

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – MARIO M. SCAVELLO, CHAIRMAN

Monday, April 11, 2022

Bill voted on Third Consideration:

[HB 221](#) (RADER) Amends Act 442 of 1968 (1967) by permitting open space tax funds to be used to maintain open space property not acquired under the Act. **PASSED 46-2.**

Bills amended on Third Consideration:

[SB 284](#) (YAW) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) to provide for bonding of Alternative Energy Production Projects, and for the prevention of solar forced labor. **AMENDED and REREFFERED TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

[A03899](#) (MUTH) Allows the Environmental Quality Board to promulgate regulations establishing or revising the bonding requirements for an owner or operator of a conventional or unconventional well. It would also increase the current bonding requirement to reflect the actual cost for plugging each well operated or owned – conventional well would be determined to be no less than \$30,000 per well and an unconventional well would be determined to be no less than \$80,000 per well. **FAILED 19-29.**

[A03939](#) (YAW) Establishes a decommissioning process for solar energy facilities; provide financial assurance requirements in solar energy facility agreements; and forced labor prevention regulations. **ADOPTED 47-1.**

[SB 597](#) (STEFANO) Amends the Public Utility Code to provide for water and wastewater asset management plans. **OVER AS AMENDED.**

[A03946](#) (STEFANO) Shifts oversight from the Public Utility Commission to Department of Environmental Protection. **ADOPTED 38-10.**

[A03975](#) (STEFANO) Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to promulgate regulations. **ADOPTED 34-14.**

Bill amended on Supplemental Calendar:

[SB 1179](#) (BAKER) Amends the Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Address Confidentiality Act by extending address confidentiality to victims of child abduction and victims of human trafficking. **OVER AS AMENDED**

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[A03982](#) (BAKER) – Removes “victim of child abduction” definition and replaces it with definition of “victim of kidnapping” within the legislation as well as changing references of term “abduction” to “kidnapping.” **AGREED TO.**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 118](#) (K. WARD) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to require registration under Megan’s Law for those individuals convicted of offenses involving human trafficking, patronizing a victim of sexual servitude, and involuntary servitude. **PASSED 47-2.**

[SB 962](#) (LANGERHOLC) Establishes the Rural Coworking and Innovation Center Grant Program by creating a competitive grant program within the Department of Community and Economic Development for the construction or renovation of a facility, extending and improving utility and broadband service connections, and the purchase equipment, furniture, and security systems for coworking centers in rural counties or rural municipalities. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1040](#) (BROWNE) Amends the Crime Victims Act by requiring law enforcement to make reasonable efforts to notify a murder victim’s surviving family members before publicly releasing the victim’s identity. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1047](#) (GEBHARD) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to replace outdated sections in the Military and Veterans Code which includes making updates to the State Armory Board. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1172](#) (VOGEL) Enacts the Sexual Assault Emergency Services Act by allowing hospitals to establish Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) programs and enabling a grant program for the establishment and support of SANE programs. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1179](#) (BAKER) Amends the Domestic and Sexual Violence Victim Address Confidentiality Act by extending address confidentiality to victims of kidnapping and human trafficking. **PASSED 49-0.**

Bill voted on Supplemental Calendar:

[SB 284](#) (YAW) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) to provide for decommissioning of solar energy facilities. **PASSED 35-14.**

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Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Bills voted on Third Consideration:

[SB 982](#) (L. BAKER) Amends the Election Code to prohibit private contributions for the administration of elections. **PASSED 37-12.**

[SB 1016](#) (MASTRIANO) Amends Title 51 (Military Affairs) to permit the awarding of military decorations to members of strategic allies. **PASSED 49-0.**

[SB 1167](#) (DISANTO) Amends Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) to authorize financial institutions and insurers to provide services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses, prohibit adverse state regulatory or legal actions. **PASSED 46-3.**

[SB 1200](#) (DUSH) Amends the Election Code to clarify delivery locations for mail-in and absentee ballots. **PASSED 29-20.**

[HB 2058](#) (MAKO) Amends the Local Tax Enabling Act by aligning the filing deadlines of certain local tax returns with the filing deadline for state income tax returns. **PASSED 49-0.**

Bill voted on Concurrence on Supplemental Calendar

[SB 1020](#) (GEBHARD) Authorizes land conveyances in Lebanon County and Montgomery/Chester County. **CONCURRED IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS 49-0.**

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