

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – DAVID G. ARGALL, CHAIRMAN

Monday, March 25, 2019

[Senate Bill 49](#) (Killion) would amend Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide a person with civil immunity from liability for damage to a vehicle or property caused when the person rescues or attempts to rescue a minor from a motor vehicle as outlined in the legislation. Immunity would not be granted if the person's actions exceed the prescribed conditions or if the person exercises gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct in the rescue or attempted rescue. **Passed: 45-0.**

[Senate Resolution 50](#) (Schwank) designates March 27, 2019 as "Female Veterans Recognition Day" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 51](#) (Schwank) designates the month of March 2019 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 52](#) (Schwank) designates the month of March 2019 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 53](#) (Sabatina) recognizes the month of April 2019 as "Autism Acceptance Month" and April 2, 2019 as "World Autism Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 54](#) (Hughes) designates the week of March 25 through 29, 2019 as "Higher Education Affordability Week" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 55](#) (Collett) designates March 25, 2019 as "Greek Independence Day" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 56](#) (Folmer) recognizes the month of March 2019 as "Save Your Vision Month" in Pennsylvania and urges all residents to observe the month by paying special attention to personal eye and vision care needs and the eye and vision care needs of others. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 57](#) (Browne) designates the month of March 2019 as "International DeMolay Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 58](#) (Boscola) recognizes March 8, 2019 as "International Women's Day" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

[Senate Bill 86](#) (Brooks) would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to add urgent care centers to the list of safe havens where a parent can surrender a newborn. **Passed: 45-0.**

[Senate Bill 127](#) (Regan) would amend Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to reauthorize Chapter 53 which provides funding for 9-1-1 emergency communication services. The measure would add the State Fire Commissioner and the chairperson of the State Geospatial Coordination Board as voting members of the 9-1-1 board and a representative from the Ambulance Association of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Governments as nonvoting members of the board. The legislation would require that counties make geographic information system information available and cooperate in the development of public safety answering point (PSAP) boundaries and call routing. The bill would permit money set aside for interconnectivity to be utilized to purchase equipment that allows individuals to identify their phone numbers as associated with someone with a physical disability so this information is available to PSAP personnel when a call is received. The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee would be directed to review the reports required by Chapter 53 and provide a recommendation on the reauthorization of the chapter by December 31, 2020. The expiration date of Chapter 53 would be extended until June 30, 2021. **Passed: 45-0.**

[Senate Resolution 59](#) (Boscola) recognizes the month of March 2019 as “Eye Donor Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 60](#) (Muth) encourages gender equality within the United States Soccer Federation. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 61](#) (Regan) recognizes the month of March 2019 as “American Red Cross Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 62](#) (Costa) recognizes the month of March 2019 as “Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[House Bill 18](#) (Mackenzie) would:

- Release 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 Topton Borough;
- Release Project 70 restrictions on four parcels of land owned by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources totaling 4.3 acres located in Upper Uwchlan Township, Chester County in exchange for the imposition of Project 70 restrictions on a five-acre parcel of land in Wallace Township, Chester County;

- Convey two parcels of land totaling 20 acres owned by Lehigh County, known as Jordan Creek Parkway, along with the Project 70 restrictions, to Whitehall Township, Lehigh County;
- Convey 10 acres of land and improvements located in Stroud Township, Monroe County to the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority for \$45,000 under the terms established in a Lease with the Option to Purchase Agreement. No portion of the conveyance could be used as a gaming facility or it would revert to the Commonwealth. The proceeds would be deposited in the State Treasury Armory Fund; and
- Convey numerous public water supply easements and one sanitary sewer easement located on the East Stroudsburg University campus to East Stroudsburg Borough for \$1.
Passed: 45-0.

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Senate Bill 115 (Killion) would amend the Public School Code to require the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Department of Health and a certified cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training organization, to develop a model curriculum and curriculum guidelines for instruction on CPR for public school students in grades nine through twelve. The model curriculum and guidelines would have to be posted on the Department’s publicly accessible Internet website; be age appropriate; be revised regularly to remain current with national standards; provide guidance for integration into health courses or other appropriate curriculum requirements; be made available to all school entities; include recommended guidelines and educational materials from organizations with expertise in CPR and emergency care; and include information on the purpose of an automated external defibrillator.

A school entity that offers instruction could utilize the model curriculum or develop its own. A teacher, instructor or community volunteer could provide, facilitate or oversee the instruction offered by a school entity and need not be a certified CPR trainer. An individual who in good faith provides instruction in CPR to a student under the section would not be liable for any civil damages as a result of any act or omission relating to instruction, except for an act or omission intentionally designed to harm or a grossly negligent act or omission that results in harm to an individual to whom the student administers CPR. A cyber charter school could provide the instruction through the internet or other electronic means. **Passed: 45-0.**

Senate Bill 298 (Baker) would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to earmark fines collected as a result of Stolen Valor crimes for deposit into the Veterans’ Trust Fund. **Passed: 45-0.**

Senate Resolution 63 (Mensch) commemorates the centennial of the March First Movement and First Korean Congress, notes their historic roles in Korea’s nationwide resistance against imperial Japan and designates April 12 through 14, 2019 as “The First Korean Congress Days.”
Adopted by Voice Vote.

[Senate Resolution 64](#) (Santarsiero) designates the month of March 2019 as “Endometriosis Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 65](#) (Costa) designates the year 2019 as “Junior Achievement’s 80th Anniversary in Pennsylvania” and “100th Centennial Anniversary” in the United States of America. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

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