

# WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

***Bills voted on Third Consideration:***

**SB 153 (LANGERHOLC)** amends the Vehicle Code to increase the weight of electric powered trucks from 80,000 pounds to 82,000 pounds to accommodate the weight of the battery or battery pack. **PASSED: 48-1.**

**HB 523 (DAY)** amends the General Road Law to clarify maintenance responsibilities for private roads and provide the right to civil action. **PASSED: 49-0.**

**SB 636 (BAKER)** authorizes a lease agreement with Wayne County for land and improvements at the State Correctional Institution – Waymart in Canaan Township and Waymart Borough, Wayne County. **PASSED: 49-0.**

**SB 673 (DUSH)** amends the Second Class Township Code regarding the surcharge of township officials and the appointment of a township manager. **PASSED: 49-0.**

**SB 795 (DUSH)** authorizes the conveyance of land, buildings, structures and improvements in Richmond Township, Tioga County. **PASSED: 49-0.**

**SB 738 (PHILLIPS-HILL)** amends the Election Code to provide for the online posting of constitutional amendments. **PASSED: 43-6.**

**SB 764 (ARGALL)** amends the Administrative Code to require legislative process training for the Department of State. **PASSED: 36-13.**

***Bills amended:***

**SB 725 (BARTOLOTTA)** amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to allow drivers to operate a farm vehicle with a Class C driver's license. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

**A02337 (BARTOLOTTA)** adds drivers with a class A and B license to those who may operate a farm vehicle. **AGREED TO.**

**SB 236 (BROOKS)** amends the Telemarketer Registration Act (Act 147 of 1996) regarding robocalls and spoofing. **AMENDED AND RE-COMMITTED TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

**A01952 (BROOKS)** adds a definition for "legal holiday." **AGREED TO.**

## Tuesday, September 28, 2021

### *Bills voted on Third Consideration:*

[SB 396](#) (BARTOLOTTA) designates the Mrs. Madeline Finney Memorial Bridge in Washington County. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 725](#) (BARTOLOTTA) amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to allow drivers to operate a farm vehicle with a Class A, B, or C driver's license. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 729](#) (J. WARD) amends the Nurse Aide Resident Abuse Prevention Training Act to permit the delivery of resident abuse training programs for nurse aides in various platforms. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 736](#) (LANGERHOLC) amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to authorize the transportation of agricultural products to a place of residence with a truck bearing a farm vehicle plate. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 867](#) (BAKER) designates the Kunkle Firefighter Edward L. Nulton, Sr., Memorial Highway in Wyoming and Luzerne Counties. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 880](#) (SCAVELLO) designates the Samuel Newman Way in Monroe County with a related repeal. **PASSED 49-0.**

[HB 1591](#) (KNOWLES) amends the County Code, to maintain the current classification of every county regardless of population changes reflected in the 2020 census and retain existing classifications until the 2030 census, unless a county chooses to adopt a change in classification. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 859](#) (LANGERHOLC) amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to extend the temporary regulations for the school bus stop arm camera enforcement program. **PASSED: 49-0.**

## Wednesday, September 29, 2021

### *Bills voted on Third Consideration:*

[SB 869](#) (TOMLINSON) amends Title 63 (Professionals and Occupations (State Licensed)) to provide for virtual board and commission meetings, quorums, continuing education and supervision. **PASSED: 48-0.**

[HB 1182](#) (SCHLEGEL-CULVER) amends the Barbers' License Law to provide for distance education. **PASSED: 48-0.**

[HB 1183](#) (SCHLEGEL-CULVER) amends the Cosmetology Law to provide for distance education. **PASSED: 48-0.**

[HB 1861](#) (LEWIS) amends the Administrative Code to extend the suspension of certain statutes, rules, and regulations determined to be necessary to manage COVID-19 and requires each authorizing agency to issue a final report relating to the suspended statutes, rules, and regulations. **PASSED: 48-0.**

***Bills voted on Concurrence with House amendments:***

**[SB 397](#) (PITTMAN) amends the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act to update the provisions related to physician assistants. **AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN: 48-0.****

**[SB 398](#) (PITTMAN) amends the Medical Practice Act of 1985 to update provisions related to physician assistant. **AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN: 48-0.****