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PRESIDENT TOM REENOCK, ASSOCIATION OF MAYORS OF THE BOROUGHS OF PENNSYLVANIA

FROM: LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN, JOHN DORIN

DATE: October 19, 2013

RE: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

HB 700 - (Freeman, Robert) - Amends the Main Street Act further providing for duration of grants.

PLS Summary: (PN 796) Amends the Main Street Act further providing for the duration of grants by adding that basic grants may be approved for an additional period of five years.

Companions: HB 295 (Refiled from 11R Session)

HCO 182 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-12-13 H Filed

02-13-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House Local Government

10-14-13 Status remains the same

HB 792 - (Tallman, Will) - Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses). In firearms & other dangerous articles, providing for the offense of unlawful firearm records; and prescribing a penalty.

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PLS Summary: (PN 903) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses), in firearms and other dangerous articles, making it unlawful for the state government or any local political subdivision to create or maintain a firearms registry other than in the enumerated excepted situations articulated in the legislation. The bill creates a cause of action for creating or maintaining such a database and provides for attorney fees and costs be awarded to an adversely affected party under the bill if they are successful in their cause of actions.

Companions: HCO1129 (Co-Sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 02-15-13 H Filed

02-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House Judiciary

10-14-13 Status remains the same

HB 812 – (Costa, Dom) – Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act providing for dismissal of police officers upon conviction of certain offenses and for dismissal of firefighters upon conviction of certain offense.

PLS Summary: (PN 922) Amends the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act to require the dismissal of a police officer or firefighter after conviction of a crime related to the theft of a controlled substance.

Companions: HCO 244 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History 02-21-13 H Files

02-25-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House Judiciary

10-14-13 Status remains the same

HB 1148 – (Miller, Ron) – Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing for special procedures pertaining to issuance of parking tickets.

PLS Summary: (PN 1406) Aments Title 75 (Vehicles) providing for special procedures pertaining to issuance of parking tickets by adding that at the time a parking tissue is issued, the person issuing the ticket must take a digital photograph clearly depicting the rear of the ticketed vehicle and all registration information on the vehicles registration plate. The photograph would be attached to the municipality's copy of the parking ticket. If a parking ticket is unpaid and a second notice to the

owner of the ticketed vehicle is issued, a copy of the photograph would be attached to the second notice.

Companions: HB 175 (Refiled from 11R Session)

HCO 222 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04-08-13 H Filed

04-09-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House Transportation

10-14-13 Status remains the same

HB 1234 - (Smith, Sam) -A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, reducing the size of the General Assembly.

PLS Summary: (PN 1901) Joint Resolution amending the Pennsylvania Constitution reducing the number of representatives in the House of Representatives to 153 from 203.

Companions: <u>HB 153</u> (Refiled from 11R Session)

HCO1343 (Co-sponsor Memo)

SB 324 (Related) SB 336 (Related)

Bill History: 05/30/13 H Filed

06/03/13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House State Government

HB 1272 – (Readshaw, Harry) – Amends Title 75 (Vehicles), in rules of the road generally, further providing for speed timing devices.

PLS Summary: (PN 1622) Amends Title 75 (Vehicle), removing the prohibition against municipal police using radar to enforce the maximum speed laws.

Companions: <u>HCO1790</u> (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04/25/13 H Filed

04/29/13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House Transportation

HB 1297 – (Santarsiero, Steve) – Amends Title 75 (Vehicle) further providing for schedule of convictions and points, for speed timing devices and for specific powers of department and local authorities.

PLS Summary: (PN 1659) 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.

Companions: <u>HCO1443</u> (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 04/29/13 H Filed

04/30/13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House Transportation

HB 1564 – (Gibbons, Jaret) –Act providing for grants to municipalities that provide services to certain universities and for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development; and making an appropriation.

PLS Summary: (PN 2113) The Municipal Service Grant Act provides grants to municipalities to reimburse them for the cost of providing primary municipal services to universities in the State System of Higher Education and for tax revenue that is lost due to the presence of the university. The bill outlines a distribution formula and for instances where a main campus lies in multiple municipalities. \$3,000,000 is appropriated to the Department of Community and Economic Development to carry out the provisions of this act. Effective immediately.

Companions: HCO1243 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 06-19-13 H Filed

06-20-13 H Introduced and referred to committee on

House Appropriations

10-14-13 Status remains the same

SB 63 - (Ward, Kim) -Amends the Administrative Code providing for contracting for State Trooper Services.

PLS Summary: (PN 32) Aments the administrative Code establishing the State Trooper Services Contractual Program. The bill authorizes the State Police Commissioner to enter into agreements with boroughs and townships for the furnishing of police protection by one or more state troopers on a contractual basis, and provides for duties and requirements of various parties in the furtherance of the measure. A trooper would be paid no less than \$65 per hour under an agreement. Effective in 60 days.

Companions: SCO 19 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-04-13 S Filed

01/04/13 S Introduced and referred to committee on

Senate Law and Justice

SB 162 —(Yudichak, Jack) —Act providing for State assistance grants to municipalities for regionalizing police operations; imposing powers & duties on the Center for Local Government Services; & making an appropriation.

PLS Summary: (PN 175) 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 municipality from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the same purpose and no grant could exceed \$100,000 for any three-year period. The sum of \$100,000 would 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 616 (Refiled from 11R Session) SCO 176 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 01-18-13 S Filed

01/18/13 S Introduced and referred to committee on

Senate Local Government

SB 439 -(Erickson, Edwin) -Amends an act entitled "extending benefits to police chiefs who have been removed from bargaining units by the PA Labor Relations Board" further providing for salary of nonunion police officers.

PLS Summary: (PN 554) Amends an act entitled "An act extending benefits to police chiefs or heads of police departments of political subdivisions of the Commonwealth who have been removed from bargaining units by the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board," further providing for salary of nonunion police officers to state that except in cities of the first and second class, the chief, superintendent or commissioner of police and other ranking officers in a political subdivision of the Commonwealth who are not members of bargaining units under the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act shall receive not less that the same dollar increase including fringe benefits excluding overtime and festive holiday pay as received by the highest ranking police officer participating in the bargaining unit. "Bargaining Unit" is defined as collective bargaining unit as provided under the Policemen and Firemen Collective Bargaining Act.

Companions: <u>HB 933</u> (Refiled from 11R Session)

SB 1026 (Refiled from 11R Session)

HB 706 (Identical)

SCO 139 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-01-13 S Filed

03-01-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on

Senate Local Government

SB 587 -(Solobay, Timothy) - Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for speed timing devices

PLS Summary: (PN 561) Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for speed timing devices by adding that a mechanical, electrical or electronic device, other than an electronic devices commonly referred to as electronic speed meter or radar, that has been tested for accuracy within 60 days prior to the effective date of the legislation, shall be deemed tested for a period not to exceed 180 days from the date of the testing

Companions: SCO 457 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 03-01-13 S Filed

03-01-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on

Senate Transportation

SB 1059 -(Yaw, Gene) -Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act further defining "public work".

PLS Summary: (PN 1330) Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act to further provide for the definition of "public work" by increasing the dollar threshold from \$25,000 to \$180,000 for the total estimated cost of the project.

Companions: SCO1167 (Co-sponsor Memo)

Bill History: 07-11-13 S Filed

07-11-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on

Senate Labor and Industry