

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – DAVID G. ARGALL, CHAIRMAN

Monday, February 4, 2019

[Senate Bill 9](#) (Yaw) would designate the Eastern hellbender (*Cryptobranchus alleganiensis alleganiensis*) as the official amphibian of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **Passed: 48-1.**

[Senate Bill 113](#) (DiSanto) would amend the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act to make pension forfeiture apply to any state offense graded as a felony or punishable by over five years of imprisonment and certain federal crimes as outlined in the legislation. Forfeiture would be applied retroactively to the date when a public employee or public official was convicted or pled guilty or no contest with respect to a crime related to public office or employment. Forfeiture would not be stayed or affected by the pendency of an appeal. An additional provision would require the sentencing court to transmit a notice to the appropriate benefits administrator within three days after entry of the plea, verdict or order by a public official or employee. Until restitution is determined by a court, the appropriate benefits administrator could not make payment of any refund of contributions to the public official or public employee until the court notifies the appropriate benefits administrator that no restitution is due. The court would be required to notify the appropriate benefits administrator if restitution is or is not ordered and the amount, if applicable. **Passed: 49-0.**

[Senate Resolution 17](#) (Baker) recognizes the week of March 10 through 16, 2019 as “Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 18](#) (Baker) designates the week of February 10 through 16, 2019 as “Cardiac Rehabilitation Week” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 19](#) (Martin) recognizes February 15, 2019 as “International Childhood Cancer Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 21](#) (Vogel) recognizes the week of February 16 through 23, 2019 as “National FFA Week” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 22](#) (Dinniman) recognizes the 100th anniversary of the Violet Oakley murals. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 23](#) (Baker) observes March 1, 2019 as “St. David’s Day” in Pennsylvania and honors the many Pennsylvanians of Welsh heritage. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 24](#) (Hughes) recognizes February 7, 2019 as “National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 25](#) (White) designates the month of February 2019 as “Mutual Insurance Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 26](#) (Browne) recognizes the week of February 25 through March 3, 2019 as “Eating Disorders Awareness Week.” [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 27](#) (Browne) designates February 11, 2019 as “PA 2-1-1 Day” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 28](#) (Collett) designates February 23, 2019 as “Keith Valley Challenge Day” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

Tuesday, February 5, 2019

[Senate Bill 26](#) (Schwank) would authorize the release of Project 70 restrictions on 1,930 square feet of land in Topton Borough, Berks County in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on 6,863 square feet of land to be acquired by the borough. [Passed: 49-0.](#)

[Senate Bill 130](#) (Gordner) would authorize the Department of General Services (DGS) to release a use restriction and reversionary interest on property located partly in Mahoning Township and partly in Danville Borough, Montour County. The use restriction and associated reversionary interest is as follows: “The land and buildings shall only be used for agricultural purposes and for use of sewer sludge application related to agricultural uses, and if at any time the property is used for other purposes, the title thereto shall immediately revert to and revest in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.” Release of the use restriction and reversionary interest would occur on such terms, conditions and for such consideration as is acceptable to the Secretary of General Services. Any costs and fees incidental to the release would be borne by the Borough. Any proceeds received for the release would be deposited in the General Fund. [Passed: 49-0.](#)

[Senate Resolution 20](#) (Baker) directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the impact of venue for medical professional liability actions on access to medical care and maintenance of health care systems in the Commonwealth and requests that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court delay action on the proposed amendment to Pa.R.C.P. No.1006. [Adopted: 31-18.](#)

[Senate Resolution 29](#) (Blake) designates the month of February 2019 as “Turner Syndrome Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 30](#) (Schwank) recognizes the week of March 8 through 14, 2019 as “National Catholic Sisters Week” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)