealer disclosure of vehicles with open, unremedied recalls at time of sale. If a "stop sale" or "do not drive" order has been issued by a vehicle manufacturer on a used vehicle and a recall remedy or repair parts are unavailable to the dealer, after 15 days from the issuance of the order the manufacturer will be required to compensate their franchisee dealers at a rate of 1.5 percent of the value of the in-brand vehicle per month beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the stop-sale or do-not-drive order was provided to the dealer, until the earlier of the date the recall or remedy parts are made available or the date the dealer sells, trades or otherwise disposes of the affected used vehicle. Also prohibits vehicle manufacturers from requiring their franchisee dealers to significantly modify their dealership facilities within ten years after the construction or major renovation of the facility and establishes a temporary permit available to new vehicle dealers for operation for 45 days from the date of their application to the Department of State for a new vehicle dealer license. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2688, 2814)

Bill History:

06-21-18 Third consideration 3:59pm
06-21-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
06-22-18 H Received as amended in House and rereferred House Rules
06-22-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Appropriations Committee Conf, House Rules -- House Rules
06-22-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Rules



[HB 1958](#) [Rothman, Greg\(R\)](#)

(PN 2916) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for autonomous vehicles. The bill states that nonlead vehicles in a platoon shall not be subject to the provisions of section 3310 (relating to following too closely). Allows the Turnpike Commission to restrict platooning during inclement weather. It also states the department or the commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle. Effective in 90 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2794)

Bill History:

06-20-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation
06-20-18 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation
06-20-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
06-20-18 S First consideration
06-22-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

[HB 2067](#) [Taylor, John\(R\)](#)

(PN 3680) Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 73 in Philadelphia County as the Police Officer Isabel Nazario Memorial Highway; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 29 in Montgomery County as Leonard Joseph Taglieber Memorial Highway; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 41 (Gap Newport Pike) between Pennsylvania Route 926 (Street Road) and U.S. Route 1 located in London Grove Township and Londonderry Township, Chester County, as the Trooper Kenton Iwaniec Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 2019, known as Garrett Road, in Delaware County as the Deputy Chief Michael P. Morgan Memorial Highway; designating a portion of State Route 115 in Monroe County as the Submarine Veterans Memorial Highway; and designating a bridge of that portion of State Route 954 over the North Branch of Plum Creek, South Mahoning Township, Indiana County, as the PFC William T. Bresnock Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. (Printer Number: 3000)

Bill History:

06-19-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-19-18 Laid out for discussion 4:31pm
06-19-18 S 1 Floor amendment(s) adopted
06-19-18 S Over in Senate
06-22-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



[HB 2084](#) [Markosek, Joseph\(D\)](#)

(PN 3147) Act appropriating \$2,935,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and \$200,000 from the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority for fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. Effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History:

06-21-18 Second consideration 4:01pm
06-22-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-22-18 Laid out for discussion 12:46pm
06-22-18 Third consideration 12:46pm
06-22-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)

[HB 2085](#) [Markosek, Joseph\(D\)](#)

(PN 3148) Act appropriating \$74,185,000 from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for the fiscal year July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. \$3,977,000 from the federal appropriation is allocated for natural gas pipeline safety and \$2,090,000 from the federal appropriation is allocated for motor carrier safety. Effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History:

06-21-18 Second consideration 4:01pm
06-22-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-22-18 Laid out for discussion 12:46pm
06-22-18 Third consideration 12:46pm
06-22-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)



[HB 2121](#)

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

(PN 3056) The General Appropriation Act of 2018 provides from the General Fund for the expenses of the Executive and Judicial Departments, the State Government Support Agencies and the General Assembly of the Commonwealth, the public debt and the public schools for the fiscal year July 1, 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 Race Horse Development Restricted Receipts 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; and 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. The effective date is effective immediately and the remained is effective July 1, 2018, or immediately, whichever is later.

Bill History:

06-21-18 Second consideration 4:01pm
06-22-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-22-18 Laid out for discussion 12:48pm
06-22-18 Third consideration 12:52pm
06-22-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 47/N: 2)

[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:

06-11-18 H Set on the House Calendar
06-11-18 Laid out for discussion 2:08pm
06-11-18 Third consideration 2:08pm
06-11-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:193/N: 0)
06-15-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

[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:

06-11-18 H Set on the House Calendar
06-11-18 Laid out for discussion 2:11pm
06-11-18 Third consideration 2:11pm
06-11-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:193/N: 0)
06-15-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

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

(PN 3650) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities, establishing a Taxicab Medallion Account and Limousine Account within the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and monies in the funds shall not be commingled; and further providing for budget and assessments and for funds. The bill implements an assessment of one percent of the annual gross revenue of a limousine owner generated within a city of the first class or an airport in the city. Additionally, the auditor general shall investigate and audit the authority's use of the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the assessment formulas, processes and procedures for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-20-18 H First consideration
06-20-18 H Rereferred to House Rules
06-22-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Appropriations Committee Conf, House Rules -- House Rules
06-22-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Rules
06-22-18 H Set on the House Calendar



[HB 2486](#)

[Everett, Garth\(R\)](#)

(PN 3789) Amends Titles 27 (Environmental Resources) and 75 (Vehicles), providing for Keystone Tree Fund; and, in registration of vehicles, providing for contributions to the Keystone Tree Fund. The bill establishes the Keystone Tree Fund for the purposes and in the allocations as follows: a tree vitalize program, 40 percent; and a riparian forest buffer grant program, 60 percent. Title 75 is amended to require the Department of Transportation to provide the ability of an applicant for an original or renewal driver's license or identification card to make a \$3 donation to the Keystone Tree Fund and the ability of an applicant for a renewal vehicle registration to make a \$3 donation to the Keystone Tree Fund. Effective in 30 days.

Bill History:

06-12-18 H Filed
06-21-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 2490](#)

[Ellis, Brian\(R\)](#)

(PN 3710) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) adding language providing each limousine operator who is in possession of a valid certificate of public convenience issued by the Public Utility Commission on December 31, 2017, shall be exempt from rules, regulations, assessments or fines imposed by the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Further provides a limousine company that operates solely under the jurisdiction of the Authority may continue to conduct point-to-point services within a city of the first class only and may not operate outside the city without first obtaining a valid certificate of public convenience from the Public Utility Commission. Also provides the Authority may not issue a certificate of public convenience to any type of motor vehicle carrier that cannot obtain an equivalent class of certificate from the Public Utility Commission. Effective immediately.

Bill History:

06-13-18 H Filed
06-18-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Commerce



[HB 2508](#) [Schlossberg, Mike\(D\)](#)

(PN 3723) Amends Titles 35 (Health & Safety) and 75 (Vehicles) providing the Secretary of Health, in consultation with cooperating officials and agencies, shall develop a mental wellness and stress management protocol to assist emergency responders who suffer or who may have suffered posttraumatic stress injuries or traumatic brain injuries as a result of their employment or have been involved in critical incidents. Provides for the establishment of peer-to-peer support programs; for certified peer counselors; and for a toll-free hotline. Further provides for the establishment of a Critical Incident Stress Management Program. Also provides for trauma awareness training. Increases the fine for traffic violations from \$10 to \$20 and Accelerated Rehabilitation Disposition fines from \$25 to \$50 to fund the program. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

06-15-18 H Filed
06-18-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Prepared.

[HB 2518](#) [Heffley, Doyle\(R\)](#)

(PN 3742) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture), in food protection, further providing for definitions, for license required and for powers of department. The bill establishes an entity, except for a health authority for a city of the first class (Philadelphia), shall not charge a fee for conducting an inspection of a mobile retail food facility unless the inspecting entity is also the licensor with respect to that mobile retail food facility. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

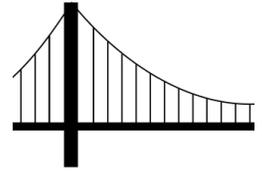
06-18-18 H Filed
06-19-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and Rural Affairs

[HR 1003](#) [Kaufer, Aaron\(R\)](#)

(PN 3788) Resolution urging the Department of Transportation to conduct a study of the specifications and materials used in department-approved concrete and asphalt projects.

Bill History:

06-20-18 H Filed
06-21-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation



[SB 172](#)

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

(PN 1866) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding a new section establishing a pilot program for an automated speed enforcement system in work zones on state highways. Authorizes the Department of Transportation to enforce section 3362 (relating to maximum speed limits) by recording violations using an automated speed enforcement system approved by the department. The new section shall only be applicable on Federal aid highways and the Pennsylvania Turnpike in areas agreed upon by the system administrator and the secretary of Transportation. Further provides for owner liability, penalties, liability, limitations, and for a system administrator. Also provides for a pilot program for automated enforcement on U.S. Route 1 (Roosevelt Boulevard) between Ninth Street and the Philadelphia county line shared with Bucks County and Henry Avenue between Hunting Park Avenue and Port Royal Avenue. The new section shall expire five years from its effective date. The pilot program is effective in 120 days, portions are effective 60 days after publication of notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and the remainder is effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 148, 1067, 1238)

Bill History:

06-13-18 H House Reed motion to proceed with the immediate consideration of SB 172 ([Vote Y: 176/N: 15](#))
06-13-18 Third consideration 2:13pm
06-13-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:166/N: 25)
06-18-18 S Received as amended in Senate and rereferred Senate Rules and Executive Nominations
06-22-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations -- Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

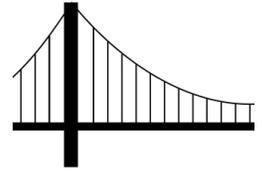
[SB 249](#)

[Ward, Kim\(R\)](#)

(PN 242) Amends the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Act further providing for emergency vehicles by waiving fees for a member of the Pennsylvania State Police for a legitimate law enforcement function and a vehicle carrying or escorting a firefighter, ambulance service or rescue squad member, law enforcement officer or armed service member killed in the line of duty. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:

05-23-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation
05-23-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation
05-23-18 S First consideration
06-21-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-21-18 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)



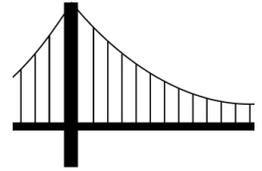
[SB 431](#)

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

(PN 1872) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles), in nuisances, further providing for the offense of scattering rubbish; in registration of vehicles and in licensing of drivers, further providing for the acknowledgment of littering provisions; and, in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for the offense of depositing of waste and other material on highway, property or waters. The bill outlines and increases fines and penalties for littering and for commercial or hazardous waste; mandates community service for scattering rubbish violations; creates litter enforcement corridors; and increases the penalties for littering within those corridors. Effective in six months. (Prior Printer Number: 423, 825, 948)

Bill History:

06-21-18 Second consideration 5:48pm
06-21-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor,
Rules Committee Conference Ro, House
Appropriations -- House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House
Appropriations
06-22-18 H Set on the House Calendar



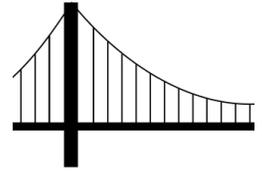
[SB 564](#)

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

(PN 1873) The Bridge Fencing Safety Act provides for installation of protective fencing on certain state-owned bridges and for powers and duties of the Department of Transportation. When a bridge is built with a sidewalk or a concrete barrier is installed, modified or rehabilitated on a bridge with a sidewalk over an interstate or other limited access highway, the department shall install protective fencing. When a bridge is built without a sidewalk or a concrete barrier is installed, modified or rehabilitated on a bridge without a sidewalk over an interstate or other limited access highway, the department, as part of its preliminary design process, shall consider installation of protective fencing at certain locations near schools, playgrounds and urban areas; where otherwise deemed necessary; or where there have been incidents of objects being dropped or thrown from the overpass. The department shall consider installation of protective fencing at similar locations on bridges over nonlimited access highways. The department shall, as part of the department's preliminary design process for the building of a bridge or the installation, modification or rehabilitation of a concrete barrier on a bridge, consider installation of protective fencing if the department has direct notice of an instance of suicide or attempted suicide or increased surveillance or intervention or installation of warning signs or other deterrence measures has not previously resulted in a decrease in the instance of suicide or attempted suicide. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 610)

Bill History:

06-21-18 Second consideration 5:48pm
06-21-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor,
Rules Committee Conference Ro, House
Appropriations -- House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House
Appropriations
06-22-18 H Set on the House Calendar



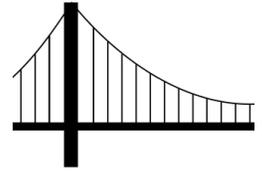
[SB 764](#)

[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:

06-21-18 Laid out for discussion 5:53pm
06-21-18 Third consideration 5:54pm
06-21-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:192/N: 0)
06-21-18 S Received as amended in Senate and rereferred Senate Rules and Executive Nominations
06-22-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations -- Senate Rules and Executive Nominations



[SB 888](#)

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

(PN 1242) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing that except for a person with a disability, a person may not park a vehicle on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability, nor may a person obstruct a vehicle on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability, or a part of a curb ramp or access aisle adjacent to a parking space reserved for a person with a disability. Requires the owner or lessee of a parking space, curb ramp, and access aisle on public or private property reserved for a person with a disability to maintain it. Outlines penalties for violations. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1154)

Bill History:

10-17-17 Third consideration 3:46pm
10-17-17 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)
10-18-17 H Received in the House and referred to House Transportation
06-21-18 H Hearing set for 9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Transportation -- House Transportation
06-21-18 H Public hearing held in committee House Transportation

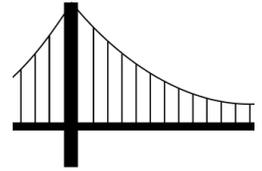
[SB 945](#)

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

(PN 1718) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund by adding the ability of an applicant for a two-year vehicle registration to make a contribution of \$6 to the Veterans' Trust Fund on the Department of Transportation's website. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1312)

Bill History:

06-19-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-19-18 Laid out for discussion 4:22pm
06-19-18 Third consideration 4:22pm
06-19-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)
06-21-18 H Received in the House and referred to House Transportation



[SB 1002](#)

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

(PN 1874) Act designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1041 over the Mahoning Creek in Grant Township and Canoe Township, Indiana County, as the Army SPC Christine L. Mayes Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 286 over the South Branch Cush Creek River, Montgomery Township, Indiana County, as the Sgt. Edward John Parada Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19108, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286 over the Two Lick Creek, Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, as the Corporal Louis R. Tate Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge, identified as Bridge Key 19109, on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 286 over the Two Lick Creek, at the east end of the Borough of Clymer, Indiana County, as the Lance Corporal Joshua T. Twigg Memorial Bridge; and 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. (Prior Printer Number: 1371, 1430)

Bill History:

06-21-18 H Over in House
06-21-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Set on the House Calendar

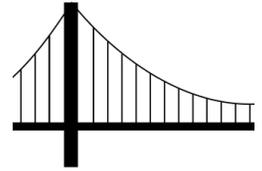
[SB 1091](#)

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

(PN 1576) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, establishing the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund and providing that within one year of the effective date of the bill, the Department of Transportation will provide for the ability of a person renewing a driver's license or identification card electronically to make a \$5 contribution to the fund. Lays out guidelines for use of funds collected. Effective in 60 days

Bill History:

06-21-18 Second consideration 5:51pm
06-21-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Set on the House Calendar



[SB 1096](#) [Browne, Patrick\(R\)](#)

(PN 1613) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, defining "highly automated work zone vehicle" and "platoon";, in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for autonomous vehicles. The bills states that nonlead vehicles in a platoon shall not be subject to the provisions of section 3310 (relating to following too closely) and all platooning motor carrier vehicles must be marked with a visual identifier on the power unit. The department or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, as applicable, shall authorize the locations in Pennsylvania, on a periodic basis, to permit the deployment of a highly automated work zone vehicle. When operating in an active work zone, a highly automated work zone vehicle does not require a human operator. Effective in 90 days.

Bill History:

06-20-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation
06-20-18 S First consideration
06-21-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar
06-21-18 Second consideration 4:05pm
06-21-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

[SB 1101](#) [Stefano, Patrick\(R\)](#)

(PN 1719) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for content and effect of certificate of title and for theft vehicles. If the cost of repairs is more than 50 percent of the replacement value of the vehicle and more than 50 percent of the cost of repairs is due to damage that affects the safe operation of the vehicle, the owner shall apply for a certificate of title branded recovered-theft vehicle. If the insurer is a self-insurer, the assessment of damage shall be completed by a licensed physical damage appraiser who is not affiliated with or employed by the self-insurer. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1624)

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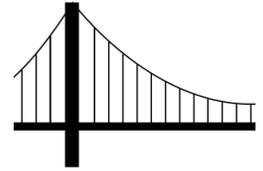
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06-21-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Appropriations
06-22-18 H Set on the House Calendar

Upcoming Events

House Transportation

June 25, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 652](#) Emrick, Joe Amends DRJTBC re Governor veto power [SB 170](#) Rafferty, John Amends Delaware River Joint Commission Act [SB 1156](#) Mensch, Bob Act re bridge & highway designation



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.

[Agenda](#) For additional information: (717) 787-3154

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

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board

June 28, 2018 - 3:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia
Board Meeting.

[Agenda](#) For additional information: (215) 580-7800

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

PA Turnpike Commission

July 3, 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

PA Public Utility Commission

July 11, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Smart hearing on Suez Water rate increase request.

For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA Public Utility Commission

July 11, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Smart hearing on Suez Water rate increase request. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

PA State Transportation Advisory Committee

July 12, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

PA Public Utility Commission

July 12, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740

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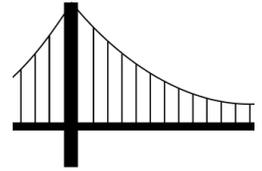
July 12, 2018 - 1:00 p.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg
En Banc Hearing on Supplier Consolidated Billing by Electric Generation Suppliers. For additional information: (717) 783-6152

In the News

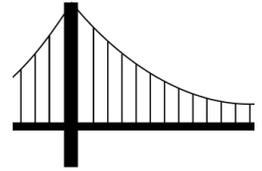
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[Senate Session Notes for Thursday, June 21, 2018](#)

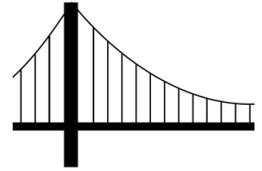
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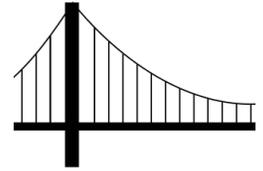
- 06-21-2018 [**PA Council on the Arts and PA Turnpike Commission Unveil Student-Created...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-21-2018 [**PennDOT Secretary Outlines Wolf Administration's Steps Addressing Freight...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-21-2018 [**House Transportation - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation \(PennDOT\)**](#)
(Testimony)
- 06-21-2018 [**'Bike Montco' initiative envisions 800 miles of new bike paths in suburbia**](#)
Officials in Montgomery County on Wednesday unveiled the early drafts of a plan that would bring nearly 800 miles of bike paths to the area's suburban landscape. "We're still a car-oriented culture and a car-oriented county, but things are changing," said Matthew Edmond, the head of transportation... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Port Authority's Blue Line closed Thursday morning**](#)
Damage to the Port Authority's light-rail service lines caused by Wednesday's severe thunderstorms could have a major impact on the morning commute. The Port Authority announced that there will be no light-rail service on the Blue Line on Thursday morning after crews discovered "very..." - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Airbnb opposes Pa. proposal to require homestay companies to share host data**](#)
A bill that Airbnb says would unnecessarily expose hosts' private data was introduced this week in the state Senate. HB1810, which passed the House last week, would require Airbnb, HomeAway and other hosting platforms to share hosts' information with the Department of Revenue to help the state collect its hotel tax.... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Truck terminal and warehouse get OK from Upper Merion planners**](#)
Plans to build a new 50-bay truck terminal and warehouse on the northwest corner of Oldt Road and Nestle Way were given preliminary approval Wednesday night by the Upper Merion Township Planning Commission. NFI Industries, a national third-party supply chain business, will build... - [*Allentown Morning Call*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Perry Township residents recall halcyon days before warehouses**](#)
Pegeen Kline's heart sinks when she looks out the window of her quaint cottage on Zions Church Road in Perry Township. Giant yellow earthmovers, carving a home for 2.1 million square feet of warehouses in Hamburg Commerce Park, are devouring the farm on which Kline... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Reading Parking Authority member accuses City Council of taking potshots at its staff**](#)
The authority decided it would not attend future meetings. - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Pa. Roundhouse Rally organizers have big visions for future**](#)
Pennsylvania Roundhouse Rally officials hope their first-year event will grow like Johnstown's Thunder in the Valley. The Roundhouse Rally, which got underway Wednesday, hopes to attract about 30,000 people to the Altoona/Hollidaysburg area before it winds up... - [*Altoona Mirror*](#)



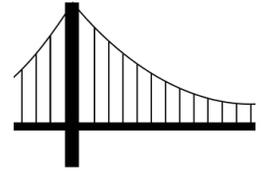
- 06-21-2018 **[Engineers announce plans to expand Bedford airport](#)**
BEDFORD — An engineering consulting firm has preliminary plans to expand the Bedford County Airport with two construction projects funded by state block grants. Rick Suder, a Bedford County senior planner, said Wednesday that two land development plans, prepared by L.R. Kimball, includes the expansion of the... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 06-21-2018 **[Erie Insurance gets City Council approval for pedestrian bridges](#)**
Bridges would carry employees from a new 346,000-square-foot, seven-story office complex to other buildings. Erie City Council on Wednesday approved a resolution on an Erie Insurance easement request to build two above-street pedestrian bridges that would carry employees from its new 346,000-square-foot, seven-story office... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 06-21-2018 **[As bridge engineering costs escalate, commissioners want oversight](#)**
Washington County will be replacing two bridges, but commissioners were shocked to learn Wednesday the cost of designing them is getting almost as expensive as labor and materials. "It's going to cost us \$400,000 to design an \$800,000 bridge?" asked Commissioner Harlan Shober. "I'm in the wrong business."... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-21-2018 **[Olive oil spill shuts down Pennell Road in Middletown](#)**
MIDDLETOWN >> A tractor-trailer spilled its load of olive oil all over Pennell Road Wednesday morning, causing the busy road to be shut down for hours. The incident occurred about 11 a.m. when a big rig's load apparently shifted while it was going up a hill on South Pennell Road at Glen Riddle... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 06-21-2018 **[Norristown Council president addresses parking exposé at work session](#)**
NORRISTOWN >> Council President Sonya Sanders took a moment from municipal council's regularly scheduled Tuesday night work session to read a statement regarding a recent NBC10 Investigators report about her use of a Norristown "official business" parking placard to park near her day... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)
- 06-21-2018 **[Bikers go on the road again to help local veterans](#)**
One group is using two-wheeled power to help veterans in the area. Last year, about 200 motorcycle riders raised more than \$12,000, and all the proceeds went to Lawrence County's Veterans Stand Down, an event, which is held in October at Cascade Park. On Saturday, bikers will once again meet at the park and take to the roads... - [New Castle News](#)
- 06-21-2018 **[Engineer: Still too early to determine impact on Pineknott Days](#)**
NORTHUMBERLAND — Unexpected roadwork may delay the opening of Duke and Front streets prior to Pineknott Days, said a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation engineer. "It's still too early to determine how the project will impact the festival," emphasized Ted F. Deptula, assistant construction engineer.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)



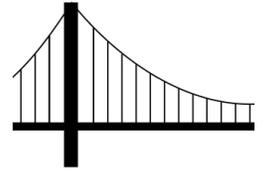
- 06-21-2018 [**Tamaqua council names new chief**](#)
Tamaqua Borough Council dealt with several police-related issues Tuesday night, so it was perfect timing when they hired a new police chief at the start of the meeting. Cpl. Henry Woods, a 27-year veteran of the department, was unanimously approved as the department's new top cop, with a 6-0 vote. Councilman... - [*Lehigh Times News*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Incentives available for business development**](#)
LEWISTOWN— Ever since Jason Ufema, owner of Shy Bear Brewing, received a tax credit through the Keystone Community Program, he's been able to hire more people, which he said has "benefited my customers in the high quality experience the great majority of our visitors have reviewed (about)... - [*Lewistown Sentinel*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**A force to be reckoned with**](#)
LOCK HAVEN — Since Piper Aircraft was founded, strong and spirited women have been deeply involved in the inner-workings of the company. These are women like Sheila Scott, a British aviator, born in 1922, who was a demonstrator for Piper Aircraft in the 1960s to fund her passion for... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Work to begin Tuesday on two county bridges**](#)
LOCK HAVEN — Work to rehabilitate and preserve two bridges in Clinton County will begin next Tuesday, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The project will repair bridges on Route 120 (Renovo Road) at Bakers Mill Run and on Island Road (Route 1002) across the Susquehanna River, east of... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Construction Is Starting Soon on the Garner Street Lot Development, and Bringing Traffic Changes with It**](#)
State College Borough Council on Monday approved traffic pattern changes that will be in place during construction of a new, mixed-use development on the Garner Street parking lot. Property co-owner Jonathan Friedman said construction on the 12-story, 145-foot tall building is expected to begin sometime between the end of the... - [*State College News*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Bellefonte Bringing 'em in by the Busloads**](#)
If you ever need to remember how special Bellefonte is, just take look at the faces of people stepping off the tour buses that stop in the Victorian town on the way to New York a few times a month. "It is beautiful. It feels like it is not real," said Theresa Ford,... - [*State College News*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Airlines Ask Government Not to Use Their Flights to Carry Children Separated at the Border**](#)
American Airlines asked the federal government on Wednesday to stop using its commercial planes for "transporting children who have been separated from their families due to the current immigration policy." The announcement, which was posted on American's website, was the... - [*New York Times*](#)



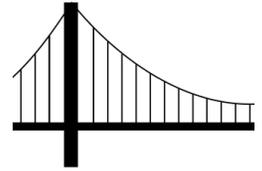
- 06-21-2018 [**In wake of truck crashes, Newtown Township residents voice concern over safety of Swamp Road**](#)
NEWTOWN TOWNSHIP >> Several township residents attended the June 14 meeting of the board of supervisors to impore officials to address ongoing traffic safety concerns on Swamp Road. Jessica Brennan said that heavy truck-related accidents have increased in recent years and that in 2017 the road was rated the “ninth most... - [*Bucks Local News*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Railroad crossing work includes a closure on Route 446**](#)
CLEARFIELD — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation is alerting area drivers to a crossing closure and upcoming railroad work on Route 446 in McKean County. The Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad will be working June 25 through 29 to replace a railroad crossing surface on Route 446 between... - [*Bradford Era*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**PennDOT involved in battle over Cranberry junkyard**](#)
The issue of a sprawling tract filled with vehicles along portions of Deep Hollow Road and Route 322 in Cranberry Township has drawn the attention of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Three weeks ago, a contingent of PennDOT officials met with county and... - [*Oil City Derrick*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**As Border Patrol searches its buses, Greyhound is pulled into immigration uproar**](#)
He was a 12-year Miami resident originally from Trinidad, taken off a Greyhound bus in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., by U.S. Border Patrol agents in January. She was a 60-something Jamaican national who had just met her granddaughter for the first time, whose Greyhound was stopped by Border Patrol. She was... - [*Washington Post*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Environmental group claims ODNR illegally withholding records**](#)
The Ohio Department of Natural Resources is facing a lawsuit from an environmental group that alleges the department has illegally withheld public records. The Athens-based Buckeye Environmental Network requested to view public records regarding oil and gas waste turned into a chemical product used by... - [*Columbus Dispatch*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Flight 93 National Memorial a testament to incredible courage and bravery**](#)
THE ISSUE The potential of summer travel always raises the question of where to go and what to see. A very viable choice can and should be the Flight 93 National Memorial. Located near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, the memorial is only 160 miles and less than three hours away from Lancaster. Conveniently,... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**City seeking public input on renovating Lancaster Square**](#)
The City of Lancaster is seeking public input as it plans the overhaul of Lancaster Square, the plaza on the east side of the 100 block of North Queen Street across from Binns Park. People can contribute ideas during Celebrate Lancaster on June 29 or at two interactive workshops planned for the third week in July.... - [*Lancaster Intelligencer Journal*](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Port Authority plans to open service center**](#)
Port Authority Transit of Allegheny County will open an expanded customer service center Downtown on Monday, providing that equipment testing that continues through Friday goes smoothly, spokesman Adam Brandolph said. The Smithfield Street service center has been tripled in size to... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)



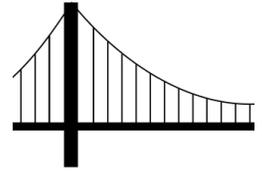
- 06-21-2018 [**SEPTA's new natural gas plant exemplifies environmental racism | Opinion**](#)
“Race is the biggest indicator in the U.S. of whether you live near toxic waste.” That’s what a Quartz author concluded after reviewing a 2016 study published in the scientific journal Environmental Research Letters. The study found “a consistent pattern over a 30-year period of placing... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**SEPTA's vision for a new bus network: faster, fewer stops, no transfer fees**](#)
SEPTA issued a blueprint Thursday for revitalizing its bus network in Philadelphia, which is struggling with slow service, shrinking ridership, and increasing competition from ride-share businesses. A redesigned bus network could be “different from anything Philadelphia has seen in... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Oh what a relief it is: PHL upgrades airport pet pit stops**](#)
The airport on Thursday announced it opened a permanent Animal Relief Area near Gate D3 for travelers with service dogs, emotional support animals, and small pets. The site is the first to replace seven temporary relief areas opened in 2016. The 90-square-foot relief area has a built-in basin... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**Philly City Council mulls how to slow down city traffic**](#)
Members of Philadelphia City Council discussed traffic calming practices for the second time within a month Tuesday to determine whether the city will implement additional policies to decrease traffic deaths. Philadelphia wants to decrease traffic accidents to zero by 2030 - the goal... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 06-21-2018 [**House Transportation**](#)
6/21/18, 9:00 a.m., Room 205 Ryan Building
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee held a public hearing on legislation proposing changes to Pennsylvania's handicapped parking rules.
- 06-20-2018 [**Senate Session Notes for Wednesday, June 20, 2018**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-20-2018 [**SEPTA Unveils 'Downtown Link' As Part of Center City Concourse Improvement...**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-20-2018 [**Senate Transportation - Pennsylvania Department of Transportation \(PennDOT\)**](#)
(Testimony)
- 06-20-2018 [**Port Authority wants to spend \\$2M on electric buses**](#)
Port Authority of Allegheny County is planning to purchase its first electric buses this summer. Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald and Port Authority CEO Katharine Eagan Kelleman went on a test ride on electric buses Tuesday in Pittsburgh. The authority plans to ask its board to approve the purchase of two 40-foot... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**N. Huntingdon outlines plans for park improvements**](#)
North Huntingdon's parks and recreational areas could be enhanced with hiking trails, a dog park, more athletic fields, an amphitheater, lighting, improved restroom facilities and even access to the Youghiogheny River – under a comprehensive plan calling \$3.1 million in improvements... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



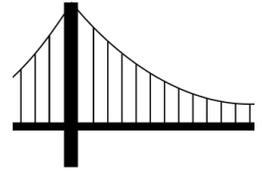
- 06-20-2018 [**In Pennsylvania, it's budgeting the election-year way. But the economy helped.**](#)
It seems almost too easy to say it, but the 2018-19 state budget set for a vote in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Wednesday does have all the elements of an election-year budget. And why not? This is 2018 after all. In a few short months, your television and computer screens will be flooded... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Bethlehem council votes to decriminalize small amounts of marijuana**](#)
Bethlehem City Council on Tuesday voted to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of marijuana, making the penalty like a traffic fine. Mayor Robert Donchez said earlier this week he would likely sign the measure into law, but that doesn't mean that people can start lighting... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Bike rally 'a real boost' for community**](#)
Thousands of people are expected to converge on downtown Altoona, Peoples Natural Gas Field and downtown Hollidaysburg as the first Pennsylvania Roundhouse Rally gets underway today. "For the first year, I figure with the event totaling four days, we may have over 30,000 people. It depends on the weather," said Bill... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Infrastructure project continuation approved**](#)
BEDFORD — The Bedford County commissioners approved the continuation of two infrastructure projects and the construction deadline extension of one on Tuesday. A multi-year \$233,200 waterline replacement project for Hyndman Borough funded by 2016 and 2017 Community Development Block Grants is expected to... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Reading Parking Authority buying license plate readers**](#)
Money woes at the Reading Parking Authority could not stop Executive Director Thomas J. MacDougal IV from launching the city's parking agency into the space age. MacDougal said that by the end of summer, parking enforcement officers and their vehicles will be equipped with cameras and computers that will allow... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Our View: LCTA deserves credit for improvements**](#)
This year is shaping up to be a good one for the Luzerne County Transportation Authority, for at least three reasons. First, the Kingston-based agency will once again have night service, starting later this month. The new evening routes will serve several regional industrial parks as well as the Luzerne County Community College... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Transit council looks under the hood of regional transportation services**](#)
SCRANTON — A group looking to make the engine of regional transportation hum pulled out the wrench set and looked under the hood. About 30 who sit on the Equitable Transit Planning Council's health care and social services committee met Tuesday in a University of Scranton... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**KELLY: It's time to go ahead and gasp**](#)
Paige Gebhart Cognetti bowed her head and gasped. The finance committee chairwoman of the Scranton School District couldn't believe what we just heard. "No discussion?" she said. "On something this costly? Really? " Really. The cassette recording of the board's Aug. 28, 2006, meeting... - [Scranton Times](#)



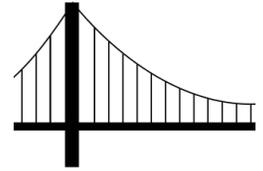
- 06-20-2018 [**Mechanicsburg Borough Council opposes Suez Water rate increase**](#)
Mechanicsburg Borough Council is against a pending rate increase recently proposed by Suez Water Pennsylvania and they're making sure the company knows about it. The board voted on Tuesday night for borough administrators to send a letter to Suez stating members' opposition to the utility's recent... - [*Carlisle Sentinel*](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Union Township road expected to be flooded until July**](#)
A flood-prone road in Union Township is expected to remain underwater until July. Heavy rain a week ago, coupled with water leaking from an abandoned coal mine, have created a small lake that covers a large section of Courtney Hill Road about a mile west of Route 88.... - [*Washington Observer-Reporter*](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**PennDOT to attend council meeting**](#)
HERMITAGE — PennDOT officials will attend the city commissioners' work session Thursday to discuss updated plans for next year's roundabout project. Work on the project is scheduled to begin in 2019 and will replace the current four-way intersection at U.S. Route 62 and East State Street. City... - [*Sharon Herald*](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Union County seeks to take over Buffalo Valley Rail Trail, launch tourism plan**](#)
LEWISBURG — Union County Commissioners look to take over maintenance and promotion of the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail as part of a new hiking and biking tourism initiative. The plan hinges on two agreements not yet official: the increase of the hotel room tax to 5 percent and the transfer of the rail trail property... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Geisinger debuts new LifeFlight helicopter**](#)
MAHONING TWP. — A former military helicopter, transformed into a LifeFlight helicopter, will go into service July 1 in Carbon County. The military used the aircraft, painted in Geisinger blue, for training and testing, LifeFlight program director Gerald Splitt said during Tuesday's... - [*Sunbury Daily Item*](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Street sweeper to be ordered but alerting residents not clear**](#)
A new street sweeper machine is about to be ordered, with final approval possible Thursday night. But while the new machine, costing about \$300,000, can be ordered from a Harrisburg supplier, a plan may have to be created to alert those who park on the streets whenever the sweeper is doing its job.... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**City committee recommends \\$80 million capital projects budget**](#)
City Council's finance committee Tuesday gave the administration a positive recommendation for its annual capital projects budget that includes such items as levee recertification, street repair and stormwater management. The \$80 million six-year "wish list" of projects includes some that... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Centre eyes pedestrian safety improvements**](#)
BELLEFONTE— The Centre County Commissioners are looking to help increase pedestrian safety in State College. During their Tuesday meeting, Thomas Martin, county director of financial management, announced that the county will be submitting a liquid fuels application to PennDOT in the amount of \$30,000 for pedestrian safety... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)



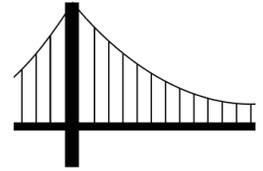
- 06-20-2018 [**Residents cite unsafe tanker traffic issues**](#)
Tanker traffic safety along Blue Mountain Drive and Route 309 in West Penn Township remains of grave concern to one couple. Residents Allison and Phil McArdle voiced their uneasiness with the situation at Monday morning's board of supervisors meeting. Phillip McArdle said it's uncomfortable to watch the tanker attempts to... - [Lehighon Times News](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Southwestern Pa. United Way wants to help disadvantaged kids ride their first bike**](#)
Riding and owning a bike is a rite of passage for most people. But just because everyone should be able to ride their own bike, doesn't mean that everyone gets to. United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania is intent on giving hundreds of kids that chance. For the fifth consecutive year, the organization is... - [Pittsburgh City Paper](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Road improvement project to begin**](#)
Road improvement work in and around the City of Warren is expected to begin next week. The \$1.6 million project will "give motorists a smoother ride on more than five miles of roads in the City of Warren, and Conewango and Glade townships," according to PennDOT Safety Press Officer Jill Harry.... - [Warren Times Observer](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Elon Musk Accuses Tesla Employee of Sabotage**](#)
In scrambling to ramp up production of its Model 3 electric car, Tesla has run into trouble with robots and automated machinery, a need for more workers and a shortage of battery packs. Now Tesla's chief executive, Elon Musk, suspects his company might have a more unusual problem: sabotage.... - [New York Times](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Colorado to adopt California's stricter car pollution rules**](#)
DENVER (AP) — Colorado's governor on Tuesday ordered his state to adopt vehicle pollution rules enforced in California, joining other states in resisting the Trump administration's plans to ease emission standards... - [AP](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Phil Murphy: My budget plan helps NJ Transit commuters. The Legislature's plan doesn't.**](#)
Locked in a heated battle over the state budget with members of his own party, Gov. Phil Murphy on Tuesday pitched his plan to some of New Jersey's most beleaguered residents: NJ Transit commuters. Murphy argued that his budget proposal -- and not a rival plan being... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**2 airlines ask US not to put migrant children on flights**](#)
American Airlines and United Airlines say they have asked the Trump administration not to use their flights to carry migrant children who have been separated from their parents... - [AP](#)
- 06-20-2018 [**Senate Transportation**](#)
6/20/18, 10:00 a.m., 8E-B East Wing
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider two bills and to conduct a hearing on the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's (PennDOT) budget and program priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.
- 06-19-2018 [**Senate Session Notes for Tuesday, June 19, 2018**](#)
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- 06-19-2018 [**PlanGrid Fuels Heavy Civil Global Infrastructure Growth**](#)
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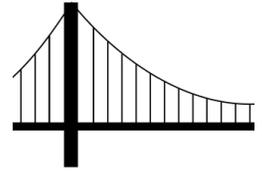
- 06-19-2018 [**Wolf Administration Hosts Cabinet in Your Community Event in Indiana**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-19-2018 [**Reading Parking Authority hit with another scam**](#)
Just as the Reading Parking Authority is piecing together bookkeeping, contracts and other records that were either missing or misplaced by former parking staffers, the agency has been hit with a vexing scam. Executive Director Thomas J. MacDougal IV told City Council at a committee... - [*Reading Eagle*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**State shrinks planned upgrade**](#)
HOLLIDAYSBURG — Planned adjustments to a “dangerous” set of intersections, commonly called the “Bermuda Triangle” may be less drastic than expected, as PennDOT officials move forward with planned improvements. But Hollidaysburg Borough Council members have weighed in on those plans,... - [*Altoona Mirror*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**Jessup council approves 10-year LERTA term for warehouse**](#)
JESSUP — Borough council Monday approved a 10-year tax abatement for the site of a proposed 1-million-square-foot warehouse in the Valley View Business Park. Council voted 7-0 to grant the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance term for the Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Co.-owned property... - [*Scranton Times*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**PECO to close Gay Street weekdays for utility improvement**](#)
West Chester >> PECO is planning to close Gay Street (westbound Route 3) weekdays between Matlack Street and High Street (Business U.S. 322) in West Chester on Monday, June 25, through late August, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., for utility installation, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation... - [*West Chester Daily Local News*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**How the Koch Brothers Are Killing Public Transit Projects Around the Country**](#)
A team of political activists huddled at a Hardee’s one rainy Saturday, wolfing down a breakfast of biscuits and gravy. Then they descended on Antioch, a quiet Nashville suburb, armed with iPads full of voter data and a fiery script. The group, the local chapter for Americans for Prosperity, which is... - [*New York Times*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**County Plans to Add 4 New Accessible Transit Buses**](#)
The Centre County Office of Transportation has received a grant award for \$275,000 and plans to purchase four new accessible buses for its fleet. Transportation director David W. Lomison said the grant was given as a Capital Grand award, with \$220,000 federally funded and \$55,000 state... - [*State College News*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**Area transportation projects funded**](#)
An \$86 million transportation plan for highway and bridge projects over the next four years was approved Monday by the executive committee of the Williamsport Area Transportation Study. The federal government requires the county to update its Transportation Improvement Program every two years, said Mark Murawski, county... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)



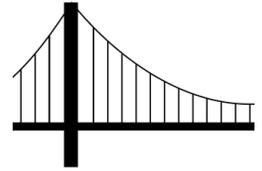
- 06-19-2018 [**Emergency funds approved for Route 44 rockslide repair**](#)
Residents and guests using Route 44 in the Pine Creek valley in Cummings Township can rest easy that the one-lane road caused by a rockslide in late April will be repaired in coming weeks, county officials said Monday. The state Department of Transportation Monday gave word to the county... - [*Williamsport Sun-Gazette*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**Fly-In welcomes pilots from near and far**](#)
LOCK HAVEN — All you have to do is simply walk through the gates onto the airfield at Piper Airport to get a sense of the camaraderie and enjoyment that pilots feel when attending the Sentimental Journey Fly-In. Immediately you are met with the sight of dozens of colorful, unique planes... - [*Lock Haven Express*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**Veterinarians warn of deadly dangers for pets this summer**](#)
Veterinarians are cautioning pet owners of dangers associated with rising temperatures during the summer months. When temperatures rise, experts from VERG urge pet owners to follow these safety tips for their pets: Never leave pets in a hot vehicle or similar enclosed space... - [*Milford Pike County Courier*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**Off-duty Pa. cop who downed 13 drinks guilty in fatal DUI**](#)
Surveillance footage from inside two Erie area taverns showed an off-duty city police officer downing at least 13 drinks in the five hours before a fatal crash in February 2017. Now that officer, 10-year Erie cop Cheryl Frey, 47, was found guilty on all charges by an Erie County jury on Monday, following a five-day trial, as... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**To pay or not on the PA Turnpike | PennLive Letters**](#)
I read with interest the story of the Mount Joy Township lady who drove the PA Turnpike (TP) for over five years without paying over \$92,000 in tolls. The TP Commission then "settled" with her for a paltry \$10,000. If your keeping track that's 11.1% or about 11 cents for every dollar she owed.... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**Supervisors to weigh plan to develop last farm in Warminster**](#)
A land developer plans to build a 42-home neighborhood on a 20-acre farm at Ivyland and Mearns roads in Warminster. Warminster supervisors anticipate a packed house at the township meeting Thursday night with preliminary approval of a controversial land development plan on the evening's agenda.... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**With \\$24 million parking lot deal, Goldenberg Group mulls Market East development**](#)
A co-owner of the massive parking lot at Eight and Market Streets in Center City has a deal to buy an adjacent parcel from the city's parking authority, with possible plans for a hotel, offices and shopping at the consolidated property. The Philadelphia Parking Authority voted Tuesday to sell the... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 06-19-2018 [**The 10 most dangerous intersections for pedestrians in Allegheny County**](#)
Nine people were hit by vehicles at an Oakland intersection in the last five years — the most of all intersections in Allegheny County during that timeframe. The corner of Forbes Avenue and McKee Place topped a list of intersections with the most pedestrian crashes in the county from 2013 through 2017,... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)



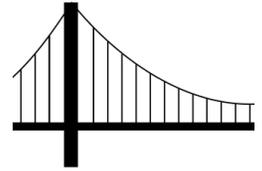
- 06-19-2018 [**Gas prices come down, expected to continue falling into early July, analyst firm says**](#)
Average gas prices have fallen to the lowest level in a month, and increased oil supply will keep prices down, according to GasBuddy. “While many are still bitter over having to pay more than last year, prices certainly could have moved higher if there hadn’t been pressure on... - [*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**Senate Session Notes for Monday, June 18, 2018**](#)
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- 06-18-2018 [**Stateline Daily: To Combat Potholes, Cities Turn to Technology**](#)
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- 06-18-2018 [**PennFuture Statement: DCNR Climate Plan Offers Comprehensive Action Steps**](#)
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- 06-18-2018 [**PennDOT: Wolf Administration Announces the Opening of Altoona CNG Transit...**](#)
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- 06-18-2018 [**PennDOT Opens New Bridge on Old Carlisle Road in Butler Township**](#)
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- 06-18-2018 [**June Jobs That Pay Update: Closing the Gender Pay Gap, Attacking Potholes...**](#)
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- 06-18-2018 [**Delaware River Port Authority \(DRPA\) & PATCO June 20, 2018 Meeting Agenda**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-18-2018 [**Lansdale exists because of the railroad. Now those tracks may be key to its future**](#)
The Black Reserve Bookstore is about a block from Lansdale’s century-old train station and down an enclosed alley that had been part of a Main Street car dealership. Expand icon Advertisement of Gallery: It’s a small space saturated with aromatic incense and offering James... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**On the road again: Get clarity on Uber’s autonomous-vehicle testing**](#)
In the wake of a tiff over the company’s plan to resume testing autonomous vehicles in Pittsburgh, Uber and Mayor Bill Peduto’s administration have taken steps to communicate better. That’s good for Uber and good for the city. Yet Mr. Peduto shouldn’t hesitate to criticize Uber or any corporate... - [*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**Yardley SEPTA station's construction nears completion**](#)
After over a year of ongoing construction, the Yardley SEPTA station nears completion, much to the relief of over 300 commuters who use the station daily. The two-year construction of the Yardley SEPTA station is expected to be complete by Monday. The station, which previously was little more than a wooden shed and a... - [*Levittown Bucks County Courier Times*](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**Patton Township, near airport, attracting development**](#)
Soon, a 40-bed nursing home, operated by Wynwood House Personal Care Community, will open on Bernel Road in Patton Township. It’s one of several development projects popping up in the area. There’s a 60-acre area of land at the corner of Bernel and Fox Hill roads,... - [*State College Centre Daily Times*](#)



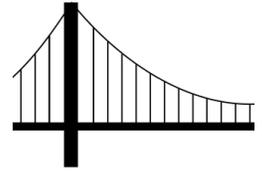
- 06-18-2018 [**Roadside plant causes concern**](#)
Drive around almost any local road and you'll see a white-topped green weed growing in patches at the edge of the fields and woodlands. On an evening with the sun going down, you can admire the white flowers that seem to glow against the azure sky. Though the "weed" may look innocent, it's actually a danger to... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**To Combat Potholes, Cities Turn to Technology**](#)
They are a torment for motorists and a costly headache for transportation departments. Every winter and spring, potholes plague city streets and rural roads, causing drivers to curse and public works officials to shudder. That's why some local governments are turning to data and technology to... - [Stateline.org](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**Is the gig economy a myth?**](#)
As you'll recall, the gig economy refers to a radical transformation of the nature of work and U.S. labor markets. Digital platforms better match workers with jobs (a.k.a. gigs). Uber was, and is, the prototype of this upheaval. Its existence seemed confirmed. One survey by well-regarded labor... - [Washington Post](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**Car washes, aux cords and live help: Lyft and Uber hubs seek to serve drivers**](#)
There's no pink mustaches to be seen, but there are pink Starbursts, free water bottles and thermoses, live staff to answer any nagging questions, access to discounted oil changes and car washes, and, oh yeah, clean bathrooms. The Lyft driver support center in Ross, which opened in late May, is the... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-18-2018 [**Senate Appropriations**](#)
6/18/18, 3:55 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider bills. SB 945 (PN 1718) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund by adding the ability of an applicant for a two-year vehicle registration to make a contribution of \$6 to the Veterans' Trust Fund on the Department of Transportation's website. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1312) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.
- 06-17-2018 [**Ford: Detroit train station key to autonomous vehicle plans**](#)
Bill Ford looks past the tons of paint, plaster and steel needed to remake Detroit's blighted Michigan Central train station and sees more than just an iconic building in desperate need of a makeover... - [AP](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**Route 30 sealing part of PennDOT maintenance plan**](#)
PennDOT maintenance crews plan to spend time in the coming week sealing cracks and joints on sections of Route 30 in Ligonier, Hempfield and North Huntingdon townships. Sealing also is slated on Main Street in Ligonier Township and on routes 130 and 982 in Unity.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**Antony Davies and James R. Harrigan: Rob Peter to pay Paul**](#)
Potholes are an annual concern in the region, and Gov. Tom Wolf pledged this month to do something about them. The governor has put together more than \$180 million toward the project, including \$60 million from PennDOT cost-saving efforts and \$30 million from the federal government.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



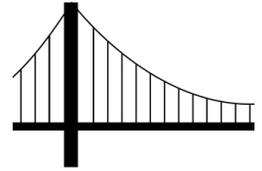
- 06-17-2018 [**History, aviation buffs converge on W-B/Scranton airport**](#)
The iconic B-29 Superfortress "FIFI" rumbled down the runway of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport on Saturday, but instead of carrying 11 airmen into war, the bomber carried airplane enthusiasts from across the globe. The World War II-era bomber landed as part of the Dallas, Texas-based... - [*Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice*](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**Easton Area students excel at '24' | Turkeys and Trophies**](#)
C.F. Martin & Co. has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Energy for cutting its energy consumption. As part of the DOE's Better Plants Challenge, the Lehigh Valley-based maker of Martin Guitars installed a state-of-the-art central hot/chilled water plant to replace an outdated... - [*Easton Express-Times*](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**One ramp opens, another closes, in major I-83 interchange project**](#)
In a major interchange project on Interstate 83, one ramp onto the highway has reopened, but another has closed. It's all a part of the Exit 50 interchange project underway near Colonial Park in Lower Paxton Township. Spokesman Greg Penny said the ramp from westbound Route 22 to northbound... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**I-81 northbound reopened in Cumberland County**](#)
The northbound lanes of Interstate 81 in Cumberland County have been reopened following a crash earlier Saturday afternoon, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The crash occurred at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday, along the northbound lanes... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**Get ready! Traffic shifts set for I-83 at Exit 50 in Dauphin County**](#)
This sounds ominous. PennDOT advised Friday that work to reconfigure the Interstate 83 Exit 50 interchange in Dauphin County "is moving to a new stage this weekend that will have a significant impact on traffic." In this case, "significant" can't necessarily be translated as "good."... - [*Penn Live, Patriot-News*](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**Digital billboards have nearly tripled along California freeways — and state officials are proposing more**](#)
Once a rare sight, electronic billboards that flash new ads every few seconds have sprouted up by the hundreds along California freeways in recent years, much to the alarm of environmentalists and traffic-safety experts. In the nearly eight years since Jerry Brown was elected governor, his... - [*Los Angeles Times*](#)
- 06-17-2018 [**Mayor Kenney thrilled as Philly shines in North America's 2026 World Cup bid triumph**](#)
Mayor Kenney's sports fandom isn't just limited to the local professional teams. He follows the world's game too. Kenney has watched soccer's popularity grow rapidly in Philadelphia during his time in office, with Lincoln Financial Field hosting a number of big-time games. He likes the sport not only for how it's played, but... - [*Philadelphia Inquirer*](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**Southeastern PA Transportation Authority \(SEPTA\) Board Agenda for June 28, 2018**](#)
(Press Release)
- 06-15-2018 [**PA Turnpike Commission Meeting Agenda for June 19, 2018**](#)
(Press Release)



- 06-15-2018 [**Unity, Mt. Pleasant road projects trigger traffic pattern changes**](#)
Motorists traveling along Route 982 will experience changes in traffic patterns from June 20 through Aug. 15 as the second phase starts on the replacement of the superstructure that carries Route 982 over Ninemile Run in Unity Township. Traffic will be directed to the new side of the bridge to enable crews to... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**County airport neighbors seek remedy for flooding**](#)
Changes at the Washington County Airport are touted as progress, but at least two neighbors view them as more serious than growing pains. Robert Champe owns property downhill from the airport in South Franklin Township and Ralph George rents a home from him.... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**Residents respond to flooding in McDonald**](#)
More than 60 flood-weary McDonald residents turned out Thursday for a special meeting at the borough building to discuss flooding along the borough's Route 980 corridor, near the site of ongoing work on the state Turnpike Commission project to extend the Southern Beltway.... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**AG's office says it can't help school district on bus contract issue**](#)
The state attorney general's office denied the Scranton School Board's request for assistance in determining if the district's no-bid busing contract with DeNaples Transportation is legitimate. Under state law, the office is not permitted to represent or give legal... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**PennDOT announces new traffic pattern for I-99 project, encourages use of 'zipper merge'**](#)
If you aren't doing the "zipper merge," you should be, according to PennDOT. Motorists should use both lanes to the merge point, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation said Thursday as it announced that a new traffic pattern on Interstate 99 in College and Patton townships will go... - [State College Centre Daily Times](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**Bike tour helps dedicate new Lehigh bridge, ends in Easton**](#)
About 300 bicyclists wrapped up their 160-mile Rails-to-Trails Conservancy 2018 Pennsylvania Sojourn on Thursday in Easton. The city's Hugh Moore Park served as home base for the five-day adventure. Participants parked there before being driven to the sojourn's start on... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**Gov. Hogan touts \\$15.2 million in state funding for Baltimore on visit to city**](#)
Gov. Larry Hogan came to Baltimore on Thursday to tout \$15.2 million in state funding his administration has helped secure for violence prevention, education and transportation initiatives in Baltimore. At a cabinet meeting he held at the Shake & Bake Family Fun Center, the... - [Baltimore Sun](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**Delaware may no longer split Community Transportation Fund evenly**](#)
A bundle of dollars that for years has been split evenly among each of Delaware's 62 legislators to pay for road maintenance and other infrastructure projects might soon grow larger – but only in certain areas of the state. Lawmakers on the Capital Improvement Committee on Thursday said Delaware's... - [Wilmington News Journal](#)



- 06-15-2018 [**Bradford woman gets PennDOT job back in court ruling**](#)
Two years ago, Bradford resident Rachel Carr lost her job because of a Facebook post. After a Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court decision in her favor on Tuesday, she will be returning to work at the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. "After two years battling with PennDOT, we finally received the justice... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**Supervisors discuss property code, Sheetz project**](#)
While a proposed property maintenance code was not on the Cranberry Township supervisors' agenda for a Thursday meeting, the controversial subject still dominated the conversation at the morning session. At the outset, supervisor Jerry Brosius tried to get clarification on... - [Oil City Derrick](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**Flight from New York to Indianapolis diverted to Pittsburgh**](#)
A passenger plane headed to Indianapolis from New York was diverted to Pittsburgh Friday morning when the pilot was alerted to a possible issue with the hydraulics system. Alyson Walls, spokeswoman with the Allegheny County Airport Authority, said the American Airlines-operated Envoy Flight 3740 left LaGuardia Airport in... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 06-15-2018 [**PATCO increases train frequency on evenings and weekends**](#)
PATCO is going to run more trains on evenings and weekends, adding 86 more trips a week, the agency reported Friday. From 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., westbound trains will run every 15 minutes, rather than every 20 minutes. Trains will then run every 20 minutes from 9... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



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