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Session Status

At 12:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until Monday, October 1, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore.

At 12:56 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 the House stands adjourned until Monday, October 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

Upcoming Session Days

House

October 1, 2 (NV), 9, 10, 15, 16, 17  
November 13

Senate

October 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17  
November 14

**WEEKLY TRANSPORTATION RECAP**

**Around the Rotunda**

**WOLF SPEAKS TO PRESS CLUB**

By Stephen Caruso, Pennsylvania Legislative Services | September 24, 2018

Gov. Tom Wolf spoke to the Pennsylvania Press Club Monday, staking his campaign on his record as the state’s chief executive.

He opened by referencing the Masontown shooting in Fayette County to further push for the General Assembly to pass [HB 2060](#), a bill to restrict domestic abusers access to firearms, as well as a host of other legislation that he said helps victims.

Pointing to his previous speech to the club as a candidate for governor in 2014 against former Gov. Tom Corbett, Gov. Wolf said that Pennsylvania was worse then, from voter ID laws, cut education funding and large deficits.

“I recognized I had some work to do, and I took action,” Wolf said. “Sometimes that meant challenging the legislature across the street to step out of their comfort zone. Sometimes that meant compromising, sometimes that meant moving forward on my own.”

The former furniture executive pointed to Medicaid expansion, the fair funding formula, expanded education spending and programs like Community HealthChoices to keep seniors aging in their homes, as well as medical marijuana and executive orders to protect LGBTQ individuals from discrimination in state government and contracting.

Gov. Wolf also said these actions not only improved lives, but helped the state’s finances.

“Doing the right thing, it turns out, is also doing the smart thing,” he said.

Gov. Wolf likewise pointed to million dollar investments in workforce development while making investments in the state’s rainy day fund. He then relayed the story of Pennsylvanians who benefited from Medicaid expansion or workforce development spending by paying less in copays or getting better paying jobs.

After painting a picture of successful governance, Gov. Wolf pivoted and talked about trying to improve people’s trust in that governance.

Gov. Wolf mentioned his executive branch gift ban, reforms to contracting, donating his salary to charity and eschewing the governor’s mansion. From there, he said an ethics package would be a top second term priority, including redistricting reform, a full legislative gift ban, no-budget no-pay, expense reports for legislators and campaign finance reform.

Gov. Wolf said that those ethics reforms would join with expanding education, workforce development and health care in a second term.

As for questions, Gov. Wolf was asked repeatedly about agreeing to only one debate with Republican opponent Scott Wagner. He continually responded by classifying the whole campaign as one long debate.

“I’ve worked since May, for over five months, to connect with the people of Pennsylvania to





lay out what is the stark contrast between me in my opponent,” Gov. Wolf said.

Queried on his running mate, Braddock Mayor John Fetterman, and his support for progressive policies like Medicare-for-all and tuition-less public college, Gov. Wolf declined to go into the weeds.

“I don’t know what comments you are referring to. On most things, John Fetterman and I agree,” Gov. Wolf said.

Asked to clarify if that meant he backed the two programs, Gov. Wolf would only offer he supported making both more affordable.

Challenged with the question of whether a lack of endorsements from state business groups like the PA Chamber jived with being a business governor, Gov. Wolf pointed to time spent on the Chamber’s board previously.

He also pointed to the outsourcing of severance tax costs to other states to make the point that a tax on production wouldn’t harm the natural gas industry.

“My goal is to make the gas industry successful in Pennsylvania,” Gov. Wolf said.

Gov. Wolf was also questioned on donations from a controversial Philadelphia political action committee, and responded that he “was his own person” and was unswayed by donations.

His speech lacking reference to environmental accomplishments, Gov. Wolf pointed to ongoing negotiations around methane restrictions for existing wells when questioned, and new permits established this summer for future gas wells, as well as drilling bans in the Delaware River basin and state parks.

While Gov. Wolf often pointed to the four budgets as a sign of success, one question asked if he could take credit for them as he had no physically signed three of them. Gov. Wolf was incredulous.

“Are you saying the act of actually signing a bill, makes a difference?” he questioned.

He also brushed aside a question on a lack of transparency in Amazon negotiations, saying they would be public if successful, and on vetoing a drug formulary by saying it would have harmed the most serious injured workers, especially within public safety professions.

Also asked if he was campaigning on Republican tax and liquor proposals, Gov. Wolf said they showcased bipartisanship.

He also promised to veto work requirements again, said he was not looking at increasing any taxes, promised to follow through on raising the state overtime threshold and declined to know anything about nuclear subsidies.

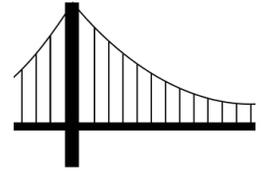
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## **REP. ROSEMARY BROWN RALLIES FOR A HANDS-FREE PA**

By Nina Lehr, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

Rep. Rosemary Brown (R-Monroe) held a press conference to bring attention and gain further support for [House Bill 1684](#), which focuses on hands-free cell phone use in Pennsylvania. She stated there are currently no laws regarding cell-phone use while driving with the exception of texting.

She noted consistent distracted cell phone use while driving is a problem in Pennsylvania and said the state is behind on its legislative efforts with limiting cell phone use while driving. She emphasized, “We have a true responsibility to make our roads as safe as possible and work diligently by passing a law that will work to change driver behaviors.” She said this



bill requires that any cell phone or interactive wireless device while operating a vehicle is hands free and any driver under the age of 18 would be prohibited from any cell phone use, including hands-free. She noted the proposed fine would be \$150, with \$25 going to the Motor Fuel Fund and the remaining going to the Driver Distraction Education Fund. If the fine is given by a local police officer, she added, \$12.50 would go to the local municipality and \$12.50 would go to the Motor License Fund, with the remaining going to the Driver Distracting Education Fund. She commented 16 other states, including surrounding states, have laws regarding hands-free cell phone use.

Rep. John Taylor (R-Philadelphia) stated the House Transportation Committee is focused on safety and Rep. Brown's bill is an important part. He remarked he "is here today to assure our leadership there is a tremendous amount of support for this" and the critics to this legislation are basically saying "we don't want to get caught breaking the law." He stated there are two basic principles when getting behind the wheel of a vehicle – keep your hands on the wheel and your eyes on the road – and when someone uses a cell phone while driving they are doing neither. He reiterated this bill is the right thing to do and is asking that this bill run in the House.

Rep. Ed Neilson (D-Philadelphia) stated this is a bipartisan piece of legislation and he is proud to be a part of it. He said he hopes the House can address this bill quickly so people can teach their children to stay off the cell phone while driving.

Eileen Miller told the story of how her son was killed by a distracted truck driver and has been fighting for better distracted driving laws since 2010. She said she was also hit by a distracted driver when sitting in traffic and emphasized "it's not a matter of if it's going to happen to you but when it's going to happen to you." She said this bill is not perfect but it's a start in the right direction and hands-free does not equal risk-free because people are still distracted even when using hands-free devices. Jody Bales also told the story of losing her daughter to distracted driving and stated this bill is long overdue.

Joey Eddins, President of Hands-Free America, stated she was an EMT for over 20 years and has watched the increase of crashes continue to rise. She said she was struck by a distracted driver while in the car with her daughter, shattering her ankle, causing life-long nerve damage and seriously altering her way of life. She noted on average nine families per day will lose a loved one due to a distracted driver and this bill needs to pass so "we can start the process of saving lives."

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## Committee News

### Joint Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

9/26/18, 8:45 a.m., Room 16 East Wing

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee held an officer's meeting.

Officers were informed that the committee will begin the three-year cyclical audit of the Fish and Boat Commission and that Gov. Wolf has directed the Department of Transportation to study what it would take to add rail passenger between Pittsburgh and Altoona. Officers were told that [HR 1057](#) passed the House Transportation Committee. The resolution would direct the committee to study the potential of a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia with a stop in Harrisburg as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton area.

The FY 2019-20 budget request of \$2,075,850 was unanimously **approved**. There was discussion regarding funds for merit-based raises budget but the initiative is not in the proposed budget request.

The officers formally welcomed two new analysts to the committee: Anna Amsbaugh and Stevi Sprengle.

Officers were informed that the LBFC will commemorate the 60th anniversary of the committee by imprinting the reports in



2019 with a ribbon of the committee's logo noting the anniversary. The committee is also developing a pamphlet about the LBFC and its operations and reports that will be available to the public and members of the General Assembly.

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### **Senate Transportation Committee**

*9/26/18, 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A East Wing*

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

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

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 16 Blake, John](#) - (PN 592) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, imposing an immediate suspension of operating privilege on an individual who has violated section 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) if: (1) the individual killed or seriously injured another individual in connection with the violation; or (2) there was a passenger under 14 years of age in the vehicle at the time of the violation. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09213](#) by Sabatina, provides updated policy and technical changes. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[SB 110 Sabatina, John](#) - (PN 84) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) exempting veterans from paying for the renewal or duplication of driver's licenses or identification cards. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[SB 1084 Stefano, Patrick](#) - (PN 1542) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, providing for reduced fee for veterans stipulating that a reduction in the registration fee for passenger car registration eligible to veterans with a disability shall be eligible to any veteran residing in Pennsylvania, regardless of disability status. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

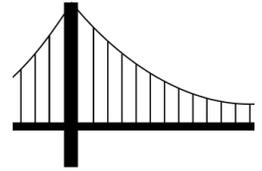
[SB 1232 Ward, Kim](#) - (PN 1961) Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 30 in Hempfield Township, Southwest Greensburg Borough, the City of Greensburg, and South Greensburg Borough, Westmoreland County, as the J. Edward «Hutch» Hutchinson Memorial Bypass. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1956) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 1811 Rothman, Greg](#) - (PN 2800) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing for automated license plate reader systems; and imposing a penalty. The bill stipulates that a state or local law enforcement agency or government entity that maintains an automated license plate reader system shall establish, make public and enforce a written policy governing the use of the automated license plate reader system. Use of an automated license plate reader system without adoption of a written policy is prohibited. An individual who violates the use of automated license plate reader systems commits a misdemeanor of the second degree. Effective in six months. (Prior Printer Number: 2462) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09308](#) by Langerholc, provides policy and technical changes and establishes an Automated License Plate Readers (ALPR) Equipment fund for law enforcement. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[A09079](#) by Vulakovich, authorizes cities of the 2nd Class to issue parking tickets by mail. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[HB 1936 Wentling, Parke](#) - (PN 2753) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for operation by persons under age sixteen and for mufflers and sound controls. The bill establishes no person shall operate an ATV bearing a certification label conforming to ANSI/SVIA 1 - 2010, or its successor standard, in violation of the age recommendation warning label affixed by the manufacturer. It also makes a technical change by replacing «noise» with «sound». Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.



[HB 2066 Dowling, Matthew \(F\)](#) - (PN 2999) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in scenic highways, further providing for designation of certain State routes as scenic byways. The bill provides for the designation of the National Road with the stated intent being to designate the original National Road and not any rerouted portion of U.S. Route 40. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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#### **House Rules Committee**

*9/25/18, 12:05 p.m., 245 Main Capitol*

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 172 Argall, David](#) - (PN 1930) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones and establishing a pilot program for automated speed enforcement system on designated highway. The bill adds 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, 1866) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09356](#) by Reed, clarifies that it is necessary to have a sign at the beginning of work zone that it is active and cameras are on and provides for a warning upon a first offense. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Rep. Joe Markosek (D-Allegheny) asked if the Turnpike Commission or Department of Transportation (PennDOT) have a position on the amendment. Eric Bugaile, executive director of the House Transportation Committee, said it was requested by the Turnpike Commission and PennDOT has no comment.

Rep. Paul Costa (D-Allegheny) asked how long a warning forgiveness would last. Bugaile replied one year, because that is how long data is maintained. Rep. Costa pointed out that means an offense could occur each year but the driver would only ever receive a warning.

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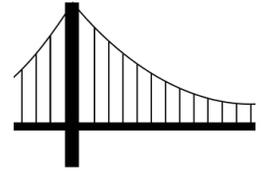
#### **Senate Appropriations Committee**

*9/25/18, 4:57 p.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room*

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 1294 Ward, Judith](#) - (PN 2647) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Purple Heart and Legion of Merit by allowing the plate to be used on a motorcycle. The bill also permits use and display of illuminated signs for transportation network company drivers as approved by the Public Utility Commission or the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Portions are effective in 120 days, 60 days, and immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1590, 2013) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.



[HB 1414 Barrar, Stephen](#) - (PN 3204) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles and for visual signals on authorized vehicles and providing for flashing or revolving yellow and white lights and for solid waste collection vehicles. "Emergency vehicle" is redefined to include a vehicle owned by a city of the first class (Philadelphia) and operated by first judicial district certified armed probation officers. Further, the department may not prohibit the use of flashing or revolving blue lights mounted internally in the passenger compartment of a privately-owned vehicle used in answering an emergency call that otherwise complies with the department's regulations. Tow trucks may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more flashing or revolving white lights. The manner in which the light or lights shall be displayed shall be determined by regulation and the bill outlines limitations on the use of the lights on tow trucks. Lastly, the bill stipulates that upon approaching and passing a stationary solid waste collection vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of bright yellow strobe light, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall make a lane change if possible or, if not, reduce the speed to a reasonable and proper speed, which shall be less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop. Solid waste collection vehicles shall be equipped with a bright yellow strobe light and the strobe light shall be active while stopped upon a street and while engaged in the collection of garbage, solid wastes, recyclables and refuse or while moving between stops at a speed not greater than 10 miles per hour. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1779, 2799, 2920) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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#### **Senate Transportation Committee**

*9/24/18, 4:05 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room*

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

[SB 1254 Gordner, John](#) - (PN 1982) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, creating a special plate for recipients of Presidential Service Badge. Effective in 120 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HB 86 Lawrence, John](#) - (PN 2583) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program. The bill establishes that the Department of Environmental Protection shall develop and submit for approval to the Environmental Protection Agency an amendment to the existing enhanced emission inspection program, which will provide a subject vehicle with a model year of 1992 through 1995 that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code, relating to program requirements, and a subject vehicle with a model year of 1996 or newer with a gross vehicle weight rating between 8,501 and 9,000 pounds that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code, shall be required to undergo the following tests: a fuel filler gas cap test and a visual emission control device inspection. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 2540) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman John Rafferty (R-Montgomery) commented that he has heard from a number of shopkeepers in support of the bill.

Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R-Washington) noted she owns an oil change store and asked if she is allowed to vote. Chairman Rafferty confirmed she is.

[HB 163 Saccone, Rick](#) - (PN 3327) Amends Title 4 (Amusements), Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), Title 23 (Domestic Relations) and Title 75 (Vehicles) eliminating the driver's license suspension for multiple non-driving infractions. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 127, 3123) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

Chairman Rafferty explained the bill aligns with a national movement to keep them productive and noted broad support for the bill.

[A09116](#) by Sabatina, removes the 23 Domestic Relations language. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Minority Chairman John Sabatina (D-Philadelphia) pointed out Pennsylvania stands to lose federal money if this language



remains in the bill. Chairman Rafferty agreed and noted the governor's office and Department of Transportation similarly requested this language.

Sen. Bartolotta indicated her understanding that there was a resolution to address the issue, but the chairman clarified that is the next bill on the agenda and they are separate issues.

Sen. Mario Scavello (R-Monroe) commented on the problems that 30-somethings face when they are still facing license suspensions for foolish acts in their youth, but they've otherwise "turned around." He said this is a good bill to help them.

[HR 76 Miller, Daniel](#) - (PN 427) Concurrent Resolution declaring that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is opposed to the enactment and enforcement of a State law, under a Federal mandate, that requires the suspension or revocation, or the delay of issuance or reinstatement, of the driver's license of an individual convicted of a violation of the Controlled Substances Act or another drug offense; urging the Governor to submit a written certification stating the Governor's opposition to the State law along with this resolution to the United States Secretary of Transportation; and accordingly preventing the United States Secretary of Transportation from withholding a specified percentage of Federal transportation apportionments under 23 U.S.C. 159. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Rafferty said this resolution is running concurrently with HB 163.

[HB 1444 Marshall, Jim](#) - (PN 1836) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture. A permit for overweight movement of up to 50 miles shall be \$750 and a permit for overweight movement for more than 50 miles shall be \$900. Further, a combination of vehicles which is hauling hot ingots or a hot box may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions a distance not exceeding 125 miles (increased from 25 miles) if the gross weight does not exceed 150,000 pounds and the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was **passed over**.

[A09258](#) was **distributed**.

Chairman Rafferty indicated the bill may come up for a vote another day.

[HB 2131 Quigley, Thomas](#) - (PN 3592) Amends the State Highway Law, in construction, improvement, maintenance and repair of State highways, by requiring the department to plant vegetation that is native to Pennsylvania and that will thrive in that plant hardiness zone and under the environmental conditions of the highway right-of-way. If it is not feasible to plant native vegetation, the department may authorize the use of nonnative vegetation, provided that the nonnative vegetation is not a federally listed invasive plant or a noxious weed or controlled plant. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 3105) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Chairman Rafferty commented the bill puts into statute a practice that the Department of Transportation is already doing.

[HB 2297 Taylor, John](#) - (PN 3430) Act providing for the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway on U.S. Route 30 in Franklin County from the eastern intersection with State Route 1008 to the western intersection with State Route 1008. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09227](#) by Rafferty, corrects a designation. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.



## House Transportation Committee

9/24/18, 12:00 p.m., Room 205 Ryan Office Building

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[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) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09234](#) by Fee, rewrites the bill to delete most changes to Section 33549(d) and creates a new subsection to make it illegal to obstruct a handicapped parking space in such a manner as to block a person with a wheel chair from entering or exiting their vehicle and creates a subsection permitting a local authority to designate a particular space on a public street for a particular person or vehicle. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Chairman John Taylor (R-Philadelphia) noted that the bill was amended based on information that was gathered at a public hearing on the legislation.

[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 2486 Everett, Garth](#) - (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. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09231](#) by Taylor, changes the donations to the fund to online internet renewals only. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[HB 976 Masser, Kurt](#) - (PN 1133) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in equipment standards, further providing for unlawful activities by providing for doors. A vehicle shall be equipped with doors of a type used as original equipment. The doors shall open and close securely unless the vehicle has been manufactured or modified to the extent that there is no roof or side. If a vehicle is designed by the manufacturer with removable doors for off-road use, the vehicle may be operated with doors removed as long as the owner of the vehicle notifies the motor vehicle insurer and carries acknowledgment of that notification in the vehicle during such operation. Notification shall be provided at the time of application for motor vehicle insurance coverage and when coverage is renewed. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09264](#) by Marshall, deletes the insurance notification requirement for Jeeps without doors and restricts such vehicles from operating on limited access roads and places where the speed limit exceeds 55 mph. It also restricts children from riding in such vehicles. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[HB 2547 Marsico, Ron](#) - (PN 3852) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for accidents involving certain vehicles by changing the name of the chapter to «Post-accident testing» and replacing the language to require that as soon as practicable following an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle, an employer



shall test the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident for alcohol and controlled substances. A receipt from a testing facility shall be competent evidence of a driver's compliance with the requirements. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09241](#) by Marsico, eliminates section 3756 from Title 75, to align Pennsylvania with federal regulations adopted by reference in Title 67, regarding post-accident testing. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

[HB 2433 Saccone, Rick](#) - (PN 3565) Act designating the future bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 88 over Peters Creek, Finleyville Borough, Washington County, as the John Emerick Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. Rick Saccone (R-Allegheny) explained that Sgt. John Emerick was a "true hero" who survived the Bataan Death March and six separate Japanese prison camps. "Our whole community wants to name this bridge after this gentleman," he stated. "I think it's worth it to honor a man like this."

[HB 2615 Owlett, Clint \(F\)](#) - (PN 3943) An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 14 over Fall Brook, Troy Borough, Bradford County, as the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

[HR 1057 Kaufer, Aaron](#) - (PN 4018) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study for the potential of a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a stop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania. (Prior Printer Number: 3997) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

Rep. Aaron Kaufer (R-Luzerne) provided an overview of a hyperloop and explained that the resolution directs Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a feasibility study that examines the potential for a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, with a stop in Harrisburg, as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. He said the study should identify new economic and social opportunities for Pennsylvania's companies and citizens, as the defined route previously listed could connect with the Chicago to Columbus to Pittsburgh route, or the Cleveland to Pittsburgh route, both of which are currently being studied.

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#### **House Commerce Committee**

*9/24/18, 12:00 p.m., Room 60 East Wing*

By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

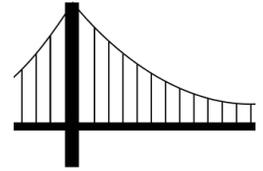
The committee met to consider bills.

[HB 2638 Stephens, Todd](#) - (PN 3984) Amends the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act, in general provisions, further providing for declaration of policy and for definitions; and adding provisions relating to military installation remediation. Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09344](#) by Ellis, clarifies the definition of military installation remediation project and makes other technical changes. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

Rep. Todd Stephens (R-Montgomery), prime sponsor of the bill, explained that the purpose of the legislation is to address costs incurred in a municipality due to the presence of a former military installation within the municipality's geographic boundaries, including drinking water contamination and transportation infrastructure/economic development components.

Rep. Keith Greiner (R-Lancaster) wanted to know if the federal government has provided any help. Rep. Stephens responded that the federal government has provided some help "but not nearly enough." He noted agencies within the fed-



eral government cannot agree on what can/should be done.

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### **House Appropriations Committee**

*9/24/18, 2:00 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol*

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider one bill.

[HB 2473 Godshall, Robert](#) - (PN 3813) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities (Philadelphia), establishing a Taxicab Medallion Account and Limousine Account within the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund, which shall be kept separate and not commingled; and further providing for budget and assessments and for funds. For fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, annual assessments issued by the authority to limousine owners shall not exceed one percent of the annual gross revenue of a limousine owner generated within a city of the first class or an airport located, in whole or in part, within a city of the first class for the provisioning of limousine service. Assessments may only be made upon the rates collected for the provisioning of limousine service within a city of the first class or an airport located, in whole or in part, within a city of the first class and may not include tips or tolls. Assessments may be payable to the authority in a lump sum or on a quarterly basis. Money deposited in the Taxicab Medallion Account is appropriated for the purposes specified under this chapter only as it relates to the regulation of taxicab medallions and shall not be used for the regulation of limousines or transportation network companies; money deposited in the Limousine Account is appropriated for the purposes specified under this chapter only as it relates to the regulation of limousines and shall not be used for the regulation of taxicab medallions or transportation network companies. Expenses incurred by the authority for the regulation of taxicab medallions and limousines that are not exclusively related to either taxicab medallions or limousines shall be allocated to the Taxicab Medallion Account and the Limousine Account based upon the proportion to which the gross operating revenue of taxicab medallions and the applicable gross operating revenue of limousines bear to the total gross operating revenues for the fiscal year; if the relative share cannot be determined, the expenses shall be shared equally between the accounts. The authority shall have at least one annual examination of its books, accounts and records related to each of the funds by an independent third party certified public accountant and the Department of 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 imposed by the authority for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3650, 3777) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

[A09029](#) by Saylor, clarifies that separate accounts are necessary for limousine and taxicab regulations and the General Assembly shall appropriate funds to the restricted accounts. The amendment was unanimously **adopted**.

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### **House Labor and Industry Committee**

*9/24/18, 9:00 a.m., G-50 Irvis Office Building*

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[HB 297 Dush, Cris](#) - (PN 291) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act adding that «maintenance work» includes work performed under Title 75 (Transportation), section 9106 (relating to dirt, gravel and low-volume road maintenance). Effective immediately. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed** with only Republicans present.

Rep. Dush stated the program is meant to enhance local roads at the same time enhancing the environment. He said this commonly happens with most impoverished townships and he would like to see the projects complete rather than them get cut short.

Rep. Eric Nelson (R-Westmoreland) noted he is a supporter of the element of prevailing wage for projects with all types of



employers. He said he has concerns with the consequences of legitimate contractors being underbid by others. Rep. Nelson commented the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts has a lot of concerns with the amendment on this bill.

Chairman Kauffman stated the amendment will not be considered today because the sponsor is not present.

[A09297](#) by Neilson was **distributed**.

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### **Senate Judiciary Committee**

*9/24/18, 3:45 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room*

By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider bills.

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

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### **Senate Appropriations Committee**

*9/24/18, 3:10 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Rooms*

By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services

The committee met to consider legislation.

[SB 1096 Browne, Patrick](#) - (PN 1897) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, defining «highly automated work zone vehicle» and «platoon.» In rules of the road in general, provides for platooning and for autonomous vehicles. Adds a chapter entitled Highly Automated Vehicles, and requires the Department of Transportation or the Turnpike Commission to authorize locations in the state to permit deployment of highly automated work zone vehicles. The bills states that non-lead 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. (Prior Printer Number: 1613) - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

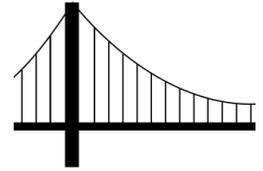
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## **Bullet.in.Points**

### **DEP: AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS THROUGH THE DRIVING PA FORWARD DC FAST CHARGING AND HYDROGEN FUELING GRANT PROGRAM**

The Department of Environmental Protection announced an opportunity to apply for \$3 million in grants offered through the DC Fast Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Grant Program, one of the programs under the Driving PA Forward Initiative. Funding is available for light-duty zero emission vehicle supply equipment projects that will improve air quality and protect public health and the environment by reducing emissions through expanded use of DC fast charging infrastructure and hydrogen refueling infrastructure.

The department is seeking applications for projects that will install DC fast charging or hydrogen fueling equipment in community hubs, transportation corridors and destinations, as defined in the program guidelines. Funding is available for



public and private entities that own or enter into agreements with the owner of one or more of these location types in this commonwealth.

Entities may include school districts, municipal authorities, political subdivisions, state agencies, nonprofit entities, corporations, limited liability companies or partnerships incorporated or registered in this commonwealth, air quality or transportation organizations, and metropolitan or rural planning organizations.

The department will not reimburse grant recipients for project costs incurred prior to the grant performance period set forth in the applicable grant agreement. Guidelines and application instructions are available on the department's [Driving PA Forward webpage](#), or by contacting the Bureau of Air Quality at [ra-epvwmitigation@pa.gov](mailto:ra-epvwmitigation@pa.gov) or (717) 787-9495.

A webinar on the program will be held on October 25, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. See the department's previously listed webpage for registration information. Applications must be submitted through the [Department of Community and Economic Development's Electronic Single Application website](#). The program will remain open continuously through the end of 2019 or until allotted funds are exhausted. The department will review and score applications after each submission period end date. Submission period end dates are 4 p.m. on January 15, 2019, July 15, 2019, and December 16, 2019.

#### **DEP: AVAILABILITY OF REBATES THROUGH THE DRIVING PA FORWARD LEVEL 2 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING REBATE PROGRAM**

The Department of Environmental Protection announced an opportunity to apply for \$3 million in rebates offered through the Level 2 Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Rebate Program, one of the programs under the Driving PA Forward Initiative. This funding is available for light-duty electric vehicle supply equipment projects that will improve air quality and protect public health and the environment by reducing emissions through expanded use of EV charging infrastructure.

The department is seeking applications for projects that will install Level 2 EV charging equipment in publicly accessible locations (government or nongovernment owned), workplaces and multiunit dwellings. Funding is available for public and private entities that own one or more of these location types in this commonwealth. These entities may include school districts, municipal authorities, political subdivisions, other state agencies, nonprofit entities, corporations, limited liability companies or partnerships incorporated or registered in this commonwealth, air quality or transportation organizations, and metropolitan or rural planning organizations.

The department will not reimburse grant recipients for project costs incurred prior to the grant performance period set forth in the applicable grant agreement. Guidelines and application instructions are available on the department's [Driving PA Forward webpage](#), or by contacting the Bureau of Air Quality at [ra-epvwmitigation@pa.gov](mailto:ra-epvwmitigation@pa.gov) or (717) 787-9495.

A webinar on the program will be held on October 9, 2018, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. See the department's [Driving PA Forward webpage](#) for registration information. Applications must be submitted through the [Department of Community and Economic Development's Electronic Single Application website](#). The application period will not close, but the department will reevaluate the program requirements and rebate levels following the issuance of \$3 million in vouchers, or by March 31, 2019, whichever occurs first. The department will accept, review and approve applications for rebates on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **IRRC: ACTION TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION**

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission met publicly at 10 a.m., Thursday, September 13, 2018, and announced the following regulations were approved

- # 18-469:Department of Transportation, *Hazardous Material Transportation*



## Cosponsor Memos

No Cosponsor Memos this week.

## Bill Actions

**HB 26**      **White, Martina(R)**      (PN 2010) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special registration plates adding that plates may be used on motorcycles and allowing for the plate to bear the name of the group or an abbreviation of the group name as desired by the organization. Effective in 120 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1142)

**Bill History:**

06-11-18 S Removed from the table  
09-26-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-26-18 S Laid on the table  
09-26-18 S Removed from the table  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**HB 86**      **Lawrence, John(R)**      (PN 2583) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in inspection of vehicles, further providing for prohibition on expenditures for emission inspection program. The bill establishes that the Department of Environmental Protection shall develop and submit for approval to the Environmental Protection Agency an amendment to the existing enhanced emission inspection program, which will provide a subject vehicle with a model year of 1992 through 1995 that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code, relating to program requirements, and a subject vehicle with a model year of 1996 or newer with a gross vehicle weight rating between 8,501 and 9,000 pounds that is registered in a county under 67 Pa. Code, shall be required to undergo the following tests: a fuel filler gas cap test and a visual emission control device inspection. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 2540)

**Bill History:**

09-24-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S First consideration  
09-25-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-25-18 Second consideration 5:40pm  
09-25-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

**HB 163**      **Saccone, Rick(R)**      (PN 4053) Amends Title 4 (Amusements), Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and Title 75 (Vehicles) eliminating the driver's license suspension for multiple non-driving infractions. Effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 127, 3123, 3327)



**Bill History:**

09-24-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S First consideration  
09-25-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-25-18 Second consideration 5:40pm  
09-25-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

HB 179 Day, Gary(R)

(PN 142) Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in contract carrier by motor vehicle and broker, further providing for declaration of policy and definitions; and, in violations and penalties, further providing for unauthorized operation by carriers and brokers. Adds any individual who provides or furnishes transportation of household property between residential dwellings for compensation as a common carrier. Establishes violations under subsection (b) as a third degree misdemeanor with a fine of \$5,000 for a first offense and \$10,000 for a second or subsequent offense. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

06-04-18 H Removed from the table  
09-25-18 H Set on the House Calendar  
09-25-18 H Laid on the table  
09-25-18 H Removed from the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 297 Dush, Cris(R)

(PN 291) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act adding that "maintenance work" includes work performed under Title 75 (Transportation), section 9106 (relating to dirt, gravel and low-volume road maintenance). Effective immediately.

**Bill History:**

02-01-17 H Filed  
02-02-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry  
09-24-18 H Meeting set for 9:00 a.m., Room G50, Irvis Office Building, House Labor and Industry -- House Labor and Industry  
09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Labor and Industry



HB 482      Roae, Brad(R)

(PN 3474) The State-Owned Vehicle Assignment Limitation Act provides that a state official may not be assigned a state-owned vehicle. Prohibits the use of Commonwealth funds to be used to lease a vehicle to or on behalf of a state official. The prohibition shall not apply to a state official whose official duties require assignment or lease of a vehicle for emergency response. A state official who has been assigned a state-owned vehicle or a vehicle leased by the Commonwealth before the effective date of this act may continue to use the vehicle under the same rules and procedures in effect before the effective date until the state official is no longer a member of the General Assembly, relinquishes control of the vehicle back to the Commonwealth or is otherwise no longer eligible to use the vehicle. Further provides a state official who has been assigned a state-owned vehicle or a vehicle leased by the Commonwealth before the effective date of this act may not be assigned a different vehicle after the state official ceases using the assigned vehicle. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 506)

**Bill History:**

09-25-18 Second consideration 4:48pm  
09-25-18 H Over in House  
09-25-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations  
09-26-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140, Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations  
09-26-18 H Meeting cancelled for 09/26/18, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations

HB 652      Emrick, Joe(R)

(PN 2868) Amends the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Compact further providing for audits by establishing the auditor general of Pennsylvania and state auditor of New Jersey shall jointly conduct annual financial and management audits of expenditures and operations of the commission and submit a report to the governors and legislatures of each state; and providing the governor of each state with power to ratify or veto actions taken by commissioners from that state within ten days after receipt. Effective immediately.

**Bill History:**

09-25-18 H Set on the House Calendar  
09-25-18 Second consideration 4:24pm  
09-25-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations  
09-26-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room 140, Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations  
09-26-18 H Meeting cancelled for 09/26/18, House Appropriations -- House Appropriations



HB 783 Nesbit, Tedd(R)

(PN 858) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in certificate of title and security interests, further providing for transfer of ownership of vehicles used for human habitation by exempting homes which have not been previously titled in Pennsylvania from the tax certification requirement. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

01-31-18 S First consideration  
04-18-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
04-18-18 S Laid on the table (Pursuant to Senate Rule 9)  
09-25-18 S Removed from the table  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 976 Masser, Kurt(R)

(PN 4048) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in equipment standards, further providing for unlawful activities by providing for doors. A vehicle shall be equipped with doors of a type used as original equipment. The doors shall open and close securely unless the vehicle has been manufactured or modified to the extent that there is no roof or side. If a vehicle is designed by the manufacturer with removable doors for off-road use, the vehicle may be operated with doors removed except that the vehicle may not be (1) operated on any roadway having a speed limit of more than 55 mph or on any limited access highway; or (2) driving at any speed if a child under 18 is a passenger. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1133)

**Bill History:**

09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1152 Boback, Karen(R)

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

**Bill History:**

09-24-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Judiciary -- Senate Judiciary  
09-24-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Judiciary  
09-24-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Judiciary  
09-24-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



HB 1216 Farry, Frank(R)

(PN 3819) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of neglect of animal if a person fails to provide for the basic needs of each animal to which the person has a duty of care including water, shelter, and necessary veterinary care; and, in particular rights and immunities, providing for rescue from motor vehicle by waiving liability for a good-faith rescue of a dog or cat from a motor vehicle if the animal is believed to be in imminent danger. The rescuer must make an effort to locate the driver and contact emergency response. Further provides for the offense of attack of service, guide or support dog. Also provides for the offense of discrimination on account of service, guide or support dog or other aid animal Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1444, 2166, 2203, 3608)

**Bill History:**

06-28-18 S Press conference held  
09-24-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-24-18 S Laid on the table  
09-24-18 S Removed from the table  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1294 Ward, Judith(R)

(PN 2647) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, further providing for special plates for recipients of Purple Heart and Legion of Merit by allowing the plate to be used on a motorcycle. The bill also permits use and display of illuminated signs for transportation network company drivers as approved by the Public Utility Commission or the Philadelphia Parking Authority. Portions are effective in 120 days, 60 days, and immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1590, 2013)

**Bill History:**

09-24-18 Second consideration 4:45pm  
09-24-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations  
09-25-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations  
09-25-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Appropriations  
10-01-18 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:**

09-25-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-25-18 Laid out for discussion 5:38pm  
09-25-18 Third consideration 5:38pm  
09-25-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 49/N: 0)  
09-26-18 H Signed in the House

HB 1414 Barrar, Stephen(R)

(PN 3204) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in other required equipment, further providing for visual and audible signals on emergency vehicles and for visual signals on authorized vehicles and providing for flashing or revolving yellow and white lights and for solid waste collection vehicles. "Emergency vehicle" is redefined to include a vehicle owned by a city of the first class (Philadelphia) and operated by first judicial district certified armed probation officers. Further, the department may not prohibit the use of flashing or revolving blue lights mounted internally in the passenger compartment of a privately-owned vehicle used in answering an emergency call that otherwise complies with the department's regulations. Tow trucks may be equipped with one or more flashing or revolving yellow lights and one or more flashing or revolving white lights. The manner in which the light or lights shall be displayed shall be determined by regulation and the bill outlines limitations on the use of the lights on tow trucks. Lastly, the bill stipulates that upon approaching and passing a stationary solid waste collection vehicle that is giving a visual signal by means of bright yellow strobe light, the driver of an approaching vehicle shall make a lane change if possible or, if not, reduce the speed to a reasonable and proper speed, which shall be less than the posted speed limit, and be prepared to stop. Solid waste collection vehicles shall be equipped with a bright yellow strobe light and the strobe light shall be active while stopped upon a street and while engaged in the collection of garbage, solid wastes, recyclables and refuse or while moving between stops at a speed not greater than 10 miles per hour. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1779, 2799, 2920)

**Bill History:**

04-16-18 Second consideration 3:16pm  
04-16-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations  
09-25-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor,  
Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate  
Appropriations -- Senate Appropriations  
09-25-18 S Reported as committed from Senate  
Appropriations  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



HB 1444 Marshall, Jim(R)

(PN 1836) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, further providing for annual hauling permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for permit for movement during course of manufacture. A permit for overweight movement of up to 50 miles shall be \$750 and a permit for overweight movement for more than 50 miles shall be \$900. Further, a combination of vehicles which is hauling hot ingots or a hot box may be permitted by the department and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions a distance not exceeding 125 miles (increased from 25 miles) if the gross weight does not exceed 150,000 pounds and the weight of any nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. No permit may be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate highway. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

09-26-17 Third consideration 2:26pm  
09-26-17 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:189/N: 8)  
09-29-17 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S Passed over in committee Senate Transportation

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:**

06-21-18 H Removed from the table  
06-21-18 H Laid on the table  
09-24-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar  
09-24-18 H Press conference held  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 1811 Rothman, Greg(R)

(PN 2800) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing for automated license plate reader systems; and imposing a penalty. The bill stipulates that a state or local law enforcement agency or government entity that maintains an automated license plate reader system shall establish, make public and enforce a written policy governing the use of the automated license plate reader system. Use of an automated license plate reader system without adoption of a written policy is prohibited. An individual who violates the use of automated license plate reader systems commits a misdemeanor of the second degree. Effective in six months. (Prior Printer Number: 2462)

**Bill History:**

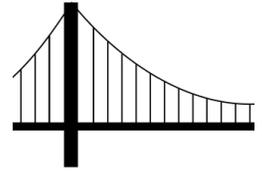
09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 1936 Wentling, Parke(R)

(PN 2753) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, further providing for operation by persons under age sixteen and for mufflers and sound controls. The bill establishes no person shall operate an ATV bearing a certification label conforming to ANSI/SVIA 1 - 2010, or its successor standard, in violation of the age recommendation warning label affixed by the manufacturer. It also makes a technical change by replacing "noise" with "sound". Effective immediately.

**Bill History:**

09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



HB 1958 Rothman, Greg(R)

(PN 3774) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; in rules of the road in general, providing for platooning; and providing for highly automated 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) with restrictions including a maximum of three vehicles in a platoon, platooning only on limited access highways or interstate highway unless otherwise permitted by the department or turnpike, and restrictions for emergency conditions. 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, 2916)

**Bill History:**

06-20-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation  
06-20-18 S First consideration  
09-24-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-24-18 Second consideration 4:32pm  
09-24-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

HB 2066 Dowling, Matthew (F)(R)

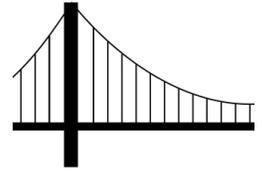
(PN 2999) Amends Title 74 (Transportation), in scenic highways, further providing for designation of certain State routes as scenic byways. The bill provides for the designation of the National Road with the stated intent being to designate the original National Road and not any rerouted portion of U.S. Route 40. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HB 2131 Quigley, Thomas(R)

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



**Bill History:**

09-24-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S First consideration  
09-25-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-25-18 Second consideration 5:43pm  
09-25-18 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

HB 2297 Taylor, John(R)

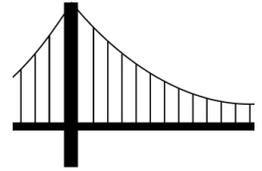
(PN 4054) Amends the act entitled "An act designating a portion of State Route 2005 in Saxonburg Borough, Butler County, as the Chief Gregory B. Adams Way; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 271 over US Route 22, Jackson Township, Cambria County, as the Trooper Gary Fisher Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 53 over US Route 22, Cresson Township, Cambria County, as the Corporal Robert J. Sherwood, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on Segment 80 of State Route 2015, along Overbridge Street and over Railroad Street, Lilly Borough, Cambria County, as the Paul E. Sweeney Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Avenue A over the Allegheny River, Coudersport Borough, Potter County, as the Commander Philip F. "Jet" Palmatier, Jr., Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of Sunnyside Road over the Oswayo Creek, Shinglehouse Borough, Potter County, as the PVT Malon Stanley Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of State Route 1001 in Greene Township, Franklin County, as the Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 533 over Muddy Run, Southampton Township, Franklin County, as the Private First Class Dana Edward Diehl Memorial Bridge; and designating a bridge on that portion of State Route 1004 over the Conococheague Creek, Greene Township, Franklin County, as the Private Charles W. "Bill" Roher Memorial Bridge," further providing for Lance Corporal Michael L. Freeman, Jr., Memorial Highway; and providing for Cpl. Carl F. Hynek III Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3430)

**Bill History:**

09-25-18 Second consideration 5:44pm  
09-26-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-26-18 Laid out for discussion 11:43am  
09-26-18 Third consideration 11:43am  
09-26-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)

HB 2426 Staats, Craig(R)

(PN 3559) Act designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 563 in Bucks County as the PFC John Rivers Way. Effective in 60 days.



**Bill History:**

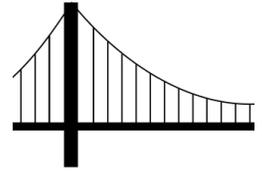
09-25-18 H Set on the House Calendar  
09-25-18 Second consideration 4:24pm  
09-25-18 H Rereferred to House Appropriations  
09-26-18 H Meeting set for Off the Floor, Room  
140, Main Capitol, House Appropriations -- House  
Appropriations  
09-26-18 H Meeting cancelled for 09/26/18, House  
Appropriations -- House Appropriations

HB 2433      Saccone, Rick(R)

(PN 3565) Act designating the future bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 88 over Peters Creek, Finleyville Borough, Washington County, as the John Emerick Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

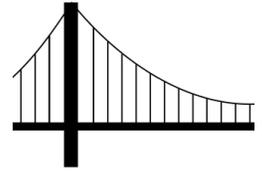
09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House  
Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as committed from House  
Transportation  
09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar



HB 2473

Godshall, Robert(R)

(PN 3813) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities (Philadelphia), establishing a Taxicab Medallion Account and Limousine Account within the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund, which shall be kept separate and not commingled; and further providing for budget and assessments and for funds. For fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, annual assessments issued by the authority to limousine owners shall not exceed one percent of the annual gross revenue of a limousine owner generated within a city of the first class or an airport located, in whole or in part, within a city of the first class for the provisioning of limousine service. Assessments may only be made upon the rates collected for the provisioning of limousine service within a city of the first class or an airport located, in whole or in part, within a city of the first class and may not include tips or tolls. Assessments may be payable to the authority in a lump sum or on a quarterly basis. Money deposited in the Taxicab Medallion Account is appropriated for the purposes specified under this chapter only as it relates to the regulation of taxicab medallions and shall not be used for the regulation of limousines or transportation network companies; money deposited in the Limousine Account is appropriated for the purposes specified under this chapter only as it relates to the regulation of limousines and shall not be used for the regulation of taxicab medallions or transportation network companies. Expenses incurred by the authority for the regulation of taxicab medallions and limousines that are not exclusively related to either taxicab medallions or limousines shall be allocated to the Taxicab Medallion Account and the Limousine Account based upon the proportion to which the gross operating revenue of taxicab medallions and the applicable gross operating revenue of limousines bear to the total gross operating revenues for the fiscal year; if the relative share cannot be determined, the expenses shall be shared equally between the accounts. The authority shall have at least one annual examination of its books, accounts and records related to each of the funds by an independent third party certified public accountant and the Department of 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 imposed by the authority for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3650, 3777)



**Bill History:**

09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Appropriations  
09-25-18 H Set on the House Calendar  
09-25-18 Laid out for discussion 4:38pm  
09-25-18 Third consideration 4:38pm  
09-25-18 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)

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:**

09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 2547

Marsico, Ron(R)

(PN 3852) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in miscellaneous provisions, further providing for accidents involving certain vehicles by changing the name of the chapter to "Post-accident testing" and replacing the language to require that as soon as practicable following an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle, an employer shall test the driver of the vehicle involved in the accident for alcohol and controlled substances. A receipt from a testing facility shall be competent evidence of a driver's compliance with the requirements. Effective in 60 days.

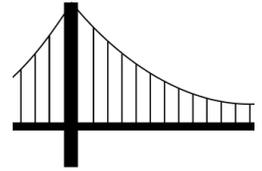
**Bill History:**

09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 2615

Owlett, Clint (F)(R)

(PN 3943) An Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 14 over Fall Brook, Troy Borough, Bradford County, as the Troy Area Veterans Memorial Bridge. Effective in 60 days.



**Bill History:**

09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as committed from House Transportation  
09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 2638 Stephens, Todd(R)

(PN 3984) Amends the Transit Revitalization Investment District Act, in general provisions, further providing for declaration of policy and for definitions; and adding provisions relating to military installation remediation. Effective immediately.

**Bill History:**

09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
09-25-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar  
09-25-18 H Removed from the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 2657 Gillen, Mark(R)

(PN 4040) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, exempting from fees any active volunteer firefighter who is in good standing with a volunteer fire company and whose standing is certified to the department by the supervisor or chief of the volunteer fire company. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

09-21-18 H Filed  
09-24-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2663 Klunk, Kate(R)

(PN 4089) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, further providing for accelerated rehabilitative disposition and for drug and alcohol assessments. The bill allows the use of medication-assisted treatment in conjunction with behavioral therapies if the treatment is clinically appropriate. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

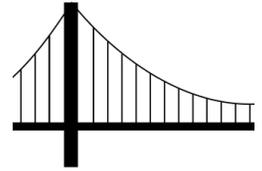
09-24-18 H Filed  
09-26-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 2669 Comitta, Carolyn (F)(D)

(PN 4095) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, prohibiting the carrying of loaded weapons other than firearms in a vehicle. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

09-24-18 H Filed  
09-26-18 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary



HR 76 Miller, Daniel(D)

(PN 427) Concurrent Resolution declaring that the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is opposed to the enactment and enforcement of a State law, under a Federal mandate, that requires the suspension or revocation, or the delay of issuance or reinstatement, of the driver's license of an individual convicted of a violation of the Controlled Substances Act or another drug offense; urging the Governor to submit a written certification stating the Governor's opposition to the State law along with this resolution to the United States Secretary of Transportation; and accordingly preventing the United States Secretary of Transportation from withholding a specified percentage of Federal transportation apportionments under 23 U.S.C. 159.

**Bill History:**

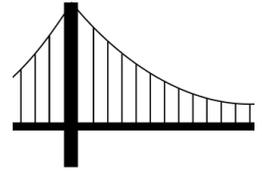
04-30-18 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

HR 1057 Kaufer, Aaron(R)

(PN 4018) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study for the potential of a hyperloop system that would run from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with a stop in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as well as a northeast extension that would operate between Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, Pennsylvania. (Prior Printer Number: 3997)

**Bill History:**

09-20-18 H Corrective Reprint, Printer's No. 4018  
09-24-18 H Meeting set for 12:00 p.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building, House Transportation -- House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as committed from House Transportation  
10-01-18 H Set on the House Calendar



SB 16 Blake, John(D)

(PN 592) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, imposing an immediate suspension of operating privilege on an individual who has violated section 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) if: (1) the individual killed or seriously injured another individual in connection with the violation; or (2) there was a passenger under 14 years of age in the vehicle at the time of the violation. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

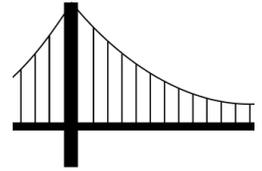
09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee as amended Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Reported as amended Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

SB 110 Sabatina, John(D)

(PN 84) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) exempting veterans from paying for the renewal or duplication of driver's licenses or identification cards. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

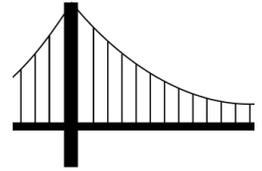
09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



SB 170

Rafferty, John(R)

(PN 146) Amends entitled "An act providing for joint action by Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the development of the ports on the lower Delaware River, and the improvement of the facilities for transportation across the river; authorizing the Governor, for these purposes, to enter into an agreement with New Jersey; creating The Delaware River Joint Commission and specifying the powers and duties thereof, including the power to finance projects by the issuance of revenue bonds; transferring to the new commission all the powers of the Delaware River Bridge Joint Commission; and making an appropriation," further providing for the Delaware River Joint Commission, for composition, for employees, for financing and for executive sessions; providing for majority approval and contract procedures; further providing for report; providing for conflicts of interest and for master plan; creating the Port Authority Transit Corporation Commuter's Council; further providing for definitions; authorizing the Governor to apply for approval; prohibiting the entrance into a compact until passage of a similar act; and making editorial changes. Among the many changes, the bill stipulates that Pennsylvania commissioners who are not ex-officio members of the commission shall be confirmed by a majority of the members elected to the Pennsylvania Senate; grants authority to borrow money for the purpose of financing any project authorized by or pursuant to this compact or agreement; grants authority to acquire, purchase, construct, lease, operate, maintain and undertake any project directly relating to the operation of the Delaware River Port Authority, including any terminal, terminal facility, transportation facility, or any other facility of commerce, and to make charges for the use thereof; authorizes executive sessions to be held for certain reasons; prescribes limits on the ability of the commission to enter into or amend contracts; requires best practices in the procurement of necessary items and services; requires a biennial audit and performance review; provides for gift bans and conflicts of interest; requires preparation of a comprehensive master plan for the development of the Port District; and creates the Port Authority Transit Corporation Commuter's Council, to study, investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the maintenance and operation of the Port Authority Transit Corporation's facilities for the transportation of passengers. Portions are effective December 31, 2018, and the remainder is effective immediately.



**Bill History:**

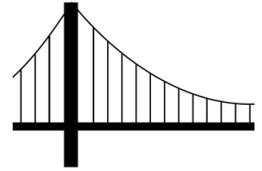
06-25-18 H First consideration  
06-25-18 H Laid on the table  
09-24-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar  
09-24-18 H Removed from the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the House Calendar

SB 172 Argall, David(R)

(PN 1930) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices and providing for automated speed enforcement systems in active work zones and establishing a pilot program for automated speed enforcement system on designated highway. The bill adds 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, 1866)

**Bill History:**

09-25-18 Laid out for discussion 4:14pm  
09-25-18 H House Reed motion to proceed with the immediate consideration of SB 172 (Vote Y: 176/N: 19)  
09-25-18 H House concurred in House amendments to Senate amendments as amended by the House (Vote Y: 173/N: 22)  
09-25-18 S Received as amended in Senate and rereferred Senate Rules and Executive Nominations  
10-01-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations -- Senate Rules and Executive Nominations



SB 251 Vulakovich, Randy(R)

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

**Bill History:**

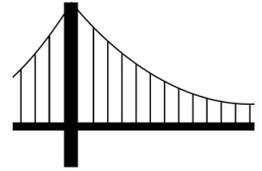
06-04-18 H Laid on the table  
09-25-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar  
09-25-18 H Removed from the table  
09-25-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

SB 702 Browne, Patrick(R)

(PN 1992) Amends the Public School Code, in pupils and attendance, further providing for definitions and providing for children who are homeless or in dependent care, for free transportation for certain children and for ensuring equal access and timely graduation. A child in foster care shall be entitled to school stability throughout the time the child is in foster care and for the remainder of the school year in which the court terminates jurisdiction unless school stability is not in the child's best interest. A child experiencing homelessness shall be entitled to free transportation to the child's school of origin in accordance with law. For a child in foster care, transportation shall be provided and arranged in accordance with a local transportation plan or other agreement between the child welfare agency and the local education agency where the child is enrolled. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

09-21-18 S Filed  
09-21-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education



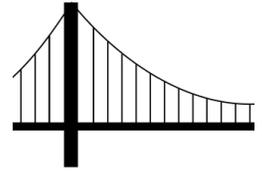
SB 764

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:**

06-22-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate Rules and Executive Nominations -- Senate Rules and Executive Nominations  
06-22-18 S Re-reported on concurrence as committed Senate Rules and Executive Nominations  
09-24-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-24-18 S Recommitted to Senate Rules and Executive Nominations  
10-01-18 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:**

09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as amended House Transportation  
09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

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:**

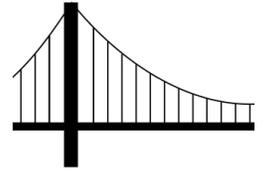
09-24-18 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation  
09-24-18 H Reported as committed from House Transportation  
09-24-18 H First consideration  
09-24-18 H Laid on the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

SB 1084 Stefano, Patrick(R)

(PN 1542) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in fees, providing for reduced fee for veterans stipulating that a reduction in the registration fee for passenger car registration eligible to veterans with a disability shall be eligible to any veteran residing in Pennsylvania, regardless of disability status. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar



SB 1096 Browne, Patrick(R)

(PN 1897) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, defining "highly automated work zone vehicle" and "platoon." In rules of the road in general, provides for platooning and for autonomous vehicles. Adds a chapter entitled Highly Automated Vehicles, and requires the Department of Transportation or the Turnpike Commission to authorize locations in the state to permit deployment of highly automated work zone 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. (Prior Printer Number: 1613)

**Bill History:**

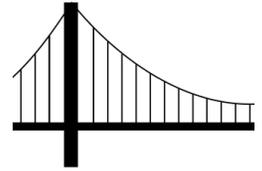
09-25-18 S Over in Senate  
09-26-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-26-18 Laid out for discussion 11:33am  
09-26-18 Third consideration 11:33am  
09-26-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)

SB 1098 Browne, Patrick(R)

(PN 1623) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in enforcement, authorizing automated enforcement of failure to stop for school bus with flashing red lights and establishing the School Bus Safety Grant Program Fund. Fines collected shall be deposited into the fund and shall be used by the department to implement the School Bus Safety Grant Program, which is established to promote and increase school bus safety education and training throughout this Commonwealth. Independent school bus contractors are eligible for the grant. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**

09-25-18 S Over in Senate  
09-26-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar  
09-26-18 Laid out for discussion 11:33am  
09-26-18 Third consideration 11:33am  
09-26-18 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)



SB 1156 Mensch, Bob(R)

(PN 1851) Act designating a bridge on that portion of Pennsylvania Route 100 over the Schuylkill River in Pottstown Borough, Montgomery County, as the Newstell Marable, Sr., Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge on Stoughstown Road over Interstate 81 in Cumberland County (bridge number 21-3007-0020-0865) as the Private Raymond Lafayette Naugle Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge on Maple Avenue over the Yellow Breeches Creek in Walnut Bottom Township, Cumberland County (bridge number 21-3009-0012-0000), as the Sergeant Kenneth Lee "Buck" Devor Memorial Bridge; designating a bridge on that portion of U.S. Route 219 South, over U.S. Route 22, also known as the Admiral Peary Highway, in Cambria Township, Cambria County, as the PFC Nick Kozorosky Memorial Bridge; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 54 in West Mahanoy Township, Schuylkill County, as the Francis V. "Angie" McAndrew Memorial Highway; and designating a portion of State Route 2026, in Upper Moreland Township, Montgomery County, as the Corporal Michael Dennis Cooke Memorial Highway. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1736, 1793)

**Bill History:**

06-25-18 H First consideration  
06-25-18 H Laid on the table  
09-24-18 H Set on the Tabled Calendar  
09-24-18 H Removed from the table  
10-01-18 H Set on the House Calendar

SB 1232 Ward, Kim(R)

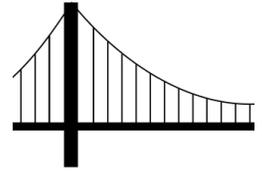
(PN 1961) Act designating a portion of U.S. Route 30 in Hempfield Township, Southwest Greensburg Borough, the City of Greensburg, and South Greensburg Borough, Westmoreland County, as the J. Edward "Hutch" Hutchinson Memorial Bypass. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1956)

**Bill History:**

09-26-18 S Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
09-26-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

SB 1254 Gordner, John(R)

(PN 1982) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, creating a special plate for recipients of Presidential Service Badge. Effective in 120 days.



**Bill History:**

09-24-18 S Meeting set for Off the Floor,  
Rules Committee Conference Ro, Senate  
Transportation -- Senate Transportation  
09-24-18 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate  
Transportation  
09-24-18 S Reported as committed from Senate  
Transportation  
09-24-18 S First consideration  
10-01-18 S Set on the Senate Calendar

SB 1264 Hughes, Vincent(D)

(PN 2017) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses),  
in firearms and other dangerous articles, adding  
language prohibiting a loaded firearm in a vehicle.  
Further provides a first offense shall be a third degree  
misdemeanor and a second or subsequent offense shall  
be a first degree misdemeanor. Effective in 60 day.

**Bill History:**

09-25-18 S Filed  
09-25-18 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Judiciary  
09-25-18 S Press conference held

## Upcoming Events

### House Transportation

*October 1, 2018 - Off the Floor, Room 205, Ryan Office Building*

To consider: [SB 796](#) Gordner, John Amends Title 75 re Change of Address Fees

### Senate Judiciary

*October 1, 2018 - Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room*

To consider: [HB 2060](#) Quinn, Marguerit Amends Titles 18 & 23 re protection from abuse (Note: bill has not yet been referred to committee)

### Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

*October 1, 2018 - Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room*

To consider certain executive nominations and: [SB 172](#) Argall, David Amends Title 75 re construction zone safety [SB 180](#) Greenleaf, Stewa Amends Title 20 re Organ Donation [SB 764](#) Gordner, John Amends Board of Vehicles re RV Law

### PA Turnpike Commission

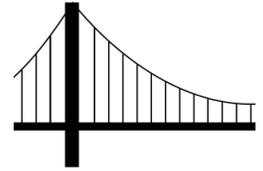
*October 2, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown*  
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

### PA Turnpike Commission

*October 2, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, Pittsburgh/Southpointe, 1000 Corporate Dr., Canonsburg*  
Community meeting on Southern Beltway construction. For additional information: (717) 787-8645

### PA Public Utility Commission

*October 4, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Hearing Room 1, 400 North St., Harrisburg*  
Public Meeting. For additional information: (717) 783-1740



**PA State Transportation Advisory Committee**

*October 11, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Commonwealth Keystone Building, Room 8N1, 400 North Street, Harrisburg*  
Committee Meeting. For additional information: (717) 787-2913

**PA Turnpike Commission**

*October 16, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., Turnpike Admin. Bldg, Large Board Room, 700 S. Eisenhower Blvd., 3rd Fl., Middletown*  
Commission Meeting. For additional information: (717) 831-7333

**Delaware River Port Authority/PATCO**

*October 17, 2018 - 6:00 p.m., 2 Riverside Drive, Camden NJ*  
Board Meeting. For additional information: (856) 968-2253

**Pittsburgh Port Authority**

*October 18, 2018 - 8:30 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh*  
Planning & Stakeholder Relations Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

**Pittsburgh Port Authority**

*October 18, 2018 - 9:00 a.m., Neal N. Holmes Board Room, 5th Floor, 345 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh*  
Performance Oversight Committee Meeting. For additional information: (412) 566-5137

**Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority (SEPTA) Board**

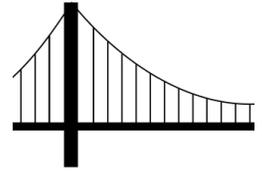
*October 18, 2018 - 12:00 p.m., SEPTA Headquarters, 1234 Market Street, Mezzanine Level, Philadelphia*  
Administration Committee meeting immediately followed by an Operations Committee meeting. For additional information:  
(215) 580-7800

**Independent Regulatory Review Commission**

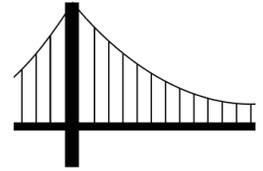
*November 15, 2018 - 10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market St., Harrisburg*  
To consider 3185 Public Utility Commission #57-317: Motor Carrier Age Requirement

**In the News**

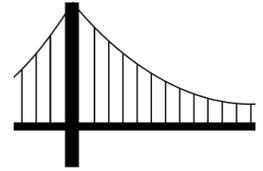
- 09-27-2018      [PHMC Announces Fun Fall Events along the Pennsylvania Trails of History](#)  
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- 09-27-2018      [Alliance to Save Energy: Auto, Utility, Labor & Environment Leaders Unveil...](#)  
(Press Release)
- 09-27-2018      [PA Turnpike Commission to Hold Community Meeting for Southern Beltway](#)  
(Press Release)
- 09-27-2018      [PennDOT Data Shows PA Roundabouts Reducing Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities](#)  
(Press Release)
- 09-27-2018      [Wolf Administration Hosts Cabinet in Your Community Event at Wyoming Area...](#)  
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- 09-27-2018      [SEPTA chooses Prudential Retirement to oversee \\$226M public sector retirement...](#)  
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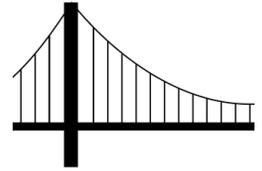
- 09-27-2018 **Pittsburgh's sports arenas to get \$800K boost in taxpayer money next year**  
Pittsburgh's stadiums are slated to get an \$800,000 boost in taxpayer money next year from the Allegheny Regional Asset District, preliminary budget documents made public Wednesday show. The Sports & Exhibition Authority — which owns Heinz Field, PNC Park, PPG Paints Arena and the David L. Lawrence Convention Center — would... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Enforcing school bus stopping law would get an assist from stop-arm cameras**  
Legislation that seeks to crack down on drivers who illegally overtake stopped school buses and put the safety of schoolchildren at risk passed the state Senate on Wednesday. The bill, which was approved by a 48-0 vote, allows school boards to decide if they want to have cameras installed on their school bus stop arms to... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Uber drivers win settlement over data breach but lose case over employee rights**  
Uber drivers in Pennsylvania will receive settlement money because of the company's failure to disclose a 2016 data breach, law enforcement officials announced Wednesday. The money, \$5.7 million, will be distributed among at least 13,500 drivers by the state's Attorney General's Office. The New Jersey Attorney General's... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Philly's new payroll system to give workers a pay bump: 'That sounds crazy but ...'**  
In January, thousands of city employees could find themselves working fewer hours for the same salary and others will be working the same hours for more money, thanks to a new human resources computer system that will have cost more than \$44 million by the time it is operational later this year.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-27-2018 **W-B parking authority goes to court over former Hotel Sterling lot**  
WILKES-BARRE — The city parking authority has taken its dispute with the owner of the former Hotel Sterling lot to court. The authority on Wednesday filed a complaint in Luzerne County Court seeking an injunction that would prohibit H&N Investments LLC from... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Erie councilman could propose postponing EMTA vote**  
Council could take up new appointments to the transit agency's board at Wednesday's regular meeting. Erie Mayor Joe Schember hopes Erie City Council will sign off next week on his five new appointments to the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's board of directors.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Erie Airport Authority votes to continue police K-9 program**  
Authority will review program policies, procedures and costs. The airport police dog will remain on the job at Erie International Airport but with some provisos. Erie Regional Airport Authority members voted 6-0 Wednesday to override a decision by airport Executive Director Derek Martin and to continue the... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Reading Parking Authority may seek legal action over gates**  
The Reading Parking Authority may sue the DoubleTree by Hilton after getting a video of hotel employees working to defeat the gate system at the hotel parking garage. Bill Murray, a member of the parking authority board, said hotel employees were instructed to generate parking vouchers to the authority-owned garage... - [Reading Eagle](#)



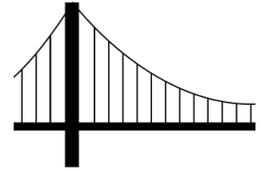
- 09-27-2018 **Last remnant of POW camp at airport in Bern Township likely to be razed**  
The last remnant of the World War II POW camp at the former Reading Army Airfield is likely to be demolished to make way for Berks Park 183, a proposed industrial park, officials said. The Berks County Industrial Development Authority, which owns the building... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Upper Darby neighbors seek help with trash, speeders**  
UPPER DARBY — Speeding traffic on a residential street and trash accumulating at bus stops prompted township council to take action. SEPTA will be contacted about maintaining bus stops and an independent traffic engineer hired to address the reckless driving on Owen Avenue in... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Third Street project has designer; review of city's stormwater takeover ongoing**  
A Lewisburg company received contract approval from the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority Wednesday for design services on the Third Street project in 2020. ATC, of Lewisburg, had the low bid of \$66,250, according to Rebecca Haladay, authority engineer-manager. Five companies submitted bids, she... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Meeting asks how to improve Park Avenue neighborhood**  
City resident Jalil Green was glad to go to a brainstorming session Wednesday night on improving the Park Avenue neighborhood. Green, an employee of Hope Enterprises, was among those attending the session held inside the YMCA at High and Walnut streets. The section of the city under... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Council to borrow money for capital projects**  
LOCK HAVEN — City Council intends to borrow upward of \$3,852,000 through general obligation bonds for various capital improvement projects. Just how much money is actually borrowed and spent remains to be determined based on the actual cost of the work. Some of the work is complicated because it involves critical city... - [Lock Haven Express](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Panel OKs reduced plates for veterans**  
The state Senate Transportation Committee unanimously approved legislation Wednesday to reduce military veterans' license plate registration fees. State Sen. Pat Stefano, R-Bullskin Township, the legislation's sponsor, said that disabled veterans in Pennsylvania currently pay a reduced fee of... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Public meeting on CSVT's southern section tonight**  
Residents will have another opportunity to discuss the southern section of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway tonight in Selinsgrove. PennDOT is holding a community meeting at 7 p.m. at the Selinsgrove Middle School. It is scheduled to run until 8:30 p.m.... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Brian O'Neill: Another train to Pittsburgh! But probably not.**  
Gov. Tom Wolf's announcement last week that the state is looking into better train service between Pittsburgh and Altoona could be good news if you live in Altoona, or Greensburg, Latrobe or Johnstown. But it's hard to see how it gets Pittsburgh any closer to its long-time... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)



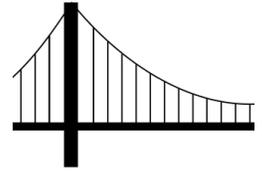
- 09-27-2018 **Work Continuing on Flood Damaged Roads**  
PennDOT continues with recovery efforts related to flooding. It may be necessary for Penn- DOT personnel and contractors to enter onto private property to carry out the emergency repairs necessary to protect damaged highways and bridges and to reopen closed roads. Without the cooperation of... - [Wyalusing Rocket-Courier](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Saracini Aviation Safety Act passes U.S. House, heads to the Senate; act would require new passenger aircraft to have secondary barriers**  
Washington, D.C. >> Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-08) joined the U.S. House on Sept. 26 in advancing legislation requiring the installation of secondary barriers on new passenger aircraft. House and Senate leaders reached a bipartisan final agreement on legislation providing long-term stability and critical reforms to the... - [Bucks Local News](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Trump Berates Canada and Threatens Car Tariffs as Nafta Talks Falter**  
President Trump said he rejected a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of Canada during the United Nations General Assembly this week and threatened on Wednesday to punish Canada by taxing the cars it exports into America, signaling a new low in relations between the two nations.... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Uber Will Spend \$10 Million to Solve a Problem It Helped Create**  
The extraordinary rise of Uber has transformed the ride-hail industry and in some cities, including New York, it has contributed to increased congestion. Now, Uber, in a move that was met with derision by critics, says it wants to help solve some of the problems it has helped cause.... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-27-2018 **District 'shaken' after school bus crash**  
ADAMS TWP — Students at Mars School District returned to class Tuesday, many still reeling from the chaos of Monday's bus crash that injured six students. "Understandably, kids and families are shaken," said Wesley Shipley, district superintendent in an email. "However, overall they... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Trump threatens auto tariffs on Canada as relationship with Trudeau continues to sour**  
President Trump said Wednesday he was planning to impose severe economic penalties against Canada if it does not agree to major changes in its trade policies. Speaking at a news conference in New York, Trump also said he was planning to effectively terminate the North American Free Trade Agreement and impose... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Philly's new payroll system to give workers a pay bump: 'That sounds crazy but ...'**  
In January, thousands of city employees could find themselves working fewer hours for the same salary and others will be working the same hours for more money, thanks to a new human resources computer system that will have cost more than \$44 million by the time it is operational later this year.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-27-2018 **Could a new brand of cop help fix Philly's traffic woes? | Editorial**  
Last week, City Council President Darrell Clarke introduced a resolution and ordinance to address traffic congestion in Center City. Clarke's package proposes amending the City Charter to establish a new class of employee within the civil service system: Public Safety Enforcement... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



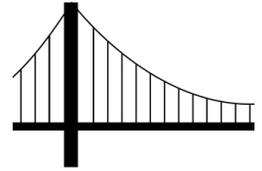
- 09-27-2018 **[Top Minimum Wage in U.S., \\$19, Approved for New York's Airport Workers](#)**  
Under New York law, the workers at La Guardia and Kennedy Airports, like many other workers in the state, already earn at least \$13 an hour. That floor will rise to \$15 on Dec. 31, making New York one of the leaders in the movement toward much higher minimum wages. California and several... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-27-2018 **[Uber hands over \\$5.7 million, updates procedures in data breach settlement to Pennsylvania](#)**  
Pennsylvania is receiving \$5.7 million from a settlement with rideshare giant Uber after the company failed to report a breach of drivers' confidential data for a year. Of the total, \$1.35 million will go directly to the state's drivers — in \$100 payments to the 13,500 impacted. The rest will go to the... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)
- 09-27-2018 **[PennDOT data shows roundabouts boost safety at Pa. intersections](#)**  
PennDOT recently found that roundabouts reduced the number of crashes and injuries at intersections that used to be controlled by stop signs or signals. PennDOT reviewed data for 11 roundabouts at intersections that had at least three years of traffic data before and after roundabouts were installed.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-26-2018 **[AG Shapiro Reaches Settlement with Uber for Data Breach Involving 13,500 Drivers](#)**  
(Press Release)
- 09-26-2018 **[Pa. House acts on camera-based speed enforcement; measure still needs Senate action](#)**  
The state House of Representatives moved one step closer Tuesday to deputizing Big Brother for speed enforcement in Pennsylvania. But they also gave him a heart. The House voted 173-22 to pass a bill that, for the first time in Pennsylvania, would permit the government to issue speeding tickets based... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-26-2018 **[American Airlines adding three new flights from Philly to Florida this winter](#)**  
American Airlines is adding new flights out of Philadelphia International Airport, with service to three Florida cities coming in early 2019. Travelers will be able to fly from PHL to Sarasota, on Florida's Gulf Coast, starting Jan. 12. Departing and returning flights will operate both... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-26-2018 **[Stretch of Willowbrook Road in Allen Township open to trucks](#)**  
The opening of the FedEx Ground hub in Allen Township earlier this month has produced a logical and inevitable result – the lifting of truck restrictions along an adjacent road. Supervisors Tuesday passed an ordinance amendment that allows trucks to travel on Willowbrook Road from the Hanover Township/Lehigh County line... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-26-2018 **[Latrobe's rail heritage inspires new Route 981 signal design](#)**  
Latrobe officials have unveiled a proposed design upgrade for the flashing signal that warns motorists of a change in the traffic pattern near the bridge that carries Route 981 over the Loyalhanna Creek. City council members got a peek on Monday at the new signal design, which... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)



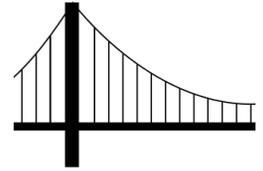
- 09-26-2018 **Schember, Dahlkemper unveil new EMTA appointments**  
The appointments must be approved by Erie City Council and Erie County Council. We're moving on. That was the joint message from Erie Mayor Joe Schember and Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper on Tuesday as they announced nine new appointees to the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's board of directors.... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Judge limits evidence jurors can see ahead of hit-run trial**  
WILKES-BARRE — With the trial date for hit-and-run suspect Daniel Loughnane closing in, a county judge on Tuesday further limited what evidence prosecutors can present to the jury. Loughnane, 46, of Hanover Twp., has been awaiting trial on a felony hit-and-run charge ever since Rebecca McCallick, 19, was run over on Hazle... - [Wilkes-Barre Citizens' Voice](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Paoli Fire Company places second ambulance in service**  
PAOLI—or the last six months, the Paoli transportation center on Lancaster Avenue has been undergoing an extensive renovation. Planned are a state- of-the-art transportation hub, additional parking and a host of retail establishments. But, this is only the tip of the iceberg for what is in store for Paoli. In... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Berwyn Fire Co. overcomes challenge from bridge closing**  
TREDYFFRIN—Berwyn Fire Company faced a critical challenge this past summer when their primary emergency route to the northern part of Tredyffrin Township was closed for three months for repairs. The Amtrak bridge over Old Lancaster Road was 61 years old and needed to be... - [West Chester Daily Local News](#)
- 09-26-2018 **A DNA test said a man was 4% black. Now he wants to qualify as a minority business owner.**  
When Ralph Taylor was born in Sacramento in 1963, his birth certificate indicated that he and his parents were Caucasian. But, like many white Americans, he grew up hearing vague family lore about long-distant Native American ancestry. "I've always known that I'm multiracial," Taylor, 55, told... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Setting smart rules of the road for scooters**  
THE FIRST RULE parents teach their children when they start riding bicycles is always to wear a helmet. Unfortunately, the lesson does not seem to have carried over to those riding the electric scooters filling sidewalks and streets across the country — and people are being harmed as a result.... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Bad trains, planes and automobiles. Commuters should be paid for headaches | Editorial**  
Transportation in New Jersey can be a challenge, as many travelers can attest to. Long suffering NJ Transit rail riders were recently told to brace for reduced service as the agency plays catch up to complete federally-mandated safety improvements on its hundreds of miles of track.... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 09-26-2018 **California bullet train aims to dodge a political bullet in San Fernando Valley**  
With the bullet train project facing titanic legal battles in the San Francisco Bay Area and Central Valley, the last thing the state rail authority needs is a route into Southern California that would galvanize new opposition. But whether it can avoid such a fight remains uncertain after the... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



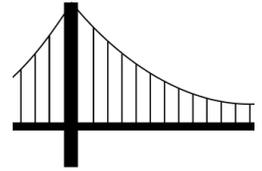
- 09-26-2018 **Hearing on proposed parking lot pushed back until November**  
The Lawncrest Community Association last week discussed the proposed use of a lot for parking cars at Speedy Auto, 100 Comly St. The lot is located in Cheltenham, behind Newtown Avenue in Lawncrest. Sergio Polyakov has owned the property for 20 years and wants to park up to... - [Philadelphia Northeast Times](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Public outpouring continues for family**  
MARION CENTER — The death of a female bus driver a week ago in a three-vehicle crash has impacted the Marion Center School District and surrounding communities. Sarah Slovinsky, 34, of Beyer, who was laid to rest today, was more than just a bus driver for the school district's Plumville area while... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Supervisors to study Risinger Road**  
The White Township supervisors have started what may be an extended — and perhaps costly — effort that may lead to building a cul-de-sac to allow trucks and trailers to safely turn around on a road cut off by the Route 422 bypass. "There is a real need for a place for larger vehicles to turn... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 09-26-2018 **'New' congressman makes tour**  
PETROLIA — During a Monday tour of Butler County, the U.S. representative for Pennsylvania's 5th Congressional District visited the slice of this county included in the state's new 15th Congressional District. Glenn "GT" Thompson, R-5th, made stops in Sarver, Butler, Cabot and... - [Butler Eagle](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Route 6 now part of National Bike Route System**  
GALETON — Many drivers and motorcyclists choose fall as the perfect time to travel across U.S. Route 6 and explore the quaint towns and lush colors of the countryside; now bicyclists are experiencing the fresh autumn air as they bike on America's newest addition to the U.S. Bike Route... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Tri-County Rural Electric Co-op gets \$15M to expand broadband**  
More than \$15 million is coming to the Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative as part of a state-wide initiative to expand broadband access throughout Pennsylvania. Through the Pennsylvania Broadband Investment Incentive Program, the co-op recently received \$15,651,726 for the more than 7,000 units it serves in... - [Towanda Daily Review](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Harrisburg train station bookstore's potential demise rallies its fans**  
Bill Cologie closed his eyes and blindly selected a novel from a shelf tucked in the back of News Transit, the only convenience store in the historic Harrisburg train station. "A Tale of Two Cities," Cologie says as he thumbed its pages. "That's a good one." ... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)
- 09-26-2018 **A pipeline construction moratorium would make Pa. less safe | Opinion**  
A pipeline incident that occurred in Beaver County recently is bringing increased attention to the issue of pipeline safety. Many residents are concerned about the pipelines that pass by their homes, schools, and places of business. Some are even going a step further and... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



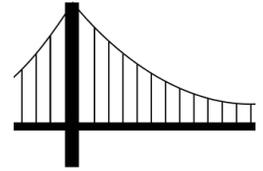
- 09-26-2018 **Lyft challenges Pittsburghers to ditch their car for a month**  
Lyft will give 50 randomly selected Pittsburgh area residents \$400 to get around town for a month. But there's a catch. They can't use their cars for 30 days. The "Ditch Your Car" program is the result of a partnership between Lyft, Pittsburgh Bike Share and Zipcar.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Uber to pay nearly \$150 million for hiding data breach**  
Uber has agreed to pay \$148 million and improve its corporate practices in a nationwide settlement over allegations that the ride hailing czar illegally concealed a massive 2016 data breach. Pennsylvania's share is \$5.7 million, with approximately \$1.35 million... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-26-2018 **PennDOT plans work Thursday, Friday on East 10th in Tarentum**  
Traffic will be restricted on part of East 10th Avenue in Tarentum on Thursday and Friday, PennDOT spokesman Steve Cowan said Wednesday. A single lane will be closed on both days. Traffic will be moved into the middle lane between Lock and Corbet streets. Crews will be repairing the deeply rutted outside edge of the lane heading... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Pa. Uber drivers caught up in data breach to get \$100 from settlement**  
Pennsylvania Uber drivers whose personal data was compromised by the 2016 data breach at the ride-sharing company will receive a \$100 payment as part of a settlement secured Wednesday, according to state Attorney General Josh Shapiro. Those payments will total about \$1.35 million and come from the \$5.7... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Pittsburgh speakers rally against Trump plan to weaken fuel standards**  
Local government officials and advocacy groups lined up Wednesday in Pittsburgh to oppose a Trump administration plan to lower fuel economy standards in three years. Speakers told representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation that stronger, not weaker, protections are... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-26-2018 **Joint Legislative Budget & Finance Committee**  
*9/26/18, 8:45 a.m., Room 16 East Wing*  
By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee held an officer's meeting. SR 384 (PN 1839) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report making recommendations for initiatives to assist dairy producers in this Commonwealth. - The committee unanimously **adopted** the resolution.
- 09-26-2018 **Senate Transportation**  
*9/26/18, 10:00 a.m., Room 8E-A East Wing*  
By Jeff Cox, Pennsylvania Legislative Services  
[v]<https://transportation.pasenategop.com/092618/> The committee met to consider bills. SB 16 (PN 592) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in driving after imbibing alcohol or utilizing drugs, imposing an immediate suspension of operating privilege on an individual who has violated section 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance) if: (1) the individual killed or seriously injured another individual in connection with the violation; or (2) there was a passenger under 14 years of age in the vehicle at the time of the violation. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.



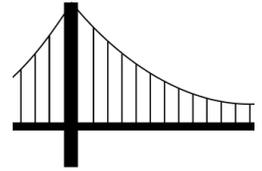
- 09-25-2018 **Senate Session Notes for Tuesday, September 25, 2018**  
(Press Release)
- 09-25-2018 **Gov. Wolf Announces Investments Supporting Seven Economic Developments...**  
(Press Release)
- 09-25-2018 **State Efforts to Combat Impaired Driving Featured on Harper's October...**  
(Press Release)
- 09-25-2018 **Suspending driver's licenses can be 'cruel and unusual' punishment for ex-offenders | Opinion**  
Anna Hollis, executive director of Amachi Pittsburgh, a nonprofit that works on behalf of the 8,500 children of incarcerated parents in Allegheny County, is closely watching the Pennsylvania state Senate calendar and hoping for the best. She knows that many parents will lose their driver's licenses due to minor,... - *Philadelphia Inquirer*
- 09-25-2018 **EMTA to host public meetings Tuesday**  
The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority will host two public meetings Tuesday regarding development of a federally-required long-range plan. Both meetings will take place at EMTA headquarters at 127 E. 14th St. The first will start at noon, the second at 6 p.m.... - *Erie Times-News*
- 09-25-2018 **Schember, Dahlkemper to address EMTA's future Tuesday**  
Joint news conference scheduled for Tuesday morning. Matthew Good, Mike Martin and Charlene Kerr recently chose to resign from the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's board of directors. And even though another member of that panel has publicly rejected Erie... - *Erie Times-News*
- 09-25-2018 **Our view: EMTA needs a clean break**  
As reporter Kevin Flowers detailed, Fred Rush believes the push by Erie Mayor Joe Schember and Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper to remake the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority board of directors is an "overreach of executive authority." Rush, one of the city-appointed EMTA board members asked to resign amid... - *Erie Times-News*
- 09-25-2018 **Editorial: Be sure to follow law on child safety in vehicles**  
The Issue: Child passenger Safety Week emphasizes the importance of properly securing kids in vehicles. Our Opinion: Inattentiveness or complacency on this issue can have tragic consequences. Child Passenger Safety Week, which continues through Saturday, represents... - *Reading Eagle*
- 09-25-2018 **Officials explain \$21 million Nantego development in Nanticoke**  
NANTICOKE — Officials got their chance Monday to explain the controversial Nantego revitalization project set for East Main Street. And they revealed at least one tenant: the Luzerne County Transportation Authority. Since eminent domain papers were filed — which some residents said... - *Wilkes-Barre Times Leader*



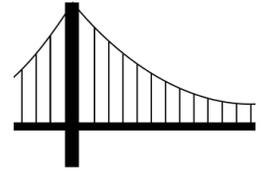
- 09-25-2018 **Rush Township road project granted extension**  
HOMETOWN — Rush Township supervisors granted an extension on a road improvement project during their meeting Thursday evening. “The reason everything is all set back is that the rain has everybody all backlogged,” board Chairman Shawn Gilbert said. The extension gives contractor Franzosa Trucking until Oct. 31 to finish... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 09-25-2018 **Dollar General deal needs Ebensburg’s approval**  
EBENSBURG – Agreements are in place to bring a Dollar General to Ebensburg Borough, but the property it’s proposed for must first be rezoned. At Monday’s regular Ebensburg Borough Council meeting, local developer Joe Sinclair asked for the former Central Cambria Middle School football... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-25-2018 **Safety along Route 220 corridor just a piece of 20-year transportation plan**  
An 8-mile stretch of Route 220 between Williamsport and Jersey Shore requires an infusion of \$400 million over the next 20 years to improve safety for motorists. That’s what officials at the Williamsport Area Transportation Study technical committee learned Monday.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-25-2018 **Fourth set of bids latest milestone for Susquehanna Valley Thruway project**  
They are more than just bids on paper. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation recently opened bids for the fourth contract of the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project. The bids pertain to paving of the new alignment of the project’s northern section from Route 15 south of Winfield, in Union County, to the existing... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 09-25-2018 **Hotel Workers Fret Over a New Rival: Alexa at the Front Desk**  
The bosses haven’t yet introduced facial recognition technology at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. But from her perch behind the front desk at the pink neo-Moorish palace overlooking Waikiki Beach, Jean Te’o-Gibney can see it coming. “Marriott just rolled it out in China,” enabling guests to check... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-25-2018 **The Finance 202: Auto tariffs would vastly expand Trump's trade war. A decision could come at any time.**  
If you think President Trump is running out of options for expanding his trade offensive, think again. The president will more than double the total value of goods that he has already subjected to tariffs if he moves ahead with duties on auto imports. The move has not been getting as much attention as the Trump... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-25-2018 **Truck tips on Fairfield after driver looks at phone, police allege**  
A westbound dump truck lost its load of sand Monday on Fairfield Road (Pa. Route 116) after the driver looked at her phone and veered off the pavement, Carroll Valley police alleged. The driver, of Gettysburg, over-corrected as she tried to return to the road just west of Valley View Trail, Patrol Officer Courtney Herring said... - [Gettysburg Times](#)
- 09-25-2018 **Recycling center concerns**  
Buildings and grounds were the top topics for the Cranberry school board at a meeting Monday as the panel discussed a proposed county-wide recycling center and erratic parking habits around the school complex. Venango County is eyeing a school district maintenance building off Route... - [Oil City Derrick](#)



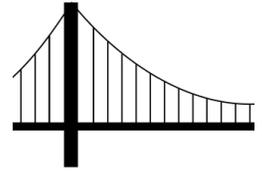
- 09-25-2018 **[It's time to fix Pa's unfair drivers license suspension law | Opinion](#)**  
Anna Hollis, executive director of Amachi Pittsburgh, a nonprofit that works on behalf of the 8,500 children of incarcerated parents in Allegheny County, is closely watching the Pennsylvania Senate calendar and hoping for the best. She knows that many parents will lose their driver's licenses due to minor,... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-25-2018 **[Gas-tax repeal backers to launch new campaign to halt California's high-speed rail project](#)**  
Backers of a November initiative to repeal the gas-tax increase said Monday they will also ask voters to approve a measure in 2020 that would provide funds to fix roads without charging Californians more at the pump, and would halt the state's \$77-billion high-speed rail project.... - [Los Angeles Times](#)
- 09-25-2018 **[What will transit look like in 20 years? New Port Authority hire David Huffaker will plan for it](#)**  
What will transit look like in 20 years? New Port Authority hire David Huffaker will plan for it For the first time in about a decade, the Port Authority is in position to look at its long-term future and now it has the man to guide that planning. David Huffaker, 52, former deputy director for operations support services... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-25-2018 **[Air Force helicopter deal keeps 500 jobs at Philly-area Boeing and Leonardo plants, suppliers](#)**  
The U.S. Air Force on Monday awarded an initial \$325 million contract to replace aging UH-1N (Huey) helicopters which patrol and defend nuclear weapons facilities with MH-139 helicopters that will be built in the Philadelphia area. The new aircraft will be assembled at the Leonardo helicopter factory in... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-25-2018 **[Other states give IDs to residents for free. Could it happen here?](#)**  
Proper identification is a fundamental social calling card, necessary for anyone looking for a job, housing, government services, or health care. But countless numbers of people nationwide — particularly the homeless, immigrants, and the impoverished — don't have basic identification... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 09-25-2018 **[United to add flight to Las Vegas — for a day](#)**  
Pittsburgh officially has arrived as a tech town — or at least United Airlines is gambling on it. The carrier will offer a special one-time-only flight from Pittsburgh International Airport to Las Vegas Jan. 7 based on anticipated demand for travel to the popular annual consumer electronics show, or CES. A return... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-25-2018 **[Pa. school principal who quit after DUI loses her appeal](#)**  
WILLIAMSPORT - A former school principal in the Shikellamy School District voluntarily resigned after she was charged with drunken driving, a ruling has determined. That was the conclusion of the U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals confirming the finding of U.S. Middle District Judge Matthew W. Brann and denying the... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)



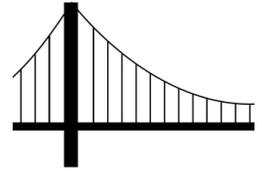
- 09-25-2018 **[TSA: 'Never bring a gun to a checkpoint'; tips on packing firearms for airport travel](#)**  
Transportation Security Administration officials don't care if you travel with your firearm – as long as you pack it and check it properly. “Never bring a gun to a checkpoint. It's pretty much that simple,” said Lisa Farbstein, spokeswoman for the TSA. Security officials at Pittsburgh International Airport have discovered 28... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-25-2018 **[House Rules](#)**  
*9/25/18, 12:05 p.m., 245 Main Capitol*  
By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider bills. HB 126 (PN 3814) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) providing for reimbursement of patient expenses associated with participation in cancer clinical trials and for duties of the Department of Health to define and establish a clear difference between what is considered inducement for a patient to participate in a clinical trial and direct reimbursement of patient-incurred expenses for participating in a cancer clinical trial, and establish all sponsors of cancer clinical trials shall inform potential patient-subjects at the time of the informed consent process; imposing a penalty; providing for the use of epinephrine auto-injectors by certain entities and organizations by establishing a health care practitioner with prescriptive authority may prescribe epinephrine autoinjectors in the name of an authorized entity for use; and conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Health. Portions are effective in six months or immediately, and the remainder is effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 92, 2004) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.
- 09-24-2018 **[Senate Session Notes for Monday, September 24, 2018](#)**  
(Press Release)
- 09-24-2018 **[House unanimously approves Matzie resolution declaring 'Rail Safety Week'](#)**  
(Press Release)
- 09-24-2018 **[SR 6 Fire & EMS Commission Votes on Recommendations](#)**  
(Press Release)
- 09-24-2018 **[Rep. Rosemary Brown Rallies For A Hands-Free PA](#)**  
(Around the Capital)
- 09-24-2018 **[Centre Twp. seeks bids for Dix Hill bridge project](#)**  
Centre Twp. supervisors have agreed to put the replacement of Dix Hill Road bridge out for bids. At supervisors' Sept. 11 meeting, Chairman Colin Reynolds noted the bridge has been down for more than a decade. Recent turnover on the board led to the project's being pulled to the front burner.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)
- 09-24-2018 **[Meck's Corner to get safety upgrade, but it's years away](#)**  
In August, if you noticed surveying teams at Meck's Corner -- the intersection of Routes 34 and 274 -- you would be correct in assuming the state is going to do an improvement there. "Yes, those are our surveyors you've seen at Meck's Corner," Greg Penny, a spokesman for PennDOT Engineering District 8, said in an email.... - [Penn Live](#), [Patriot-News](#)



- 09-24-2018 **PennDOT debuts flashing yellow arrow signal**  
HOLLIDAYSBURG — The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has announced it will activate a new type of left turn signal that has been proven to improve left-turn safety at intersections. Flashing yellow arrow signals are new to Pennsylvania, but they have... - [Altoona Mirror](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Airport Authority to discuss police K-9 program**  
Program isn't necessary for airport security, airport director said. Others say it's a regional asset. A dog trained to sniff out explosives may get a pink slip at Erie International Airport on Friday. Smoke, a K-9 member of the airport's police force, isn't required... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Development has put Racetrack Road on the fast track**  
Larry Maggi has the world's longest résumé. It is a voluminous chronicle of career and public service pursuits that includes a 24-year hitch with the Pennsylvania State Police. From 1973 to 1997, Trooper Maggi probably had nights when Racetrack Road duty bored him stiff. The Meadows, then strictly a harness-racing facility,... - [Washington Observer-Reporter](#)
- 09-24-2018 **PennDOT announces road work, closures in Delco**  
Delaware County motorists can expect to encounter a few areas of concern this week. Double lane closures are scheduled on northbound and southbound Interstate 95 between the Chestnut Street and Edgmont Avenue overpasses in Chester, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following morning to rehabilitate eight bridges... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Johnstown officer resigns amid investigation**  
Days after being placed on paid suspension, Officer Daniel Fisher Jr., 44, of Johnstown, has resigned from the Johnstown Police Department, according to Johnstown police Capt. Chad Miller. Fisher was arrested earlier this week on counts of hindering apprehension... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Does western Pa. need more rail service? Wolf commissions study to find out**  
Gov. Tom Wolf announced Friday that, in acknowledging a continued interest in adding passenger rail service to western Pennsylvania, he's directing PennDOT to take another look at adding service between Altoona and Pittsburgh. "I know the appetite for such service remains strong in western... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Jackson Township bridge renamed for state trooper killed in 1985**  
MUNDYS CORNER – Family, friends and former coworkers of Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Gary Fisher gathered at St. John Vianney Church's Quinn Hall Friday for a dedication ceremony for a nearby bridge that has been named in his memory. State Rep. Frank Burns initiated HB1856 to rename the bridge,... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Council disagrees over paving shared intersection**  
SHARON – Sharon Councilman Bob Lucas addressed his fellow directors Wednesday about paving the Stambaugh Avenue and Division Street intersection that borders Farrell. "That road is probably the worst road in Sharon," Lucas said. "It's worse than Forker. Something needs to be done."... - [Sharon Herald](#)



- 09-24-2018 **Residents speak on sewer project**  
HERMITAGE — Residents of a rural Hermitage neighborhood were appreciative that the city commissioners held a public meeting to discuss a sewer project. But many of them remain concerned about how they're going to come up with \$10,000 to tap into city sewers.... - [Sharon Herald](#)
- 09-24-2018 **After Florence, thousands of dead fish wash ashore — onto a highway**  
Firefighters washed dead fish off a highway in Willard, N.C., on Sept. 22 after Hurricane Florence. Even as the water from Hurricane Florence and the flooding that followed finally began to recede, it left behind a poignant — and pungent — reminder of the powerful storm that overwhelmed the Carolinas and turned... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Liberalism 3.0?**  
The Economist magazine is marking its 175th birthday with a special issue that looks back on its history and speculates about the future. It is a sobering exercise, highlighting the present breakdown in the world's political order, a collapse made worse by President Trump but not caused by... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-24-2018 **President Trump's claims about NAFTA and the U.S. auto industry**  
Editor's Note: Today, fact-checking organizations in the United States, Mexico and Canada are simultaneously publishing fact checks on the North American Free Trade Agreement. President Bill Clinton launched his push for approval of NAFTA 25 years ago this month, and, of course, President Trump... - [Washington Post](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Columbus council to vote on banning electric scooter riders from sidewalks**  
Columbus has had a seldom-enforced prohibition against adults riding bikes on sidewalks for years. The proposed change would add electric scooters to that section of city code. The Columbus City Council will vote Monday on whether to ban electric scooters from riding on sidewalks.... - [Columbus Dispatch](#)
- 09-24-2018 **Ohiopyle pedestrian tunnel, other projects to move forward**  
PennDOT plans to forge ahead with plans to build a pedestrian tunnel in Ohiopyle, despite opposition during a February public meeting . Construction for the "super unique" project, which includes several other improvements in the Fayette County town, is expected to begin this... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-24-2018 **'Minor injuries' reported in school bus crash in Mars**  
The Mars Area School District said one of its buses was involved in an accident Monday afternoon on Route 228. The district, in a note to parents, said bus No. 4 was in a single-vehicle crash and that "emergency responders were dispatched to the scene." The crash happened around 3 p.m. not far from Warrendale Road.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-24-2018 **With construction zone accidents rising, Pa. on brink of allowing camera-based speeding tickets**  
Pennsylvania lawmakers are close to allowing cameras in highway work zones to record license plates of speeding vehicles and generate automated speeding tickets that would come in the mail. Supporters say the system is needed in response to a steady rise in construction zone accidents, with the uptick in injuries involving both... - [Penn Live, Patriot-News](#)



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### **Oil supply concerns could wipe out expected decline in gas prices**

Gas prices have fallen in Pittsburgh in the last week, but the break motorists were expecting may not be coming. "With a muted response from OPEC to President Trump's exhortation via Twitter that OPEC do something to reign in high oil prices, we may see energy markets rally as concerns grow that Iran's sanctions effective... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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### **Session Live Blog — September 24, 2018**

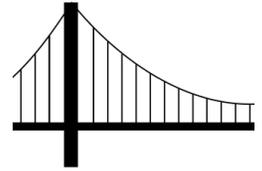
Good morning everyone, and welcome to something new we are trying here at The PLS Reporter. With so much we want to keep an eye on, and over a host of smaller stories, we're going to instead keep one running thread of everything you need to know from this day in one story. Other stories will... - [Pennsylvania Legislative Services](#)

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### **House Appropriations**

*9/24/18, 2:00 p.m., Room 140 Main Capitol*

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider one bill. HB 2473 (PN 3813) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in taxicabs and limousines in first class cities (Philadelphia), establishing a Taxicab Medallion Account and Limousine Account within the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund, which shall be kept separate and not commingled; and further providing for budget and assessments and for funds. For fiscal year 2018 and thereafter, annual assessments issued by the authority to limousine owners shall not exceed one percent of the annual gross revenue of a limousine owner generated within a city of the first class or an airport located, in whole or in part, within a city of the first class for the provisioning of limousine service. Assessments may only be made upon the rates collected for the provisioning of limousine service within a city of the first class or an airport located, in whole or in part, within a city of the first class and may not include tips or tolls. Assessments may be payable to the authority in a lump sum or on a quarterly basis. Money deposited in the Taxicab Medallion Account is appropriated for the purposes specified under this chapter only as it relates to the regulation of taxicab medallions and shall not be used for the regulation of limousines or transportation network companies; money deposited in the Limousine Account is appropriated for the purposes specified under this chapter only as it relates to the regulation of limousines and shall not be used for the regulation of taxicab medallions or transportation network companies. Expenses incurred by the authority for the regulation of taxicab medallions and limousines that are not exclusively related to either taxicab medallions or limousines shall be allocated to the Taxicab Medallion Account and the Limousine Account based upon the proportion to which the gross operating revenue of taxicab medallions and the applicable gross operating revenue of limousines bear to the total gross operating revenues for the fiscal year; if the relative share cannot be determined, the expenses shall be shared equally between the accounts. The authority shall have at least one annual examination of its books, accounts and records related to each of the funds by an independent third party certified public accountant and the Department of 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 imposed by the authority for fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3650, 3777) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.



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### **House Transportation**

*9/24/18, 12:00 p.m., Room 205 Ryan Office Building*

By Matt Hess, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider legislation. SB 888 (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) - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.

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### **Senate Appropriations**

*9/24/18, 3:10 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Rooms*

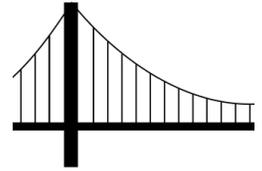
By Jessica Richardson, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider legislation. SB 31 (PN 12) Amends Tobacco Settlement Act adding language establishing the Spinal Cord Injury Research Program in the Department of Health. Requires appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Fund to the department to be used to fund research projects regarding spinal cord injuries and related infrastructure by eligible applicants. Establishes a Spinal Cord Research Advisory Committee in the department and provides for its membership and the members' terms. Requires that no less than \$1 million be used to fund spinal cord injury research programs. Also requires grants to be awarded to conduct research into new and innovative treatments and rehabilitative efforts for the functional improvement of people with spinal cord injuries. Effective in 60 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.

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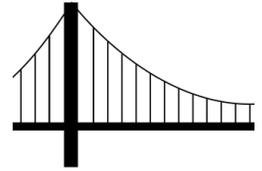
### **Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev**

*9/24/18, 3:45 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room*

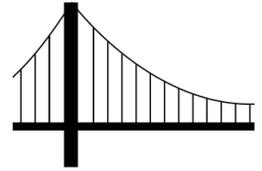
By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider bills. HB 1284 (PN 3816) The Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop Act requires the Department of Community and Economic Development to establish the Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop as a single online access point to aid business owners and potential business owners in identifying and securing the necessary permits, licenses, certifications, applications, forms and registrations associated with satisfying the legal requirements to establish and operate a business in the Commonwealth. Requires a Commonwealth agency, at the request of the department, to provide technical assistance and guidance for the implementation of additional features or resources of the One-Stop Shop. Also requires a Commonwealth agency to cooperate in good faith with the department for the development of additional features or resources. Requires the department to submit an annual report no later than January 1 of each year to the chairmen and minority chairmen of the House Commerce Committee and the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1561, 3121) The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.



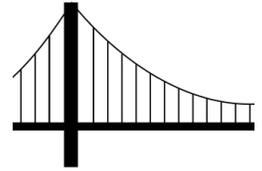
- 09-24-2018 **Senate Transportation**  
*9/24/18, 4:05 p.m., Rules Committee Conference Room*  
By Kimberly Howells, Pennsylvania Legislative Services The committee met to consider bills. SB 1254 (PN 1982) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in registration of vehicles, creating a special plate for recipients of Presidential Service Badge. Effective in 120 days. - The bill was unanimously **reported as committed**.
- 09-23-2018 **Johnstown police officer resigns amid investigation**  
Days after being placed on paid suspension, Officer Daniel Fisher Jr., 44, of Johnstown, has resigned from the Johnstown Police Department, according to Johnstown police Capt. Chad Miller. Mr. Fisher was arrested earlier this week on counts of hindering apprehension and obstruction, stemming from what state investigators... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-23-2018 **Congress takes aim at shrinking seats, legroom on airplanes**  
The Federal Aviation Administration would be required to set new minimum requirements for seats on airplanes under legislation to be considered in the House this week, possibly giving passengers a break from ever-shrinking legroom and cramped quarters... - [AP](#)
- 09-23-2018 **Pennsylvania's retro policy on driver's license suspensions**  
Anna Hollis, executive director of Amachi Pittsburgh, a nonprofit that works on behalf of the 8,500 children of incarcerated parents in Allegheny County, is closely watching the Pennsylvania Senate calendar and hoping for the best. She knows that many parents will lose their driver's licenses... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-23-2018 **Pittsburgh plans to pave more streets, demolish more buildings in 2019**  
Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto on Friday released preliminary general fund and capital budgets for 2019 that maintain the current real estate tax rate and include increased spending on such things as street paving, landslide remediation and demolition of blighted buildings.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-23-2018 **Use money to replace street signs**  
Apparently, members of Scranton City Council don't trust their own eyes or those of residents. Council, the Courtright administration and Scranton residents all know that many of the city's street signs need replacement. But, rather than simply launching a program to replace them, the government has decided to... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-23-2018 **Letters to the Editor 9/22/2018**  
Editor: The renovation of Schautz Memorial Stadium in Dunmore keeps the rich baseball heritage of Scranton rolling, refreshing the memories of past players and adding to the pleasure and growth of future ones. When we brought the Scranton Red Sox and the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 09-23-2018 **EMTA board member won't resign**  
Fred Rush calls Mayor Joe Schember's request that he step down "overreach of executive authority." One of the city's four appointments to the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's board of directors is now refusing to resign from the panel, even though he initially agreed to do so at Mayor Joe Schember's... - [Erie Times-News](#)



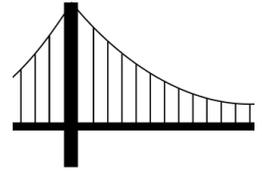
- 09-23-2018 **Turnaround at Braden Airpark a welcome sign for aviation, economy | Editorial**  
Braden Airpark is back from the brink. That's good news. After years of financial uncertainty and annual \$250,000 operating losses, the small airport in Forks Township has been reborn with an infusion of capital improvement cash and tenants to provide pilot training and aircraft... - *Easton Express-Times*
- 09-23-2018 **Transportation, economic growth on menu at airport chamber's legislative breakfast**  
Transportation, workforce development and economic growth were the hot topics for elected officials at the Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce's annual legislative breakfast Friday. "What I hear about from companies every day is, will they have enough... - *Beaver County Times*
- 09-23-2018 **PennDOT to study Pittsburgh-Altoona rail service**  
PennDOT will do a feasibility study of adding rail service between Pittsburgh and Altoona, Gov. Tom Wolf said Friday. "I know the appetite for such service remains strong in western Pennsylvania, and I have asked PennDOT to check once again about whether such a step is possible," Wolf said in a statement. "I want to... - *Beaver County Times*
- 09-23-2018 **Bethlehem residents give thumbs down to plans to raise parking meter rates**  
A Bethlehem Parking Authority recommendation to increase curbside parking meter rates by 50 percent got terrible reviews from city residents who appeared at a meeting Thursday night to discuss proposed changes. Hotel Bethlehem managing partner Bruce Haines, for example, said the city... - *Allentown Morning Call*
- 09-23-2018 **Give unauthorized immigrants a driver's license | Editorial**  
It is uncertain how many thousands of unauthorized immigrants are driving in New Jersey without a license today, but it's clear to everyone that this practice must end. And it must be stopped by making state residents - regardless of their immigration status - eligible for drivers licenses, because doing anything... - *Trenton Times*
- 09-21-2018 **PA Turnpike, Funding Partners Celebrate Opening of Interstate 95 Link**  
(Press Release)
- 09-21-2018 **Gov. Wolf Announces New Review of Feasibility of Added Passenger Rail Service...**  
(Press Release)
- 09-21-2018 **Philadelphia Gas Works Seeks Approval for P3 Project to Unlock LNG Revenue...**  
(Press Release)
- 09-21-2018 **Brown to Rally Support for Hands-Free Cellular Driving Legislation**  
(Press Release)
- 09-21-2018 **Ethics and optics: The airport authority should approve sensible rules**  
The Allegheny County Airport Authority is scheduled to consider two commonsense ethics measures today. Approving them should be a foregone conclusion. It's just a shame it took public criticism to force the board's hand. The Post-Gazette reported last month that two board members, Jan Rea and... - *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*



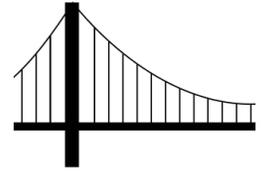
- 09-21-2018 **Port Authority begins "rebranding" process to change its image**  
Consultants for the Port Authority have begun a year-long process to create a new "brand" for the agency. But Port Authority CEO Katharine Eagan Kelleman, A.J. Drexler of Campos and Gloria Blint of Red House Communications stressed that branding involves more than picking a new color scheme for buses and stations. It means... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-21-2018 **State review finds nearly 400 ineligible voters in Berks County**  
With Nov. 6 quickly approaching, Berks County election officials have been poring over voter rolls to ensure they are accurate. Officials recently received a list from the Pennsylvania Department of State informing them that there may be as many as 371 Berks residents,... - [Reading Eagle](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Bethlehem residents pan plans to raise parking meter rates**  
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- 09-21-2018 **Luzerne County manager announces first batch of infrastructure grants**  
Luzerne County Manager C. David Pedri came to Thursday's Greater Hazleton Chamber of Commerce red carpet breakfast bearing a gift — the announcement of \$5.8 million for infrastructure projects in six municipalities at the southern end of the county. It's the first batch of \$15 million in municipal infrastructure awards... - [Wilkes-Barre Times Leader](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Westmont Hilltop wants cell tower to be built behind school**  
The Westmont Hilltop School District's board of directors took another step toward obtaining better cellphone coverage in the West Hills region on Thursday as board members voted to approve the location of a new cellphone tower. A motion was approved to have the tower built behind Westmont Hilltop... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 09-21-2018 **We will learn if Valley needs public transit**  
Nearly every need-based review of the Susquehanna Valley eventually points to a lack of public transportation as a considerable hindrance to growth and workforce development. The Central Pennsylvania Transportation Coalition hopes a partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation can lead to a long-term,... - [Sunbury Daily Item](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Police to conduct sobriety checkpoints in Chester County this weekend**  
WEST GOSHEN — Sobriety checkpoints will be conducted in Chester County during Friday, Sept. 21 through Sunday, Sept. 23. The Chester County Impaired Driving Program will conduct the checkpoints on highways that have reoccurring incidents of alcohol-related crashes and arrests. These... - [Pottstown Mercury](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Montgomery County to receive transportation planning funds**  
NORRISTOWN — The Montgomery County Commissioners authorized entering into a contract with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for transportation planning purposes at their regularly scheduled Thursday meeting. Per the contract, the DVRPC will provide \$300,000 in "pass-through funding"... - [Norristown Times Herald](#)



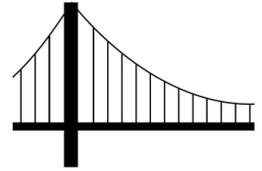
- 09-21-2018 **Old Dominion Freight expands, adds Berks service center**  
CUMRU TOWNSHIP — Responding to ongoing customer demand, Old Dominion Freight Line continues to expand its network of more than 230 locations. On Thursday, the company hosted an open house to publicly unveil its newest service center in Cumru Township. The Berks County location is one of six... - [Lansdale Reporter](#)
- 09-21-2018 **For New Jersey Transit Commuters, a Bad Situation Is About to Get Worse**  
During that three-month shift, trains will be more crowded, Mr. Corbett said. He said the Morris & Essex train he regularly rides home from his office in Newark is one of the trains that will be removed from the schedule next month. He and other New Jersey Transit officials showed reporters how the... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Airlines Are Raising the Cost of Checked Bags**  
Get ready to pay even more the next time you fly with checked baggage. Just before Labor Day, JetBlue and United Airlines raised the bag fee for most travelers to \$30 from \$25. Delta Air Lines followed suit on Wednesday, and American Airlines said on Thursday that it, too, was raising its bag... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-21-2018 **First responders given comprehensive guide to the Pennsylvania Turnpike**  
With a new, detailed map of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Somerset County emergency responders will be better prepared for emergencies on the major thoroughfare. - [Somerset Daily](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Construction Under Way on Two Downtown High Rises, Preliminary Work Begins for a Third**  
Changes to the State College landscape continue apace, with work on three new downtown mixed-use developments at various stages. At the former Garner Street parking lot, site work has been under way since the end of August for a 12-story commercial and residential high-rise. At... - [State College News](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Parking meter hike? Bethlehem residents offer alternative suggestions**  
The Bethlehem Parking Authority is asking Mayor Bob Donchez to raise on-street parking meter rates, to boost revenue and drive more motorists to off-street parking garages and lots. At a public hearing Thursday night on the proposed 50 percent hike, residents offered alternatives ranging from no meters at all paired with... - [Easton Express-Times](#)
- 09-21-2018 **The Auto Industry's VHS-or-Betamax Moment**  
The auto industry has a choice to make: Which language will cars speak when they talk to one another? Until a couple of years ago, automakers agreed on one vehicle-to-vehicle communications platform, called dedicated short-range communications, or DSRC, based on the technology used for Wi-Fi. But some car companies have... - [New York Times](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Are Airlines Sure We Can Flee Planes Fast? No Way**  
On every airline flight, a crew member talks to passengers in the exit rows to see whether they can, as Federal Aviation Administration regulations specify, "pass expeditiously through the emergency exit" if needed. Given how passengers have grown in inverse proportion to the spaciousness... - [New York Times](#)



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Is it too late for Tesla? What may have started as an ill-advised bit of summer whimsy — Elon Musk's tweet on Aug. 7 suggesting that, as Tesla's chief executive officer and its largest shareholder, he was going to take the company private and had the "funding secured" to do so — has turned... - [New York Times](#)
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Teenagers do the darndest things. Some of those things can kill them. Remember the so-called "Tide Pod Challenge?" It enticed young people to post videos of themselves popping the small pouches of detergent in their mouth before chewing and swallowing them. Not surprisingly, the thrill-seekers experienced vomiting, abdominal pain,... - [Trenton Times](#)
- 09-21-2018 **County bridges vary in condition**  
The bridges of Franklin County were the focus of a discussion earlier this week during a board of commissioners meeting, when Steve Malesker, a senior project manager and certified bridge safety inspector for C. S. Davidson, Inc., presented a status update for the board.... - [Waynesboro Record Herald](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Fireworks display, drone flying near local airport create safety hazard**  
Clearfield Borough-Lawrence Township Joint Airport Authority member David Schultz told members about a recent incident that could have proven dangerous to aircraft taking off and landing at the airport. He noted at Wednesday's meeting that in mid-August he saw someone... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Airport authority authorizes vegetation removal project**  
Members of Clearfield-Lawrence Township Airport Authority authorized a change order to a project to manage vegetation on the perimeter of the Clearfield-Lawrence Township Airport. Brian Wolfel of GAI Consultants Inc., DuBois, on Wednesday provided a progress report on the project.... - [Clearfield Progress](#)
- 09-21-2018 **DuBois Regional Airport improves social media presence**  
FALLS CREEK — Two contests were held in August to attract email contacts via the DuBois Regional Airport's website and Facebook page, according to Marketing Committee Chairman Joe Varacallo. The first contest awarded two vouchers and produced more than 740 new likes... - [DuBois Courier-Express](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Supervisors step up fight against bridge over Route 22**  
BLACK LICK — While a plan to build a bridge for hikers and bikers to cross busy Route 22 between Corporate Campus industrial park and the Resort Plaza shopping center gained support from Blairsville Borough council on Tuesday, the Burrell Township board of supervisors renewed its opposition... - [Indiana Gazette](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Alaska Airlines' new bare-bones airfare will likely put you in a middle seat in the back**  
To compete with ultra-low-cost carriers such as Spirit and Frontier, the country's largest airlines have over the last few years begun selling dirt-cheap fares that come with a long list of restrictions. Now, Alaska Airlines, the nation's fifth-biggest carrier, plans to join... - [Los Angeles Times](#)



- 09-21-2018 **Road Warrior: From fair to foul, readers react to Lehigh County \$5 vehicle registration proposal**  
A month ago, I asked readers to tell me what they thought of a \$5 vehicle registration fee being proposed in Lehigh County by Executive Phil Armstrong. You guys didn't disappoint, sending in more emails and comments than I've gotten on just about any topic. For the unfamiliar, Armstrong proposed vehicle owners in Lehigh County pay... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 09-21-2018 **EMTA board member won't resign**  
Fred Rush calls Mayor Joe Schember's request that he step down "overreach of executive authority." One of the city's four appointments to the Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority's board of directors is now refusing to resign from the panel, even though he initially agreed to do so at Mayor Joe Schember's... - [Erie Times-News](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Philadelphia names street for controversial former mayor**  
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia's first black mayor says he was responsible for dropping a bomb on a home full of people 33 years ago... - [AP](#)
- 09-21-2018 **11 weeks of paving along Siebert Road in Ross Twp. starts Monday**  
The 1-mile stretch along Siebert Road in Ross Township between McKnight and Thompson Run roads will be reduced to single-lane alternating traffic overnights for the next 11 weeks starting on Monday. The restrictions will be in effect Monday through Friday from 7 p.m. to 6... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Wildwood Sample Road to close nightly through early December**  
Motorists who travel Wildwood Sample Road in Hampton will encounter nightly detours for the next three months. The road is expected to close overnights through December, beginning Monday, Sept. 24. PennDOT announced the improvement work, saying it will include milling and... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Airline investments off-limits to Allegheny County Airport Authority board**  
Allegheny County Airport Authority board members can no longer invest in airlines, and those that have must divest. The board voted Friday to pass a new ethics policy specifically barring members from investing in airlines. Members Jan Rea and Robert Lewis abstained from the vote. Both invested in... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 09-21-2018 **State to study added passenger train service between Pittsburgh and Altoona**  
State to study added passenger train service between Pittsburgh and Altoona Gov. Tom Wolf announced Friday that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation will study what it would take to add rail passenger service between Pittsburgh and Altoona. Mr. Wolf said the department will look at previous studies and gather... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-21-2018 **New policy gives two airport authority members a deadline to divest OneJet investments or resign**  
Two Allegheny County Airport Authority board members will have to divest of their investments in OneJet by next month's meeting or resign. Robert Lewis and Jan Rea are facing that decision after the board adopted a new policy Friday barring investments in airlines by members and employees.... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 09-21-2018 **Why you saw a large military plane fly over Philly Friday morning**  
Did a large plane flying around Center City give you a scare Friday morning? You're not alone. But there's no cause for concern — the Air - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)



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**Accidental legislation gets intentional veto from Allentown mayor**

Allentown Mayor Ray O'Connell has vetoed a bill accidentally passed by Allentown City Council Wednesday – rectifying a mistake that inadvertently threatened to cut the city's fleet of take-home vehicles in half. The bill, first introduced last year, was originally designed to clean up a... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)

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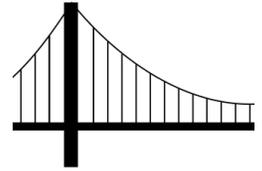
**Crosswalk work around Ligonier Diamond Park means weekend detour**

State Route 711 around the Ligonier Diamond will be closed to all traffic this weekend as workers put the finishing touches on the park's renovation, including new cement crosswalks. A detour will take traffic one block away from the Diamond from Friday evening through late Sunday night, said Paul Fry, borough director of... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

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**After 62 years, final piece of Interstate 95 to open in Bucks County**

Sometime this weekend in Bucks County, new road signs will be unveiled, barricades will be removed, and for the first time cars will drive on an I-95 that runs contiguously from Maine to Florida. The typical interstate traveler may not be aware that I-95, begun 62 years... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)



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