

# WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

**Tuesday, June 28, 2022**

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

[HB 1868](#) (MAKO) Amends Title 63 (Professions and Occupations (State Licensed)) to provide for alternative licensure pathways for servicemembers, veterans and military spouses. **PASSED 49-0.**

[HB 2420](#) (QUINN) Amends Supplementary Act, Pilotage Rates (Act 210 of 1889) to increase fees paid for Delaware River and Bay pilot services. **PASSED 49-0.**

***Bill voted on Third Consideration on Supplemental:***

[HB 1780](#) (ARMANINI) Amends the Storage Tank and Spill Prevention Act (Act 32 of 1989) to extend The Underground Storage Tank Environmental Cleanup Program and The Underground Storage Tank Pollution Prevention Program until December 31, 2027. **PASSED 49-0.**

***Bills amended on Third Consideration:***

[HB 331](#) (BROWN) Establishes the Incentive-based Savings Program Act to permit financial institutions to conduct savings promotion programs to encourage saving habits and improve financial literacy. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

[A05137](#) (DISANTO) Amends Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) providing for legitimate cannabis-related business and Incentive-based Saving Programs for Safe Cannabis Banking. **ADOPTED 47-2.**

[HB 1867](#) (BOBACK) Establishes the Purple Star Schools Program promoting the assimilation of military-connected students. **AMENDED and RE-REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

[A05182](#) (STEFANO) Technical amendment addressing definition of “public school.” **AGREED TO.**

[HB 2464](#) (DELOZIER) Amends the Crime Victims Act to grant victims legal standing to assert and enforce rights otherwise afforded to crime victims by law. **AMENDED and RE-REFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

[A05207](#) (BARTOLOTTA) Technical amendment providing for further definitions. **AGREED TO.**

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## *Bills amended on Third Consideration on Supplemental:*

[SB 1152](#) (MASTRIANO) Creates the Overdose Mapping Act to improve drug overdose mapping and response. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

[A05177](#) (STEFANO) Changes several definitions and adds others. **AGREED TO.**

[SB 1277](#) (AUMENT) Amends the Public-School Code to require school entities to develop a policy for notifying parents and guardians of sexually explicit materials available in the school and options to prevent and provide alternatives to their child viewing the sexually explicit materials. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

[A05183](#) (BOSCOLA) Amends the definition for “sexual conduct.” **ADOPTED 49-0.**

## *Bill voted on Concurrence in House Amendments on Supplemental:*

[SB 563](#) (LAUGHLIN) Amends the Fire and Panic Act to require interconnected smoke detection devices in family child-care homes. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 49-0.**

[SB 1236](#) (VOGEL) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) to update various grant programs including: the Very Small Meat Processor Federal Inspection Reimbursement Grant Program; Agriculture and Youth Development; Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant Program; Urban Agricultural and Infrastructure Grant Program; and Farm-to-School Program. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 49-0.**

## *Motion to Table:*

[HB 118](#) (RYAN) Establishes the Final Disposition of Fetal Remains Act. **FAILED 21-28.**

## *Motion to Remove from the Table:*

[SB 956](#) (J. WARD) A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania that there is no right to abortion or funding for an abortion. **PASSED 28-21.**

## Wednesday, June 29, 2022

### *Bill voted on Concurrence in House Amendments:*

[SB 477](#) (WARD): Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) to provide for submission of building permit information to a county assessment office and for municipal boundary changes. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 50-0.**

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## *Bill amended on Third Consideration:*

[HB 146](#) (BERNSTEIN): Amends Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) to restrict when the Pennsylvania Parole Board can parole an inmate after the expiration of their minimum sentence if the inmate was convicted of a violent offense or an obstruction of justice offense while incarcerated. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

[A05152](#) (BAKER): Deletes several definitions and provides clarifications within several provisions. **ADOPTED 50-0.**

## *Bills voted on Third Consideration:*

[HB 129](#) (COX): Amends the Unemployment Compensation (UC) Law to require the UC Board of Review to revise its rules to modernize the methods of how UC hearings are held.

**PASSED 27-23.**

[HB 331](#) (R. BROWN): Amends Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) to establish a new chapter on Legitimate Cannabis-Related Business and a new chapter on Incentive-based Savings Programs. **PASSED 46-4.**

[HB 972](#) (GLEIM): Creates the Fairness in Women's Sports Act which requires athletic teams or clubs sponsored and organized by a public-school entity to designate the gender of participants as either male, female, or co-ed. An athletic team or sport designated for females, women, or girls may not be open to students of the male sex. **PASSED 30-20.**

[SB 1147](#) (ROBINSON): Amends the Public Works Employment Verification Act to increase the penalties and length of debarment for violations and provide additional revenue to DGS for enforcement.

**PASSED: 44-6.**

[SB 1152](#) (MASTRIANO): Creates a freestanding act entitled the "Overdose Mapping Act" to establish a procedure for reporting drug overdose incidents and entering the incidents into a mapping system.

**PASSED: 50-0.**

[SB 1277](#) (AUMENT): Amends the Public School Code to require school entities to develop a policy for notifying parents and guardians of sexually explicit materials available to students in its schools; implement transparency measures; and provide alternatives to their child viewing the sexually explicit materials. **PASSED: 30-20.**

[SB 1278](#) (MARTIN): Amends the Public School Code to require a school entity to adopt a policy providing greater transparency for parents surrounding a student's mental, emotional or physical health or well-being as well as limit classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity. **PASSED: 29-21.**

[HB 2039](#) (PENNYCUICK): Amends the Crime Victims Act to require a victim be notified of court proceedings where a defendant's bail could be modified and gives the victim the opportunity to offer comments. **PASSED 46-4.**

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## *Bill amended on Second Consideration:*

[SB 1229](#) (BAKER): Amends the Human Services Code to add the cost of counsel to the list of costs for which the DHS is to reimburse counties in juvenile proceedings. **AMENDED AND REREFERRED TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

[A04533](#) (BAKER): Requires counties to state purpose for reimbursed funds in their needs-based budget and prioritize use of those expenditures while also requiring DHS to review counties' budgets to ensure those funds are included. **ADOPTED 50-0.**

## *Bills amended on Third Consideration and voted on Supplemental:*

[SB 225](#) (PHILLIPS-HILL): Amends the Insurance Company Law to provide standards for the prior of health care services, exceptions to step therapy protocols, and improved transparency of health plans' medical policies, and clinical review criteria. **PASSED AS AMENDED 50-0.**

[A05208](#) (PHILLIPS-HILL): Technical Amendment. **ADOPTED 50-0.**

## *Motion to Remove from the Table:*

[HB 118](#) (RYAN) Establishes the Final Disposition of Fetal Remains Act. **FAILED 29-21.**

## *Executive Nominations:*

**Pennsylvania Parole Board:** John H. Daneri (Erie); Theodore W. Johnson (Pittsburgh); and Linda Rosenberg (Perkasie) **CONFIRMED 50-0.**

**Turnpike Commission:** Sean F. Logan (Pittsburgh) **CONFIRMED 50-0.**

**Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## *Bills voted on Concurrence in House Amendments:*

[SB 849](#) (STEFANO) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to clarify that veterans with a medical discharge receive Veterans' Preference. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 50-0.**

[SB 1047](#) (GEBHARD) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to update definitions and language regarding the State Armory Board's authority over armories and other military facilities. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 50-0.**

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## *Preferred Appropriation bills voted on Third Consideration:*

[HB 2653](#) (SAYLOR) Makes appropriations to the Department of State for use by the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in support of the professional licensure boards. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2654](#) (SAYLOR) Appropriates funds from the Workmen’s Compensation Administration Fund to the Department of Labor and Industry and Office of Small Business Advocate. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2655](#) (SAYLOR) Makes an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Small Business Advocate. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2656](#) (SAYLOR) Makes an appropriation from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund to the Office of Consumer Advocate. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2657](#) (SAYLOR) Makes appropriations from the Public School Employees’ Retirement Fund and from the PSERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the Public School Employees’ Retirement Board. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2658](#) (SAYLOR) Makes appropriations from the State Employees’ Retirement Fund and from the SERS Defined Contribution Fund to provide for expenses of the State Employees’ Retirement Board. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2659](#) (SAYLOR) Makes appropriations from the Philadelphia Taxicab and Limousine Regulatory Fund and the Philadelphia Taxicab Medallion Fund to the Philadelphia Parking Authority. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2661](#) (SAYLOR) Makes appropriations from a restricted revenue account within the General Fund and from Federal augmentation funds to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2662](#) (SAYLOR) Makes appropriations from restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund, Fantasy Contest Fund, and Video Gaming fund to the Attorney General, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police, and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. **PASSED 50-0.**

## *Bills voted on Third Consideration:*

[HB 1561](#) (FARRY) Amends the Mental Health Procedures Act to allow covered entities to access certain information for the purposes of health care operations, treatment, and payment of mental health services. **PASSED 47-3.**

[HB 1563](#) (CUTLER) Amends the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act to allow covered entities to access certain information for the purposes of health care operations, treatment, and payment of mental health services. **PASSED 46-4.**

[HB 1598](#) (BOBACK) Amends the Flood Plain Management Act by transferring certain powers and duties from DCED to the PEMA in managing the National Flood Insurance Program with the Commonwealth. **PASSED 50-0.**

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[HB 1665 \(QUINN\)](#) Amends Act 164 of 1970 (relating to Indemnification Agreements) by prohibiting certain indemnity clauses in Snow Removal and Ice Control Services Contracts. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 1935 \(WHITE\)](#) Amends the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (PICA) Act to for Cities of the First Class to renew the authorization of PICA. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 1952 \(THOMAS\)](#) Amends the Administrative Code by establishing a committee within the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semiquincentennial to select infrastructure improvements and projects. **PASSED 47-3.**

[HB 2097 \(HAMM\)](#) Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) to modify the staffing requirement for basic life support ambulances. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2412 \(C. WILLIAMS\)](#) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to provide for the use of the Pennsylvania National Guard for special state duty related to cybersecurity operations, exercises or training. **PASSED 50-0.**

## ***Motion to Revert to Prior Printer's Number:***

[SB 676 \(PITTMAN\)](#) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to allow consumers to purchase more UM/UIM coverage than Bodily Injury (BI) coverage. **MOTION TO REVERT TO PRINTERS NUMBER 747 ADOPTED 28-22.**

## ***Motion to Remove from the Table:***

[HB 1500 \(KLUNK\)](#) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to prohibit the abortion of any child due to the sex of the unborn child or Down Syndrome test result, prenatal diagnosis, or indication of the unborn child has Down Syndrome. **PASSED 29-21.**

## ***Bills amended on Third Consideration and voted on Supplemental:***

[HB 2157 \(FARRY\)](#) Amends the Fireworks Law to make omnibus changes including further restricting their use on private and public property, in proximity to buildings, vehicles and animal and livestock facilities, and allowing municipalities to require a permit for consumer fireworks. **PASSED AS AMENDED 44-6.**

[A05272 \(BROWNE\)](#) Adds a section regarding the refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license; makes changes to the disposition of certain funds and sentencing penalties. **ADOPTED 49-1.**

[HB 2401 \(WHEELAND\)](#) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act to authorize certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs) and physician assistants (PAs) to order and oversee orders for home health services. **PASSED AS AMENDED 50-0.**

[A05284 \(K. WARD\)](#) Adds a chapter regarding the COVID-19 Regulatory Flexibility Authority. **ADOPTED 50-0.**