

# STURLA

## Report

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## STURLA INTRODUCES PSP MUNICIPAL POLICE SERVICES SUPPORT ACT



At a Capitol news conference, Rep. Sturla discussed his House Bill 959, which incorporated ideas by Governor Tom Wolf to provide a reasonable per capita fee to be paid by municipalities receiving FREE full-time Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) coverage using the Motor License Fund. Only 26 percent of Commonwealth residents take the FREE PSP patrols. Thus, the remaining 74 percent of Pennsylvanians who pay local taxes to fund their full-time local police services are also paying state taxes and fees to support FREE PSP protection for municipalities that choose not to fund their own local patrols. This legislation would correct that inequity and free up hundreds of millions of dollars for road and bridge projects.

## TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION UNTIL DEC. 15

In partnership with Local Marine Corps League-Detachment 294, Rep. Sturla's Lancaster office has a Toys for Tots collection bin available until December 15 for anyone who wants to donate toys. Families can also visit the office to register by November 10 to receive toys or apply at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).



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# 8TH ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY HELPS SDOL STUDENTS

Rep. Sturla's 8th Annual Back to School Giveaway was held on August 25 inside the Lancaster Barnstormers' Clipper Magazine Stadium. Visit [www.pahouse.com/Sturla](http://www.pahouse.com/Sturla) to see more pictures, a video, and a list of all of the various

community partners that helped prepare for school nearly 1,600 K-8th grade students in the School District of Lancaster. They received free backpacks, supplies, books, uniforms, shoes, and haircuts.



## WANT TO HELP AT THE 2020 BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY?

If you would like to be an event partner, volunteer, or help out in any way, please contact Francis Miliano in Rep. Sturla's office at 717-295-3157 or [fmiliano@pahouse.net](mailto:fmiliano@pahouse.net).



# LANCASTER OFFICE STAFF

Pictured here (left to right) are Rep. Sturla's staff to help you in his Lancaster office: Howard Jones, Francis Miliano, Joe Sweeney and Greg Paulson (Chief of Staff).



## HERE TO SERVE YOU

Rep. Sturla's district office staff is happy to help you navigate state government programs and services. Call the 150 E. King St. office at 717-295-3157 for free assistance.

### **Ayuda disponible en español**

Tengo la fortuna de tener personal bilingüe listo para ayudarlo con cualquier problema relacionado con el estado. Puede llamar a la oficina al (717) 295-3157 o pasar por la oficina localizada en 150 E. King St., Lancaster.

## DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR 2018 PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

Applications for the 2018 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program are now available in Rep. Sturla's Lancaster office and the deadline to apply has been extended to December 27, 2019. If you need help, please call 717-295-3157 before stopping by the 150 E. King St. office to ensure you have all the necessary paperwork for staff to process your application.





# VOTER SERVICES NOW ONLINE

At [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com), you can do the following online:

- ✓ Check your voter registration status
- ✓ Register to vote
- ✓ Apply for an absentee ballot
- ✓ Learn about your voting rights

## LIHEAP APPLICATION NOW OPEN



If you need help paying your heating bills or have a heating emergency, then PA's LIHEAP may be able to help you. You can visit Rep. Sturla's Lancaster office now until April 10, 2020, to apply in person or go to [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us). Applicants could receive either a cash grant in the \$200-\$1,000 range for heating bills or a crisis grant up to \$600 for emergencies.

To be eligible, household income must be:

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1 .....	<b>\$18,735</b>
2 .....	<b>\$25,365</b>
3 .....	<b>\$31,995</b>
4 .....	<b>\$38,625</b>
5 .....	<b>\$45,255</b>

\*For larger households, add an additional \$6,630 for each person.



## STURLA SERVES ON SEFC

Rep. Sturla was re-appointed to the Pa. Special Education Funding Commission (SEFC) to continue his work on improving the funding formula. SEFC held hearings throughout the state to collect testimony that is available at [specialeducationfundingcommission.pasenategov.com](http://specialeducationfundingcommission.pasenategov.com).



In his Capitol office, Rep. Sturla discussed public safety issues with members of the Local 319 Lancaster Professional Firefighters Association (l-r): Ryan Conklin, Kevin Ressler (President), Scott Salamaker, and Geoff Stone. The House recently passed Sturla's HB 1448, which would enable career and combination fire agencies to access a state loan assistance program to purchase and maintain their facilities and equipment if approved by a ballot referendum.





## STURLA ADVOCATES FOR CLEAN WATER

Rep. Sturla spoke at a Capitol press conference with environmental groups to advocate for protecting Pennsylvania's water to ensure clean, healthy water for everyone.



## Sturla Named PA Vice Chair of Chesapeake Bay Commission

Rep. Sturla is serving as Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Delegation of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. He has been a commission member since 2007. The commission's priorities include cleaning up the bay, improving water quality, and reducing nutrient sediment. For more information, visit [www.chesbay.us](http://www.chesbay.us).

## CLEAN SLATE ACT IN EFFECT FOR AUTOMATIC SEALING OF RECORDS

Last year, Rep. Sturla voted for passage of the Clean Slate Act that Governor Tom Wolf signed into law to allow the automatic sealing of some criminal records for:

- Non-conviction records
- Non-violent misdemeanor convictions after a person has remained crime-free for 10 years

This law aims to help individuals who have paid their debt to society get a second chance and put their lives back on track. Please note that the law does not expunge convictions and sealed convictions will still be visible to courts, prosecutors and police. The sealing process started this past June and the state expects to automatically seal up to 30 million low-level criminal records by 2020.

The PA Bar Association and Community Legal Services are providing free legal consultations to Pennsylvanians in determining if they are eligible to file a petition with the court system to have their record sealed. Go to [www.mycleanslatepa.com](http://www.mycleanslatepa.com) for more information.



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# NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

Check out [www.pahouse.com/Sturla](http://www.pahouse.com/Sturla) to see the revamped website design and learn more about Rep. Sturla's latest news. You can sign up to receive emails to stay updated, too. You can also visit [www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee](http://www.pahouse.com/PolicyCommittee) to see his work as Policy Committee Chairman.



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