

HB0269 - (Venkat, Arvind) 195-8

House Bill 269 mandates the Department of Health (DOH) to collaborate with the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) in developing opioid-related overdose awareness materials, including posters and pamphlets. These materials will provide information on identifying overdoses, responding effectively, locating opioid antagonists like naloxone, and accessing further resources. The bill requires public entities to display the posters prominently, while also ensuring the materials are available online and in multiple languages, with DOH covering associated costs.

HB0316 - (Williams, Dan) 114-89

House Bill 316 amends Title 53 to empower local governments to deny permits to LLCs if the company or any of its principals has delinquencies in property taxes, municipal charges, or unresolved serious code violations. Serious violations include threats to the health and safety of occupants or the public. Applicants may face a \$1,000 fine for failing to disclose delinquencies or violations when applying for a permit.

HB0416 - (Waxman, Benjamin) 203-0

House Bill 416 amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to exempt Holocaust survivors from Pennsylvania's personal income tax on restitution payments and court-ordered judgments for stolen property, aligning with existing federal tax exemptions. The Pennsylvania Department of Revenue predicts minimal fiscal impact from this change.

HB0749 - (Madsen, David) 203-0

House Bill 749 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to review the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payment distribution schedule within a year of enactment and every five years afterward. The analysis will consider caseloads, census data, and other state models, with updates developed and implemented as needed, following consultation with an advisory committee. DHS must report findings to legislative committees and make reports and updates publicly accessible online.

HB0797 - (Benham, Jessica) 203-0

This legislation proposes an amendment to the Second Class City Firemen Relief Law, ensuring that surviving spouses of firefighters continue to receive pension benefits even if they remarry. Currently, pension payments are discontinued under this law in the event of remarriage.

HB0923 - (Rivera, Nikki) 203-0

House Bill 923 amends the State Lottery Law to allow individuals enrolled in the PACE and PACENET Programs as of December 31, 2024, to retain eligibility if their income exceeds the limit solely due to a Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This provision will remain in effect until December 31, 2027.

HB0273 – (Merski, Bob) 110-93

House Bill 273 amends Title 53 to create a grant program managed by the Department of Economic and Community Development (DCED) aimed at addressing neighborhood blight. Municipalities can establish codes enforcement programs or enhance existing ones using grant funds, which require matching contributions. The bill also enables counties to enforce property maintenance codes, introduces penalties for code violations, and allocates funds to support demolition, cleanup, and repairs of blighted properties. DCED must provide annual program reports and issue guidelines within 180 days of enactment.

HB0615 - (Khan, Tarik) 203-0

This legislation amends Act 76 of 1981 to expand civil and criminal immunity for individuals who, in good faith, donate food past its labeled date code but still fit for consumption. Immunity applies if the donor inspects the food and deems it safe, but excludes cases of negligence, recklessness, or intentional misconduct. The amendment aims to encourage food donation while maintaining safeguards for public health.

HB0743 - (Salisbury, Abigail) 115-88

House Bill 743 allows municipalities to designate certain properties for acquisition by a land bank if they have been abandoned, vacant, or blighted for five years and meet criteria such as code violations or tax delinquency. Property owners receive notification and may appeal, providing redevelopment plans for consideration. Land banks must pay just compensation, less fines and liens, for acquired properties, and municipalities may establish funds for blight remediation through penalties for code violations.

HB0799 - (Deasy, Daniel) 134-69

This bill adds Chapter 74 to Title 51, requiring the Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to develop a standardized workplace posting with information on veterans' benefits and services, including crisis and local contacts. Employers with over 50 employees in Pennsylvania must display the posting prominently. The Department of Labor & Industry will make the posting available online, and DMVA will publish its contents in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

HB0881 - (Conklin, Scott) 164-39

House Bill 881 amends the Money Transmission Business Licensing Law to include virtual currency and renames it the Money Transmission and Virtual Currency Transmission Business Licensing Law. It updates definitions, clarifies transmission parameters, exempts certain financial institutions, and incorporates virtual currency into licensing requirements, liability provisions, and compliance with federal laws. The bill aims to regulate virtual currency transmission while maintaining safeguards through verification and accountability measures.

HB0238 - (Benninghoff, Kerry) 203-0

House Bill 238 amends Title 75 to establish Section 1506.1, requiring PennDOT to accept specific documents, such as Social Security Cards, W-2 forms, and pay stubs, for verifying Social Security numbers during REAL ID applications. The bill defines "REAL ID" as a compliant photo ID or driver's license issued under Pennsylvania law in alignment with the REAL ID Act of 2005.

HB0543 - (Young, Regina) 195-8

House Bill 543 amends Title 66 to add a subsection to the energy efficiency and conservation program, ensuring the Public Utility Commission (PUC) cannot reject an energy efficiency plan solely for including mechanical insulation, provided it is cost-effective under an approved total resource cost test. The bill defines mechanical insulation as materials and products used for thermal requirements in mechanical, HVAC, and piping applications.

HB0643 - (Dougherty, Sean) 112-91

House Bill 643 raises the PHARE Realty Transfer Tax limit by \$10 million, setting it at \$110 million for fiscal year 2028/29 and subsequent years. The PHARE program funds the creation, rehabilitation, and support of affordable housing across Pennsylvania.