Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in preemptions, providing for employer mandates by municipalities.

(PN 25) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in preemptions, providing that municipalities may not regulate employer policies or practices or enforce any mandate regarding employer policies or practices. Provides for exceptions for mandates enacted by a municipality affecting an employee or class of employees of the municipality or ordinances authorized by the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act. Establishes that the applicable section shall not invalidate an ordinance, rule, or policy enacted by the municipality before January 1, 2015 and provides relief for violations. Effective immediately.

Companions: HB 331 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HCO 91 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:
01-06-21 H Filed
01-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices, est. the Department of Local Government and Community Affairs and transferring specific powers & duties from DCED and DOS to the Department.

(PN 281) Amends Title 71 (State Government), in boards and offices, establishing the Department of Local Government and Community Affairs and transferring specific powers and duties from the Department of Community and Economic Development and Department of State to the Department of Local Government and Community Affairs. Provides for the administration of the Department of Local Government and Community Affairs, the duties of the department, redesignation provisions, the nomination of the secretary, the establishment of the office of local government consultant, and the development of a strategic plan. The sections relating to notification to the Legislative Reference Bureau and sections relating to scope of chapter, definitions, nomination of the secretary, and strategic plan shall take effect immediately. The remainder of the act shall take effect 30 days after publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Companions: HB 54 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HB 147 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
- 04-07-21 H Removed from the table
- 04-07-21 H Laid on the table
- 05-25-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

T □ HB 113 Stambaugh, Perry (F)(R) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, for obedience to authorized persons directing traffic and providing for drivers in organized motorcycle processions; and, in rules of the road, providing for following too closely.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 386) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in general provisions, providing that no person shall fail to comply with lawful orders of a designated member of an organized motorcycle procession during a funeral. Establishes that except in first or second class cities, drivers in organized motorcycle processions may park or stand or proceed past a red signal indication if the lead vehicle started through the intersection. Establishes that provisions relating to following too closely shall not apply to drivers in funeral processions or organized motorcycle processions. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 81)

**Companions:**
- HCO 736 (Co-sponsor Memo)
- SB 481 (Related)

**Bill History:**
- 03-22-21 Third consideration 1:53pm
- 03-22-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:157/N: 44)
- 03-22-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Transportation

T □ HB 134 Rothman, Greg(R) Amends Titles 44 (Law & Justice) and 75 (Vehicles), codifying prohibition on political subdivisions and Commonwealth agencies imposing quotas on the issuance of citations for certain offenses and prohibiting the practice of station averaging.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 100) Amends Titles 44 (Law and Justice) and 75 (Vehicles), establishing a six-year pilot program for accredited municipal and regional police to use radar as a speed timing device. Effective in 120 days.

**Companions:**
- HB 74 (Refiled from 19R Session)
- HCO 114 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
- 01-11-21 H Filed
- 01-12-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

T □ HB 136 Rothman, Greg(R) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act, in preliminary provisions, providing for rent and price control.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 101) Amends the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1951, in preliminary provisions, providing for rent and price control. The bill prohibits political subdivisions from enacting, maintaining or enforcing an ordinance, rule or resolution that would have the effect of controlling the amount of rent charged for leasing private residential or commercial property; the effect of establishing a maximum sales price for a privately-produced housing unit or residential building lot; or the effect of prohibiting or limiting the right of a landlord, owner, or agent from declining to enter into a new lease contract at the end of
the current lease contract's term. The bill further provides that a political subdivision may enact, maintain or enforce any zoning regulation, requirement or condition of development imposed by land use or zoning ordinance that requires the direct or indirect allocation of a percentage of existing or newly-constructed private residential or commercial rental units for long-term retention as affordable housing or workforce housing. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
- HB 2190 (Refiled from 19R Session)
- HCO 116 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
- 01-11-21 H Filed
- 01-12-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

**Amends the PA Municipalities Planning Code, in subdivision and land development, providing for nonbuilding lots.**

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 107) Amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in subdivision and land development, establishing that the creation of a nonbuilding lot shall be exempt from regulation under a subdivision or land development plan with exceptions. Provides that a subdivision and land development ordinance shall include provisions allowing for the creation of two nonbuilding lots when presented with a waiver obtained from the Department of Environmental Protection which declares that there is no present need for sewage disposal facilities and that completion of sewage facilities planning is not required. If the owner or applicant of a subdivided parcel that has been granted a nonbuilding waiver subsequently desires to build upon or develop the property, the owner or applicant shall comply with all applicable statutes, regulations or ordinances in effect at the time of the desired construction or development. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
- HCO 162 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
- 05-24-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
- 05-24-21 H Removed from the table
- 05-25-21 H Set on the House Calendar

**Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for municipal permit denial.**

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 128) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for municipal permit denial if the applicant owns real property with a delinquency in real property taxes or municipal charges or for failure to abate a serious violation of state law or code on real property within the municipality that is owned by a limited liability corporation or a principal of a limited liability corporation incorporated inside or outside of the commonwealth. Provides that a limited liability corporation or a principal shall disclose in writing at the submission of an application any delinquencies in real property taxes or municipal charges or for failure to abate a serious violation of state law or code on any real property within the municipality. Establishes that a failure to disclose shall result in a $500 fine payable to the municipality. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
- HCO 497 (Co-sponsor Memo)
**Bill History:**
01-13-21 H Filed
01-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

**HB 166**  
Snyder, Pam (D)
Amends Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities), in municipal authorities, providing for purposes and powers; and, in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, for network modernization plans.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 134) Amends Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities), in municipal authorities, providing for local authorities to obtain high-speed internet; and, in alternative form of regulation of telecommunications services, for local authorities to participate in network modernization plans. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
HB 2055 (Refiled from 19R Session)  
HCO 70 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
01-13-21 H Filed
01-14-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

**HB 216**  
Polinchock, Todd (R)
Act restricting local government from certain regulation of agritourism.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 182) The Restriction on Local Regulation of Agritourism Act restricting local government from certain regulation of agritourism. Establishes that, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a local government may not prohibit the use of agricultural land for agricultural purposes, an agritourism activity, a limited seasonal event, an activity that requires a limited license, a retail food facility, a wedding, or musical entertainment accompanying those referenced activities. Provides for exceptions. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
HCO 862 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
01-21-21 H Filed
01-22-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

**HB 221**  
Rader, Jack (R)
Amends the Act of January 19, 1968 entitled "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses," further providing for local taxing options.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 188) Amends an Act authorizing the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses, further providing for local taxing options. The bill establishes that revenue from the levy may only be used for the following: annually, up to 25 percent of any accumulated balance of the fund from the levy authorized by referendum, to develop, improve, design, engineer and maintain property acquired for an open space benefit or benefits. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
HCO 598 (Co-sponsor Memo)
Bill History: 05-24-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar
05-24-21 H Removed from the table
05-25-21 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 278  Rader, Jack(R)
Amends Title 8 (Boroughs & Incorporated Town) & 11 (Cities), in taxation and finance, further providing for tax levy; and, in taxation, further providing for tax levies.

PLS Summary: (PN 249) Amends Titles 8 (Boroughs & Incorporated Town) and 11 (Cities), in taxation and finance, further providing for tax levy; and, in taxation, further providing for tax levies. Provides for municipalities to dedicate no more than three mills to their police departments only following a favorable referendum on the matter held in accordance with the election laws of the commonwealth. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HCO 603 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-26-21 H Filed
01-27-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

HB 290  Warner, Ryan(R)
Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for games of chance operations during COVID-19 disaster emergency.

PLS Summary: (PN 1157) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act adding a new section allowing a licensed eligible organization, during the COVID-19 disaster emergency or until May 1, 2022, whichever is later, to conduct and reveal the winner of raffles and drawings via an internet-based conferencing software application. Establishes verification requirements to use a mobile payment service. Provides for definitions and examples of internet-based conferencing software applications and mobile payment services. Increases the individual prize limit of $4,000 during the duration of the COVID-19 emergency or May 1, 2022, whichever is later. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 256, 1049)

Companions: HB 2764 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HCO 552 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-07-21 Third consideration 12:22pm
04-07-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:193/N: 8)
04-13-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev

HB 403  Galloway, John(D)
Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in consolidated county assessment, further providing for assessment of lands divided by boundary lines.

PLS Summary: (PN 377) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in consolidated county assessment, providing for the land on boundary lines to reassign to the municipality or county of the owner’s choice and to be binding on all future owners unless subdivided. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HB 2072 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HCO 258 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-20-21 H First consideration
04-20-21 H Laid on the table
HB 428 Heffley, Doyle (R)  
Amends the PA Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for administration and enforcement.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 405) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further providing for municipalities that opt to enforce the Uniform Construction Code by utilizing third-party agencies have at least two or more under contract for administration by January 1, 2022. The act provides for contract and permit considerations, public disclosure and complaint process. The legislation further provides for first class cities to designate an existing departmental board to act as board of appeals to grant, modify or reject appeals. Effective immediately.

**Companions:**
- HB 1104 (Related)
- HCO 806 (Co-sponsor Memo)
- SB 634 (Identical)

**Bill History:**
02-05-21 H Filed
02-08-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

HB 489 Boback, Karen (R)  
Amends State Highway Law, in rural State highway system and State highways in cities, boroughs and towns, further providing for improvement, reconstruction and maintenance.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 452) Amends the State Highway Law, in rural state highway system and state highways in cities, boroughs and towns, establishing that the Department of Transportation, at the expense of the commonwealth, shall construct and maintain all surface and subsurface drainage facilities connected with state highways within boroughs and incorporated towns. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
- HB 1775 (Refiled from 19R Session)
- HCO 331 (Co-sponsor Memo)
- SB 283 (Related)

**Bill History:**
02-09-21 H Filed
02-09-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 581 Solomon, Jared (D)  
Act authorizing local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemptions for improvements to deteriorated areas and dwellings to incentivize the creation and improvement of affordable housing units.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 544) The Affordable Housing Unit Tax Exemption Act authorizes local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemptions for improvements to deteriorated areas and dwellings to incentivize the creation and improvement of affordable housing units. Provides for special tax provisions for taxpayers residing within the boundaries of a local taxing authority who meet the standards established by the act. Establishes that local taxing authorities may provide tax exemption incentives for new construction and for improvements to deteriorated areas to create and improve affordable housing units. Provides for real
property tax exemptions, an exemption schedule, procedures for obtaining exemption incentives, and eligibility requirements. Provides for special tax provisions on an increase in the value of real estate resulting from construction of affordable housing units or improvements to an existing affordable housing unity within the boundaries of the local taxing authority. Provides for an exemption schedule, exemption incentives procedures, and eligibility requirements. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** HCO 746 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
04-19-21 Laid out for discussion 2:00pm
04-19-21 Second consideration 2:01pm
04-19-21 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 569) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding language authorizing local police to use RADAR/LIDAR for speed enforcement. Requires a municipality to enact an ordinance authorizing the use of RADAR/LIDAR and install signs advertising the use of RADAR/LIDAR at the municipality's border. Provides the municipal share of revenue collected from fines may not exceed 10 percent of the municipality's budget for the previous budget year. Requires local police officers to complete a training course before the use of the RADAR/LIDAR. Further provides the systems may only be used when the officer is in or adjacent to a clearly marked law enforcement vehicle and only written warning for violations are permitted for the first 90 days of enforcement using RADAR/LIDAR. Effective in 180 days.

**Companions:** HCO1281 (Co-sponsor Memo)
SB 419 (Related)

**Bill History:**
03-23-21 Second consideration 3:24pm
03-23-21 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
04-16-21 H Press conference held

Amends Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) & 68 (Real & Personal Property), in preemptions, providing for businesses operated by minors; and, in general provisions relating to planned communities, providing for businesses.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 1047) Amends Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 68 (Real and Personal Property), in preemptions, providing that a municipality may not require a license for a business that is operated on an occasional basis by a minor and is located a sufficient distance from a commercial entity required to obtain a license from the municipality to prevent the minor's business from becoming a direct economic competitor of the commercial entity, nor may a municipality prohibit a business operated by a minor from operating in a primary residential zone or unzoned area of the municipality; and, in general provisions relating to planned communities, providing like provisions related to business operated by minors. Reduces the threshold of profits from $10,000 to $5,000, while adding language that in the event the stand was there for charitable interests, those profits are not discouraged. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 626)

**Companions:** HCO 607 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 04-19-21 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:201/N: 0)
04-20-21 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Labor and Industry
05-26-21 S Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Buil, Senate Labor and Industry -- Senate Labor and Industry

HB 774 Pisciottano, Nickolas (F) (D)

Amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns), in powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and employees, further providing for appointments and incompatible offices.

PLS Summary:
(PN 761) Amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns), in powers, duties and rights of appointed officers and employees, providing that no elected official of a borough of 4,000 or more may serve as an employee of the borough. Establishes that the legislation shall not apply to an elected borough official serving as an employee of that borough prior to the certification of the most recent federal decennial census indicating an increase of the population of the borough to 4,000 or more. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HB 2571 (Refiled from 19R Session) HCO 750 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-03-21 H Filed
03-04-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

HB 868 Schmitt, Lou(R)

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in general provisions relating to government and administration, providing for traffic control signals and systems contracts.

PLS Summary:
(PN 855) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in general provisions relating to government and administration, providing that a municipality's contract for the maintenance and repair of traffic control signals paid for by distributions from the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law shall not require advertising, bidding, or price quotations. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HB 2672 (Refiled from 19R Session) HCO 356 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-10-21 H Filed
03-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 979 Dowling, Matthew(R)

Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally), in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.

PLS Summary:
(PN 991) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) adding language preventing local jurisdictions from imposing ordinances relating to regulation of firearms and ammunition more restrictive than laws passed by the General Assembly. Portions are effective in 90 days and the remainder is effective immediately.

Companions: HCO 32 (Co-sponsor Memo) SB 448 (Identical)

Bill History: 03-19-21 H Filed
03-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary
05-25-21 H Meeting set for 10:00 a.m., Room 140, Main Capitol, House Judiciary -- House Judiciary

HB 1169  Moul, Dan(R) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), further providing for definitions, for changes in assessed valuation and for abstracts of building and demolition permits to be forwarded to the county assessment office.

PLS Summary: (PN 1449) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in consolidation county assessment, providing that the painting of or normal repairs to a building shall not be deemed cause for a change in valuation by the assessors. Provides for the issuance of demolition permits and electronic submission of permits. Provides for noncompliance procedures for permits. Increases the threshold of substantial improvements to more than $4,000. Provides that county commissioners may require all persons making substantial improvements to property to submit a county improvement certification form regardless of whether a building permit is required. Establishes a civil penalty for failure to comply with county improvement certification form provisions. Provides for an increase in the substantial improvement value by the Consumer Price Index. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 1225)

Companions: HCO1578 (Co-sponsor Memo) SB 477 (Identical)

Bill History: 05-24-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar 05-24-21 H Removed from the table 05-25-21 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 1171  Freeman, Robert(D) Amends the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in municipal financial distress, further providing for designation and for performance of coordinator; and, in receivership in municipalities, further providing for receiver.

PLS Summary: (PN 1227) Amends the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in municipal financial distress, further providing for prohibitions of coordinators; and in receivership in municipalities, indicating a person previously contracted with the commonwealth or distressed municipality as a coordinator, receiver, financial consultant, legal counsel or through a contract under the early intervention program is ineligible to be appointed as a receiver. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HB 1246 (Refiled from 19R Session) SB 554 (Refiled from 19R Session) SB 479 (Identical)

Bill History: 05-05-21 H First consideration 05-05-21 H Laid on the table 05-25-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

HB 1217  Davanzo, Eric(R) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for removal of municipal officers.

PLS Summary: (PN 1277) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for
removal of elected officers of a municipality. The bill establishes removal "for cause" as defined by the General Assembly and shall include absenteeism from meetings and dereliction of duty. Constitutional amendments require approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

Companions: HCO1716 (Co-sponsor Memo)  
SB 631 (Identical)

Bill History:  
04-20-21 H First consideration  
04-20-21 H Laid on the table  
05-25-21 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

Mehaffie, Thomas (R)  
Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing for political subdivision and volunteer service use of tax-free motor fuels.

PLS Summary:  
(PN 1295) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for political subdivision and volunteer service use of tax-free motor fuels. Adds language providing an exempt entity may withdraw tax-free motor fuels from a bulk storage tank containing only commingled tax-free fuels if the bulk storage tank is located on property in which an exempt entity has entered into an agreement with the owner or lessor of the property on which the tax is located and the exempt entity owns tax-free fuels placed into the tank. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History:  
04-19-21 H Filed  
04-20-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance  
05-26-21 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing, House Finance -- House Finance

Struzzi, James (R)  
Amends Titles 8 (Boroughs & Incorporated Towns) & 11 (Cities), in storm sewers & watercourses, providing for authority of boroughs & financing, management plans & facilities for incorporated towns, & in watercourses, for changes & liens.

PLS Summary:  
(PN 1378) Amends Titles 8 (Boroughs & Towns) and 11 (Cities), in storm sewers and watercourses, providing that a borough may enact and enforce ordinances to govern and regulate the planning, management, implementation, construction and maintenance of storm water facilities. Stipulates that for the purposes of funding the construction, maintenance and operation of storm water management facilities, systems and management plans authorized under this chapter, a borough may assess reasonable and uniform fees based in whole or in part on the characteristics of the property benefited by the facilities, systems and management plans. Adds a new chapter providing for storm water management plans and facilities by towns. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HB 474 (Refiled from 19R Session)  
HCO1531 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:  
04-27-21 H Filed  
04-27-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

Warren, Perry (D)  
Amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) in
powers and duties of elected officials, further providing for organization of council, quorum, participation by telecommunication device, voting, compensation and eligibility.

**PLS Summary:**

(PN 1410) Amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns), in powers and duties of elected officials, providing for the removal of the requirement in the borough code that only council members physically present at a meeting may count towards a quorum and establishes that council may provide for the participation of council members and the public by means of telecommunication devices. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** HCO1794 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**

04-30-21 H Filed  
04-30-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

**Bill:** HB 1350  
James, Lee(R)  
Amends Title 8 (Boroughs & Incorporated Towns), in powers and duties of elected officials, further providing for surcharge by auditors; further providing for borough manager created by ordinance and election.

**PLS Summary:**

(PN 1465) Amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns), in powers and duties of elected officials, providing that no elected or appointed official of a borough may be surcharged if the official acted in good faith reliance on a written, nonconfidential opinion of the solicitor of the borough or on an opinion of the borough solicitor publicly stated at an open meeting of the borough and recorded in the official minutes of the meeting. The legislation also provides for an individual partnership, limited partnership, association, or professional corporation to be elected as the borough manager, be considered as a public official, and be governed by incompatibility provisions. The bill also provides for the powers and duties to be regulated by an employment or professional services agreement and for the preparation of a revenue estimate prior to the adoption of the budget. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** SB 674 (Identical)

**Bill History:**

05-05-21 H Filed  
05-07-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

**Bill:** HR 106  
Benninghoff, Kerry(R)  
Concurrent Resolution extending in part and terminating in part the March 6, 2020, proclamation of disaster emergency, as amended and renewed, issued under the hand and seal of the Governor, Thomas Westerman Wolf.

**Bill History:**

05-24-21 H Filed  
05-24-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government  
05-25-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Room B-31, Main Capitol, House State Government -- House State Government

**Bill:** SB 109  
Pittman, Joe(R)  
Amends the Fiscal Code, in emergency COVID-19 response, establishing recovery program, for emergency education relief, repealing provisions, establishing grant program, for fund transfers and making appropriations.

**Bill History:**
02-05-21 G Press Conference Held
02-05-21 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 1)
02-05-21 G Earliest effective date

Ti  SB 116 Scavello, Mario(R)

Amends Title 37 (Historical and Museums) providing for Commonwealth archival records, for local government archival records and for access to older public records; and, in historic properties, further providing for title to historic property

**Companions:**
SB 372 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HB 284 (Related)
SCO 73 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
03-16-21 Third consideration 2:43pm
03-16-21 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 48/N: 0)
03-17-21 H Received in the House and referred to House State Government

Ti  SB 127 Fontana, Wayne(D)

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) in general provisions relating to government and administration, providing for law enforcement review boards.

**Companions:**
HB 2691 (Refiled from 19R Session)
SB 1208 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HB 533 (Related)
SCO 88 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
01-26-21 S Filed
SB 145  Brooks, Michele(R)
Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) in commercial drivers, further providing for requirement for commercial driver's license; and, in size, weight and load, providing for restrictions on use of highways and bridges and for conditions of permits.

PLS Summary:
(PN 122) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in commercial drivers, establishing that a municipal employee may forego obtaining a commercial driver's license (CDL) to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the political subdivision to remove snow or ice. The act provides for the exemption of vehicles operated by municipalities, local authorities and contractors from the restrictions based on weight or size on highway or bridges under maintenance. The act provides for the permitting requirements for the movement of dozers. Effective in 60 days.

Companions:  SCO 395 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:
01-29-21 S Filed
01-29-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 149  Ward, Judy (F)(R)
Act establishing a tuition credit program for certain members of volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads and their dependent children and spouses.

PLS Summary:
(PN 129) The Volunteer Emergency Service Tuition Credit Program Act establishes a tuition credit program for certain members of volunteer fire companies, volunteer ambulance services and volunteer rescue squads and their dependent children and spouses. Effective in 30 days.

Companions:  SB 65 (Refiled from 19R Session)
SCO 203 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:
02-01-21 S Filed
02-01-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

SB 154  Langerholc, Wayne(R)
Amends the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, providing for recovery grants for distressed municipalities and establishing the Distressed Municipalities Recovery Fund.

PLS Summary:
(PN 133) Amends the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act providing for recovery grants for distressed municipalities and establishing the Distressed Municipalities Recovery Fund. Provides that revenues received pursuant to the emergency state tax on liquor shall be deposited by the Department of Revenue into the Distressed Municipalities Recovery Fund. Establishes conditions under which grants to distressed municipalities shall be used and provides that the Department of Community and Economic Development shall review applications for grant funding and provide recommendations on the priority of projects and project approval. Effective in 90 days.

Companions:  SCO 65 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:
03-17-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
03-17-21 Second consideration 11:41am
03-17-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

T ☐ SB 191  Ward, Judy (F)(R) Amends Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for application.

PLS Summary: (PN 442) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in preliminary provisions, exempting historical agricultural building from the Uniform Construction Code provided that the owner of the building annually files an affidavit with the code administrator stating that the following conditions are satisfied or, if the owner fails to do so, the code administrator inspects the building at the owner's expense and determines that the conditions are satisfied. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 159)

Companions: HB 251 (Related)
SCO 238 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-24-21 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 29/N: 18)
03-24-21 S Sen. Costa motion to reconsider the vote by which SB 191 was passed - Agreed to
03-24-21 S Final Passage (Vote: Y: 28/N: 19)

T ☐ SB 208  DiSanto, John(R) Amends Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in subdivision and land development, further providing for completion of improvements or guarantee thereof prerequisite to final plat approval.

PLS Summary: (PN 177) Amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, in subdivision and land development, providing for completion of improvements or guarantee thereof prerequisite to final plat approval, establishing that the financial security equals but does not exceed 110 percent, and providing that the engineer of the project may retain 10 percent of the estimated cost of the remaining improvements. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: SB 1047 (Refiled from 19R Session)
SCO 151 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-10-21 S Filed
02-10-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government


PLS Summary: (PN 178) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act adding a new section establishing an optional application of the act. This legislation provides school entities and municipalities with the option to choose whether they wish to follow the existing Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act regarding prevailing minimum wages for workmen employed on public work under any contract for a project of public work entered into by the school entity or municipality. The new section shall expire on December 31, 2022. Effective immediately.

Companions: SB 276 (Related)
SCO 207 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-10-21 S Filed
02-10-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry
Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling, etc.

PLS Summary:
(PN 182) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, subjecting individuals operating skill games at family entertainment centers to prize limitations along with penalties for violations. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: SB 710 (Refiled from 19R Session)
SCO 364 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:
02-11-21 S Filed
02-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Judiciary
02-12-21 S Corrective Reprint, Printer's No. 199

Amends the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act, further providing for procedures for registration as a contractor.

PLS Summary:
(PN 186) Amends the Home Improvement Consumer Protection Act further providing for procedures for registration as a contractor. The bill establishes that the application as a contractor shall include proof of workers' compensation coverage in compliance with the Workers' Compensation Act. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: SB 374 (Refiled from 19R Session)
SCO 318 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:
02-11-21 S Filed
02-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in preemptions, providing for restrictions on utility services prohibited.

PLS Summary:
(PN 263) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in preemptions, providing for restrictions on utility services prohibited. Prohibits a municipality from adopting a policy that restricts, prohibits or has the effect of restricting or prohibiting the connection or reconnection of a utility service based upon the type of source of energy to be delivered to an individual consumer within the municipality. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: SCO 619 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:
05-11-21 S Hearing set for 10:00 a.m., Senate Chamber, Senate Environmental Resources and Energy -- Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
05-11-21 S Public hearing held in committee Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
05-11-21 S Public hearing held in committee Senate Local Government

Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, providing for optional application of act.
PLS Summary: (PN 258) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act establishing an optional application of the act. This legislation provides school entities and municipalities with the option to choose whether they wish to follow the existing Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act regarding prevailing minimum wages for workmen employed on public work under any contract for a project of public work entered into by the school entity or municipality. The legislation also provides for a five-year monitoring study by the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee on the effects of the legislation on school and municipal construction costs, with results reported to the legislature within 60 days after the study’s conclusion. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: SB 838 (Refiled from 19R Session)
SB 209 (Related)
SCO 340 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-24-21 S Filed
02-24-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

☐ SB 279 Stefano, Patrick(R)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, further providing for exclusions from tax.

PLS Summary: (PN 735) Amends the Tax Reform Code excluding from the sales and use tax the sale at retail or use of accessory equipment, communications equipment or protective equipment when purchased by a paid or volunteer firefighter or a member of the special fire police who uses personal funds and, at the time of purchase, provided identification showing his or her status as a firefighter or a member of the special fire police. This exclusion shall be included on any sales tax exclusion list made available to retailers and shall not apply if the cost of the accessory equipment, communications equipment or protective equipment is paid by the firefighter's fire company or any other entity. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 261)

Companions: SB 875 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HB 461 (Related)
HB 708 (Related)
HB 725 (Related)
HB 1124 (Related)
SB 218 (Related)
SB 325 (Identical)
SCO 89 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-12-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
05-12-21 Second consideration 12:09pm
05-12-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

☐ SB 283 Hutchinson, Scott(R)

Amends the State Highway Law, in rural State highway system and State highways in cities, boroughs and towns, further providing for improvement, reconstruction and maintenance.

PLS Summary: (PN 269) Amends the State Highway Law adding language requiring the Department of Transportation, at the expense of the commonwealth, to construct and maintain all surface and subsurface drainage facilities connected with state highways within boroughs and incorporated towns with populations equal
to or less than 2,500 based on the most recent decennial census. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** SB 101 (Refiled from 19R Session)  
HB 489 (Related)  
SCO 296 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 04-20-21 S Reported as committed from Senate Transportation  
04-20-21 S First consideration  
05-25-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**SB 312** Brooks, Michele (R)  
Amends the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in procedure, further providing for written requests; and, in judicial review, further providing for fee limitations.

**PLS Summary:** (PN 322) Amends the Right-to-Know Law, in preliminary provisions, providing a definition of commercial purpose; in procedures, providing that an agency may require a requester to certify in writing whether the request is for a commercial purpose; and, in judicial review, providing that an agency may charge a requester additional standard fees related to records request for a commercial purpose. Provides additional provisions regarding fees and disclosure of financial information. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** SCO 527 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 04-27-21 S Reported as committed from Senate State Government  
04-27-21 S First consideration  
05-25-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar

**SB 544** Santarsiero, Steven (F) (D)  
Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), further providing for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices; and, in powers of department and local authorities.

**PLS Summary:** (PN 562) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions and points; in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities. The bill provides for the use of radar. Effective in 120 days.

**Companions:** SB 406 (Refiled from 19R Session)  
SCO 145 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 04-09-21 S Filed  
04-09-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**SB 552** Dush, Cris (F)(R)  
Amends the Right-to-Know Law, in agency response, providing for vexatious requester.

**PLS Summary:** (PN 579) Amends the Right-to-Know Law, in agency response, providing for vexatious requester. Provides that an agency may petition the Office of Open Records for relief from an individual that the agency alleges is a vexatious requester. Requires the executive director of the Office of Open Records or a designee, within five business days upon receipt of the petition, to notify
the requester alleged to be a vexatious requester that the requester may, within 10 business days, file a preliminary response to the petition; and to, within 15 business days, inform the agency whether pending requests and new requests from the requester alleged to be a vexatious requester should continue to be processed or should be stayed pending resolution of the proceedings. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
05-11-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
05-11-21 Second consideration 3:27pm
05-11-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

**SB 554**  
Stefano, Patrick(R)  
Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), in open meetings, further providing for public notice and providing for notification of agency business required and exceptions.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 581) Amends Title 65 (Public Officers), in open meetings, further providing for public notice and providing for notification of agency business required and exceptions. Provides that in addition to any public notice required under the section, an agency shall provide notification of agency business to be considered at a meeting. Further provides that an agency may not take official action on a matter of agency business at a meeting if the matter was not included in the notification. Effective in 60 days.

**Bill History:**
05-11-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
05-11-21 Second consideration 3:27pm
05-11-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

**SB 556**  
Stefano, Patrick(R)  
Amends the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act, further providing for death benefits relating to COVID-19 and for definitions.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 687) Amends the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act further providing for death benefits relating to COVID-19 and for definitions. Amends the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act providing if a law enforcement officer, ambulance service or rescue squad member, firefighter, certified hazardous materials response team member, member of the Pennsylvania Civil Air Patrol or National Guard member dies from COVID-19, it shall be presumed that the individual contracted the virus while acting in the performance of his or her duties for the purposes of this act. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 585)

**Companions:**
HB 2698 (Refiled from 19R Session)
HB 680 (Identical)

**Bill History:**
05-10-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
05-10-21 Second consideration 3:31pm
05-10-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

**SB 568**  
Argall, David(R)  
Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, further providing for the definition of "building machinery and equipment."

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 736) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, adding a definition of "traffic signal." Defines the term as a highway, street or pedestrian path traffic signal by which traffic is alternately directed to stop and permitted to proceed or traffic is
informed of related transportation developments or is cautioned to reduce speed. Further provides the term shall include, but not be limited to, traffic systems, intelligent transportation systems, signal heads, warning signs, adaptive systems, cameras, controller cabinets and wiring. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer's Number: 605)

**Companions:**
- HB 1168 (Refiled from 19R Session)
- SB 463 (Refiled from 19R Session)
- SCO 240 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
- 05-24-21 S Set on the Senate Calendar
- 05-24-21 Second consideration 3:23pm
- 05-24-21 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations

**SB 574**  Brewster, Jim(D)  Amends the Real Estate Tax Sale Law, further providing for the title of the act; and, in sale of property, providing for county demolition and rehabilitation fund.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 621) Amends the Real Estate Tax Sale Law further providing for the title of the act; and, in sale of property, providing for county demolition and rehabilitation fund. The governing body of a county may, by ordinance, impose a fee of up to $250 for the sale of any property being sold in accordance with this act or an action for mortgage foreclosure and shall provide a public notice stating the establishment of the fee and its rate in accordance with this act. The fee shall be deposited in the fund and may only be used for the demolition or rehabilitation of blighted property located in the county. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
- SCO 541 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:**
- 04-20-21 S Filed
- 04-20-21 SIntroduced and referred to committee on Senate Urban Affairs and Housing

**SB 575**  Brewster, Jim(D)  Amends Titles 53(Municipalities) and 75(Vehicles), in employees, providing for the Municipal Police Recruitment Program and establishing the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program Fund

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 647) Amends Titles 53 (Municipalities) and 75 (Vehicles), in employees, providing for the Municipal Police Recruitment Program and establishing the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program Fund; and, in penalties and disposition of fines, providing a surcharge of $10 upon conviction of violations of Title 75, other statutes, or regulations under Title 65. Provides for the disposition of surcharges for deposit into the Municipal Police Recruitment and Retention Program Fund. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:**
- SB 482 (Refiled from 19R Session)

**Bill History:**
- 04-21-21 S Filed
- 04-21-21 SIntroduced and referred to committee on Senate Law and Justice

**SB 586**  Argall, David(R)  Amends the Tax Reform Code, in historic preservation incentive tax credit, further providing for definitions.

**PLS Summary:**
(PN 634) Amends the Tax Reform Code by amending the definition of "qualified taxpayer" to include any entity that is
exempt from federal income taxation under section (501) (c) (3) and owns a qualified historic structure. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HB 1253 (Identical)
SCO 739 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-20-21 S Filed
04-20-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 597 Stefano, Patrick (R) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources), in special programs, providing for water quality accountability.

PLS Summary: (PN 645) Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources), in special programs, establishing Chapter 67 related to water quality accountability. Provides that a water system operator shall implement an asset management plan designed to inspect, maintain, repair and renew its water and wastewater infrastructure consistent with standards and enumerates what should be in the plan. Provides that a water system operator shall have the duty to inspect and repair or replace critical valves. Provides that no water meter that has an error in registration of more than two percent may be placed in service, nor may a water meter that has an error in registration of more than 4 percent be allowed to remain in service, when water is passing through the meter at certain rates of flow. Provides that within one year of the effective date, a water system operator shall submit a plan to remove and replace all lead service lines within or connected to the operator's public water system. Provides for the development of a cybersecurity system, annual information to customers, regulations, contingency for public funding and enforcement. Effective in 60 days.

Bill History: 04-21-21 S Filed
04-21-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure
05-25-21 S Meeting set for 10:30 a.m., Senate Chamber, Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure -- Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

SB 598 Collett, Maria (F)(D) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities in Firearms; and, in home rule and optional plan government, further providing for limitation on municipal powers.

PLS Summary: (PN 646) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes & Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities) allowing for ordinances by political subdivisions regarding firearms and ammunitions in buildings, parks, and conveyances or vehicles, and repealing limitations of municipal powers regarding regulation of firearms. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: SB 625 (Refiled from 19R Session)

Bill History: 04-21-21 S Filed
04-21-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 608 Phillips-Hill, Kristin (F)(R) Amends Breach of Personal Information Notification Act, further providing for definitions and for notification of breach; and providing for contents and nature of notice and for storage policies.
PLS Summary: 
(PN 670) Amends the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act further providing for definitions and for notification of breach; and providing for contents and nature of notice and for storage policies. The bill establishes that if a state agency is the subject of the breach of the security of the system, the state agency shall notify the following: the head of the state agency within two hours of the detection of the breach of the security of the system and the Governor's Office of Administration and the Office of Attorney General within four hours of the detection of the breach of the security of the system. Effective in 120 days.

Companions: SB 308 (Refiled from 19R Session) 
SCO 17 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-27-21 S Filed 
04-27-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Communications and Technology

T □ SB 615 Hutchinson, Scott(R) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in powers of department and local authorities, further providing for specific powers of department and local authorities.

PLS Summary: 
(PN 692) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in powers of department and local authorities, providing that the department may not require, as a condition for the approval of a permit for a procession, that the local authority submit a statement to agree to fully indemnify, save harmless, and defend the commonwealth unless specific conditions are met. These conditions are: the sponsor of the procession is not the local authority; the sponsor will fully indemnify, save harmless, and if requested, defend the commonwealth and related employees from and against claims, suits or actions for injury, death or property damage arising from or because of the acts or omissions of the sponsor, its officers, agents, or employees; the sponsor names the department as an additional insured on its liability policies; the sponsor agrees to reimburse the commonwealth for all costs for police escort and traffic control-services; the local authority approves of the sponsor conducting the procession; and the local authority agrees to provide adequate detour signing if requested by the department. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: HB 765 (Identical) 
SCO 822 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-03-21 S Filed 
05-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation 
05-25-21 S Meeting set for 11:30 a.m., Senate Chamber, Senate Transportation -- Senate Transportation

T □ SB 631 Stefano, Patrick(R) Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for removal of municipal officers.

Companions: HB 1217 (Identical) 
SCO 285 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 05-03-21 S Filed 
05-03-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

T □ SB 634 Laughlin, Daniel(R) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code Act, in adoption and enforcement by municipalities, further
providing for administration and enforcement.

(PN 707) Amends the Pennsylvania Construction Code further providing for administration and enforcement. Adds language allowing a municipal code official to utilize third-party agencies to supplement the municipal code enforcement program’s plan review and inspections services or to utilize third-party agencies to perform plan review and inspection services in categories its program does not possess the necessary personnel to administer. Provides two or more municipalities may provide for joint administration and enforcement of the act through an inter-municipal agreement under certain circumstances. Further provides for administration and enforcement by third-party agencies. Effective immediately.

Companions:  
HB 428 (Identical)  
SCO 26 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History:  
05-04-21 S Filed  
05-04-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

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