

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Bills voted 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 his or her minimum sentence if the inmate was convicted of a violent offense or an obstruction of justice offense while incarcerated. **PASSED 41-9.**

[HB 940](#) (RIGBY) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses), 35 (Health and Safety), 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure), and 53 (Municipalities Generally) to provide for certain sentence enhancements, injured police animals, good Samaritan civil immunity, and canine training standards. **PASSED 32-18.**

[SB 1287](#) (SCAVELLO) Amends the Cosmetology Law to require a minimum area of 120 square feet with a minimum width of 10 feet of salon floor space along with at least 60 square feet per additional salon licensee. **PASSED 43-7.**

[HB 1867](#) (BOBACK) Amends the Public School Code to provide for PDE to designate a school as a Purple Star School if a school applies and meets certain requirements related to support for military connected-students. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2032](#) (SCHROEDER) Amends the Sexual Assault Testing and Evidence Collection Act to create an exception to a health care reporting requirement when a sexual assault victim wishes to remain anonymous. Also requires the State Police to conduct a study to analyze the resources necessary to implement a rape kit tracking system. **PASSED 50-0.**

[A05344](#) (MUTH) Establishes a statewide rape kit tracking system; removes previous language relating to the study on implementing a rape kit tracking system; defines a sexual assault nurse examiner and a sexual assault response team; and creates an advisory committee to provide recommendations relating to the tracking system. **FAILED 21-29.**

[HB 2271](#) (TOMLINSON) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to create a sentencing enhancement in sexual extortion cases where the victim attempts or commits suicide. **PASSED 48-2.**

Bill amended on Third Consideration and voted on Supplemental:

[HB 975](#) (DELROSSO) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to provide that a caretaker commits institutional sexual assault if the caretaker engages in certain sexual behavior with a care-dependent person. **PASSED AS AMENDED 48-2.**

[A05238](#) (SANTISERIO) Updated “caretaker” and “private care residence” definitions. **AGREED TO.**

[A05227](#) (MUTH) Prohibits a healthcare provider or medical student from performing a pelvic, rectal, or prostate exam on an unconscious or anesthetized patient without the patient’s informed consent. **FAILED 21-29.**

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Bills voted on Supplemental:

[HB 430 \(EMRICK\)](#) Amends the Local Tax Collection Law to provide for a waiver of additional charges for real estate taxes within the first year of ownership if the tax notice was not received. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2464 \(DELOZIER\)](#) Amends the Crime Victims Act to better provide information and compensation to victims and to provide for responsibilities of state and local law enforcement agencies, prosecutor's office, Department of Corrections, local correctional facilities, Parole Board and juvenile probation office. **PASSED 49-1.**

Bills concurred on Supplemental:

[SB 251 \(YAW\)](#) Amends Title 3 (Agriculture) by repealing the fertilizer chapter and replacing to update the existing program and establishing provisions related to the application of fertilizer to non-agricultural lawns and turf for the purpose of protecting water quality. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 49-1.**

[SB 814 \(YUDICHAK\)](#) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to create the offenses of evading arrest or detention on foot and harming a police animal while evading arrest or detention. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 35-15.**

[SB 1094 \(GEBHARD\)](#) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to modernize the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee and add omnibus language regarding commercial motor vehicle matters. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 50-0.**

[SB 1183 \(BROWNE\)](#) Amends Titles 42 (Judicial and Judicial Procedure) and 75 (Vehicles) to prohibit the operation of dirt bikes and all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) on highways within the boundaries of an urban municipality, including the forfeiture of dirt bikes and ATVs following a conviction. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 48-2.**

Motion to Revert to Prior Printers Number:

[HB 2526 \(HENNESSEY\)](#) The Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Supplemental Act for 2021-22. **MOTION TO REVERT TO PRINTERS NUMBER 3206 ADOPTED 50-0.**

Executive Nominations:

Pennsylvania Game Commission. Todd A. Pride (Cochranville) and Robert Schwalm (Bethlehem). **CONFIRMED 50-0.**
State Board of Nursing. Tina Siegle (Tionesta). **CONFIRMED 50-0.**

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Thursday, July 7, 2022

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[HB 581](#) (SOLOMON) Creates the Affordable Housing Unit Tax Exemption Act to allow local governments the option of abating property taxes to encourage the development of affordable housing. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 773](#) (QUINN) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to establish “Deana’s Law,” increasing penalties and require consecutive sentencing for repeat Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offenders. **PASSED 46-4.**

[SB 1201](#) (PITTMAN) Amends the Insurance Company Law to require health insurance policies to provide coverage for prescription eye drop refills at 70% of the prescribed duration. **PASSED 50-0.**

[SB 1299](#) (LANGERHOLC) Designates the Corporal William T. Costlow, Sr., Memorial Bridge in Cambria County. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 1312](#) (TOPPER) Designates the PFC James E. Williams Memorial Bridge in Bedford County, the Colonel Joseph M. Stine Memorial Bridge in Bedford County, the Army Sergeant Joshua James Rimer Memorial Road in Beaver County and makes related repeals. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 1410](#) (FEE) Creates the Weigh Station Preclearance Program Act to establish a weigh station preclearance program within the State Police. **PASSED 49-1.**

[HB 1614](#) (WARNER) Amends the Pennsylvania Election Code to increase the minimum requirement for printed ballots per precinct. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2125](#) (STEPHENS) Amends Title 18 (Crimes Code) to remove references of the term “homosexuality” in definitions of prohibited sexual acts. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2419](#) (PICKETT) Amends the Outpatient Psychiatric Oversight Act to allow outpatient psychiatric clinics to satisfy required psychiatric time through telebehavioral health technology with DHS approval. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2526](#) (HENNESSEY) The Highway-Railroad and Highway Bridge Capital Budget Supplemental Act for 2021-22. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2679](#) (HICKERNELL) Amends the Pharmacy Act to provide for COVID-19 and influenza immunizations. **PASSED 46-4.**

[A05245](#) (CAPPELLETTI) Would allow certain minors to receive immunizations without parental consent. **FAILED 21-29.**

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Bills voted on Concurrence in House Amendments:

[SB 764 \(ARGALL\)](#) Amends the Administrative Code to include comprehensive procedures and training for publication of constitutional amendments for Department of State employees. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 50-0.**

[SB 818 \(J. WARD\)](#) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act to allow ambulatory surgical facilities to seek an exception or waiver from the Department of Health for surgical procedures not specified on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Ambulatory Surgical Center Covered Procedures List. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 50-0.**

Bills amended on Third Consideration and voted on Supplemental:

[SB 676 \(PITTMAN\)](#) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to prohibit the stacking of uninsured and underinsured benefits, require insurers to make higher coverage limits available for consumer election, and increase minimum financial responsibility requirements for bodily injury and property damage. **PASSED AS AMENDED 26-24.**

[A05338 \(LAUGHLIN\)](#). Increases auto liability minimums and improves consumer choice for under-insured auto coverage plans. Also, increases the mandatory minimums for bodily injuries and property damages. **ADOPTED 30-20.**

[HB 1594 \(TOMLINSON\)](#) Amends the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law to provide for the verification and disclosure of certain information for high-volume third-party sellers on online marketplaces. **PASSED AS AMENDED 50-0.**

[A04176 \(TOMLINSON\)](#) Technical amendment. **AGREED TO.**

[HB 1615 \(TOPPER\)](#) Amends the Liquor Code to clarify malt or brewed beverages produced for a brewery by a manufacturer out-of-state, must be distributed through the three-tier system. **PASSED AS AMENDED 50-0.**

[A05285 \(PHILLIPS-HILL\)](#) Allows the holders of any license in class 2A through 8 counties to use amplified sound at the establishment, as long as the sound does not exceed 75 decibels beyond the property line. Amplified sound is only permitted from 10AM to 9PM on Sunday through Thursday, and from 10AM to 12AM on Friday and Saturday. The amount of noise violations for a potential renewal is decreased from six to three. **AGREED TO.**

[HB 2644 \(CAUSER\)](#) Amends Title 58 (Oil and Gas) to allocate federal funds through a grant program for oil and gas well plugging and addresses conventional well bonding amounts. **PASSED AS AMENDED 29-21.**

[A05366 \(YAW\)](#) Clarifies that for 10 years after enactment only the General Assembly may adjust the bond amount for oil and gas wells that are not unconventional wells. **ADOPTED 30-20.**

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Bills voted on Concurrence on Supplemental:

[SB 1093](#) (GEBHARD) Amends the Outdoor Advertising Control Act to authorize energy efficient lighting on outdoor advertising signs and prohibit the removal of signs owned by a service club, charitable association, or religious service organization. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 50-0.**

[SB 382](#) (LANGERHOLC) Amends Title 74 (Transportation) to make changes to the transportation P3 approval process and prohibit the approval of transportation P3 projects involving mandatory user fees. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS, AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE 50-0.**

[SB 982](#) (BAKER) Amends the Election Code to prohibit private funding of the administration of elections. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS, AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE 46-4.**

[HB 1642](#) (WHITE) Amends the Public-School Code to provide for FY 2022-2023 budget implementation provisions and omnibus amendments. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS 46-4.**

Bills on Third Consideration voted on Supplemental:

[SB 1123](#) (MASTRIANO) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to provide the option for blue lights on tow trucks. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 1342](#) (RADER) Amends the Tax Reform Code to provide for the omnibus tax bill with regard to fiscal year 2022-23 budget implementation. **PASSED 38-12.**

[HB 1420](#) (THOMAS) Amends the Human Services Code to provide for a COVID-19 mental health public awareness campaign; various public and medical assistance programs; and additional omnibus provisions. **PASSED 29-21.**

[HB 2604](#) (TWARDZIK) Amends the Health Care Facilities Act (HCFA) regarding photo ID badges. **PASSED 50-0.**

[HB 2702](#) (HENNESSEY) Creates the Highway Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2022-2023. **PASSED 50-0.**

Non-Preferred Appropriation Bill Concurred on Supplemental:

[SB 1284](#) (BROWNE) Creates the State-related University Nonpreferred Appropriation Act of 2022 appropriating funding to the State-related universities. and Agricultural Research and Extension Services. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 43-7.**

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Friday, July 8, 2022

Bill voted on Concurrence in House Amendments as Amended:

[SB 106](#) (ARGALL) Joint Resolution providing for Constitutional amendments pertaining to abortion, the selection of the Lieutenant Governor, disapproval of regulations by the General Assembly, voter identification requirements, and election audits. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS, AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE 28-22.**

Preferred Appropriation Bill voted on Concurrence in House Amendments:

[SB 1100](#) (BROWNE) General Appropriation Act of 2022. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 47-3.**

Bills voted on Concurrence in House Amendments:

[SB 1171](#) (HUTCHINSON) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to require a minimum number of axles to haul pulpwood or wood chips, exempts certain vehicles from highway restrictions, and requires baled garbage to be covered while in transport. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 32-18.**

[SB 1222](#) (DISANTO) Amends the Insurance Company Law to provide for compliance with Group Capital Calculation (GCC) and Liquidity Stress Test (LST) requirements for insurers within an insurance holding company system and for the group-wide supervision of international insurance groups; and to provide for peer-to-peer car sharing. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 29-21.**

Bill amended on Third Consideration and voted on Supplemental:

[HB 2709](#) (MARSHALL) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to add the definition of rental-purchase property and provide protections in digital disclosures for rental-purchase property. **PASSED AS AMENDED 35-15.**

[A05428](#) (PITTMAN) Technical amendment. **AGREED TO.**

Bill voted on Concurrence on Supplemental:

[HB 1421](#) (THOMAS) Amends the Fiscal Code with substantive language implementing the General Appropriation Act of 2022. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS, AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE 49-1.**

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Executive Nominations:

Courts of Common Pleas. Various judicial nominations. **CONFIRMED 49-1.**

Magisterial District Judges. Various nominations. **CONFIRMED 50-0.**

Controller of Allegheny County. Corey R. O'Conner. **CONFIRMED 50-0.**