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**TO: PRESIDENT RANDY RIDDLE, ASSOCIATION OF  
MAYORS OF THE BOROUGHS OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**FROM: LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN, JOHN DORIN**

**DATE: October 17, 2015**

**RE: LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

The Budget Debate goes on 100 plus days and counting.

Republican Law Makers in Pennsylvania who are resisting tax increases to balance a deep budget deficit are taking steps toward the state third expansion of gambling in six years as an alternate source of cash. Lawmakers who support it estimate that an expansion of some sort could mean hundreds of millions of dollars in one time license fees plus collections from taxing a new stream of gambling profits. It also would keep the states industry current in a competitive and fast changing environment, supports say. House Majority Leader, David Reed gave gambling expansion a prominent place in his list of priorities. Exploring the possibility should come before lawmakers raise taxes, he said last week after the house defeated a 2.4 billion tax package presented by Governor Tom Wolf. We need to come to a conclusion on liquor reform. Also other costs drivers like our pension system and other alternatives.

Our five resolutions that were excepted at the annual meeting along with the others are still a priority with PSAB Lobbyists Edward Troxell And Ron Grutza, currently the budget is a priority with our lawmakers.

The following bills are a point of interest to the writer and follow up will be a priority. Any other bills and questions that the membership has, please contact the writer.

**HB 308** - (Caltagirone, Thomas) –Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in marriage ceremony, further providing for persons qualified to solemnize marriages.

(PN 1829) Amends Title 23 ( Domestic Relations), in marriage, to allow a former or retired justice, judge, magisterial district judge or former mayor who has not served a full term to perform a marriage ceremony. Effective immediately. (Prior Prior Printer Number: 304 1751)

**Companions:** HB 2462 (Refiled from 13R Session)  
HCO 228 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 6-17-15 H Third consideration  
6-17-15 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:189/N: 0)  
6-18-15 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate  
Judiciary  
10-15-15 Status remains the same

**HB 659** - (Freeman, Robert) –Amends the Main Street Act further providing for the duration of grants.

(PN 761) Amends the Main Street Act to authorize grants to be extended for an additional five years Effective immediately.

**Companions:** HB 700 (Refiled from 13R Session)  
HCO 526 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 02-26-15 H Filed  
02-27-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Local Government  
10-15-15 Status remains the same

**HB 977** – (Murt, Thomas) –Amends the Municipal Police Pension Law providing for part-time service credit.

(PN 1245) Amends the Municipal Police Pension Law providing for part-time service credit by adding that a member of the police force employed by a borough, town, township or regional police department, who had been a regularly appointed full-time employee of the political subdivision or regional police department for a period of at least six months and who, prior to that period, was member of the force on a part-time basis, shall have his employment record for pension or retirement benefits credited with the time spent by him in part-time service. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** HB 1752 (Refiled from 13R Session)  
HCO 188 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 04-15-15 H Filed  
04-16-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Local Government  
10-15-15 Status remains the same

**HB 1227** – (Gingrich, Mauree) –Amends Title 8 (Boroughs & Incorporated Towns), in corporate powers, further providing for specific powers.

(PN 1612) Amends Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns), in corporate powers, adding that the borough may appropriate money for the purpose of flowers, plaques or other tokens of tangible personal property, other than cash, gift certificates or equivalent items, in an amount not to exceed \$100, recognizing the service or passing of a borough official, employee or volunteer. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** [HB 1226](#) (Related)  
[HB 1228](#) (Related)  
[SB 871](#) (Related)  
[SB 872](#) (Related)  
[SB 873](#) (Related)

**Bill History:** 05-14-15 H Filed  
05-18-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Local Government  
10-15-15 Status remains the same

**HB 1300** –(Santarsiero, Steve) –Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of drivers, further providing for schedule of convictions & points; further providing for speed timing devices; further providing for powers of PennDot and local authorities.

(PN 1736) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for convictions and points by including under exceptions a speeding offense caught by a speed timing device within ten miles per hour of the posted limit. Also provides for training in the use of speed timing devices and for specific powers of department and local authorities. Effective in 120 days.

**Companions:** [HCO1970](#) (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 6-04-15 H Filed  
6-08-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on  
House Transportation  
10-15-15 Status remains the same

**SB 420** –(Yudichak, John) –Act providing for State assistance grants to municipalities for regionalizing police operations; imposing powers and

duties on the Center for Local Government Services; and making an appropriation.

(PN 479) The Regional Police Assistance Grant Program Act would be administered by the Center for Local Government Services within the Department of Community and Economic Development. Through the program, grants would be awarded to municipalities that need financial assistance to regionalize their police operations with other municipalities and could be used for staff salaries, police equipment and related start-up expenses. The amount of each grant would be the same as the amount of Federal funds received by the municipalities from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the same purpose and no grant could exceed \$100,000 for any three-year period. Provides the sum of \$100,000 shall be appropriated to the Center for Local Government Services within the Department of Community and Economic Development to carry out the act. Effective in 60 days.

**Companions:** SB 162(Refiled from 13R Session)  
SCO 492 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 2-20-15 S Filed  
2-20-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Local Government  
10-15-15 Status remains the same

**SB 559** -(Rafferty, John) –Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in licensing of driver, further providing for schedule of convictions & points: in rules of the road in general, further providing for speed timing devices; & for State and local powers.

PN 536) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) adding that if a speeding offense is charged as a result of use of a speed timing devices, no points shall be

assigned unless the speed recorded is ten or more miles per hour in excess of the legal speed limit. The legislation also authorizes the use of electronic speed meters or radar or LIDAR by full time police officers employed by the full-service police department of a political subdivision or regional police department situate in a county of the first class if official warning signs indicating the use of these devices are erected within 500 feet of the border of the political subdivision. The bill provides for testing of such devices. Effective in 120 days.

**Companions:** SB 1428 (Refiled from 13R Session)  
SCO 372 (Co-sponsor Memo)

**Bill History:** 02-25-15 S Filed  
02-25-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on  
Senate Transportation  
07-14-15 S Discussed in joint public hearing, Senate  
Transportation –Senate Transportation  
10-09-14 Status remains the same  
10-15-15 Status remains the same

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