

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Monday, January 24, 2022

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[HB 1304](#) (METZGAR) Designates the Private First-Class Howard Hahn Memorial Bridge in Somerset County. PASSED 49-0.

Bill amended on Supplemental:

[HB 764](#) (B. MILLER) Amends the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) to allow employers to hire employees on a provisional basis, pending the completion of all submitted background checks.

OVER AS AMENDED.

[A03458](#) (BAKER) Excludes child-care institutions, prospective foster parents, and prospective adoptive parents from eligibility for provisional hiring. ADOPTED.

Bills voted on Supplemental:

[SB 1019](#) (BROOKS) Amends the Administrative Code in COVID-19 regulatory flexibility authority to require Commonwealth agencies to submit permanent suspension reports to the General Assembly. PASSED 49-0.

[HB 2146](#) (GROVE) Establishes the Congressional Redistricting Act of 2021 which includes the 2022 Preliminary Citizen's Congressional Map. PASSED 29-20.

Resolution voted on Supplemental:

[HR 165](#) (GROVE) Adopts a population data set without adjusting any group quarters population for use in congressional redistricting legislation. PASSED 29-20.

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Resolution voted on Supplemental:

[SR220](#) (K. WARD) Amends the Senate Rules to allow for remote participation for members who are at greater risk of substantial harm if exposed to COVID-19 or who reside in a household with immediate family members who are. ADOPTED 45-4.

Bill voted on Third Consideration:

[HB 979](#) (DOWLING) Amends Title 18 to provide that a person adversely impacted by a local regulation of firearms or ammunition, where the local regulation was promulgated or enforced

in violation of state law, may seek specified relief or damages attributable to the local regulation. Amends Title 53 to confirm that the laws of the Commonwealth regulating firearms or ammunition preempt and supersede any local regulation of firearms or ammunition. **PASSED 32-17.**

Bill amended on Third Consideration:

SB 806 (YAW) Amends the Oil and Gas Lease Act to require oil and natural gas production companies to provide specific information as well as timely payment of moneys owed from oil and natural gas production. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

A03466 (YAW) Provides for technical changes and further identifies “interest owners” as “royalty owners.” **ADOPTED 49-0.**

Bill amended and voted on Supplemental:

HB 1122 (GILLESPIE) Amends the Game Code to provides for a discounted hunting license for volunteer Hunter Trapper Education (HTE) instructors. **PASSED 49-0.**

A03476 (LAUGHLIN) expands the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioner seats from eight to nine. The ninth district will include - Schuylkill, Berks, Northampton, Lehigh Carbon, and Monroe counties. Also reduces the number of commissioners needed to constitute a meeting quorum from six to five. **AGREED TO.**

Bill voted on Supplemental:

HB 253 (OWLETT) Establishes a task force to examine the opioid abuse epidemic’s impact on infants and children. **PASSED 49-0.**

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

HB 764 (B. MILLER) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) to provide conditions for provisional employees. **PASSED 49-0.**

SB 806 (YAW) Amends the Oil and Gas Lease Act to require oil and natural gas production companies to provide specific information as well as timely payment of moneys owed from oil and natural gas production. **PASSED 49-0.**

SB 927 (HUTCHINSON) Enhances the Medical Officer or Health Officer Incentive Program. **PASSED 49-0.**