

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Monday, October 25, 2021

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 236 \(BROOKS\)](#) Amends the Telemarketer Registration Act regarding robocalls and spoofing. **PASSED: 49-0.**

[SB 865 \(LANGERHOLC\)](#) Designates the Sergeant Richard Ivory Cullen Memorial Bridge in Westmoreland County. **PASSED: 49-0.**

[HB1452 \(CUTLER\)](#) Amends Titles 44 and 45 to provide for the electronic publication of the Pennsylvania Bulletin and flexibility on the publication date when emergency circumstances dictate. **PASSED: 43-6.**

Bill voted on Supplemental:

[SB 731 \(MENSCH\)](#) Amends the Charitable Gift Annuity Exemption Act to allow the use of a de-risking annuity contract to satisfy the financial requirements for a qualified gift annuity and qualified charity. **AMENDED AND PASSED: 47-2.**

- [A02577 \(MENSCH\)](#) Technical amendment. **AGREED TO.**

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 827 \(J. WARD\)](#) Establishes the Weigh Station Preclearance Program Act. **PASSED: 50-0.**

Bills voted on Supplemental:

[SB 705 \(VOGEL\)](#) Establishes the Telemedicine Act provide for the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards, for insurance coverage of telemedicine, and for payment of health care providers for telemedicine services. **PASSED: 46-4.**

[HB 425 \(DOWLING\)](#) Amends the Liquor Code to allow a holder of a liquor license to sell their stock of liquor and wine to another liquor license holder when they close their business; adds provisions that apply to the temporary extension of the licensed premises and the issuance of off-premises catering permits due to the

COVID-19 Disaster Emergency; and provides for an additional year of safekeeping for certain licensees.

AMENDED AND PASSED: 50-0.

- **A02745 (K. WARD)** Changes the expiration date for emergency provisions related to the temporarily extended licenses premises and the issuance of off-premises catering permits from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024. Requires the board to provide an additional year of safekeeping for the following licenses: club or catering, restaurant, eating place retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor. **AGREED TO.**

SB 814 (YUDICHAK) Amends the Crimes Code to create the offenses of evading arrest or detention on foot and harming a police animal while evading arrest or detention. **AMENDED AND PASSED: 36-14.**

- **A02766 (YUDICHAK)** Clarifies the grading of the offense of evading arrest or detention. **ADOPTED: 37-13.**

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Resolution voted:

S.C.R.R.R. 1 A concurrent resolution disapproving the Environmental Quality Board regulations on a CO2 Budget Trading Program. **ADOPTED 32-18.**

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

SB 275 (YAW) Amends the General Local Government Code to prohibit a municipality from enacting a policy that restricts or prohibits a specific type of energy source or discriminating against a utility service provider based on energy source. **PASSED: 35-15**

SB 349 (Hutchinson) Amends the Tax Reform Code to align with Federal law by providing for an increase in Section 179 expense deductions relating to depreciable business assets. **PASSED: 31-19**

Bill voted on Supplemental:

SB 420 (Yaw) Amends the County Code to require district attorneys in counties of the first through eighth classes to have an active license to practice law. **HOUSE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN: 50-0.**

Executive Session:

Nominations of magisterial district judges: **CONFIRMED 50-0.**

- Bucks County, Erie County, Montgomery County, Schuylkill County, and Westmoreland County

Nominations of court of common pleas judges: **CONFIRMED 50-0.**

- Allegheny County and Juniata/Perry Counties