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At 3:28 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 the Senate stands in recess until the call of the President Pro Tempore.

At 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 the House stands in recess until the 12 hour call of the Chair.

UPCOMING SESSION DAYS

House

March 12, 13, 14
Apr 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 30
May 1, 2, 22, 23
June 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18-21, 25-30

Senate

Mar 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28
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EXECUTIVE ACTIONS

SB 354 Tomlinson, Robert (R)

(PN 1426) Amends "An act empowering the General Counsel or his designee to issue subpoenas for certain licensing board activities; providing for hearing examiners in the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs; providing additional powers to the Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs; and further providing for civil penalties and license suspension," further providing for definitions; providing for reporting of sanctions and criminal proceedings and for suspension; and further providing for civil penalties. The bill requires all persons licensed, certified, or registered with the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs to report any disciplinary conduct in another jurisdiction by a licensing board or an arrest, indictment or conviction, with the exception of drug and alcohol summary offenses. The legislation would provide penalties for failure to report within 30 days. The legislation also provides for license suspension and hearing process and procedure. Effective in 60 days with portions on reports and updates effective in two years. (Prior Printer Number: 348, 710, 992, 1373)

Feb 15, 2018 Approved by the Governor - Act: 6 Apr 16, 2018 - S-Earliest effective date

SB 497 Vogel, Jr., Elder (R)

(PN 876) Amends the Solid Waste Management Act clarifying language under definitions. Adds "current generation blast furnace, iron and steel slag" under residual waste if used onsite as a waste processing liming agent or managed as an item of commercial value. Further provides nothing in the legislation shall be construed to affect the duty or power of the Department of Environmental Protection over a natural resource or residual waste in the Commonwealth. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 497, 748)

Feb 15, 2018 Approved by the Governor - Act: 7 Apr 16, 2018 - S-Earliest effective date

SB 542 Browne, Patrick (R)

(PN 1263) Amends the Pharmacy Act regarding the required notification from a pharmacist to the prescriber within 72 hours if an emergency prescription is dispensed, to clarify that if the prescription is not dispensed or sold in a 72-hour supply, then an amount not to exceed a 30-day supply may be dispensed or sold. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 581)

Feb 15, 2018 Approved by the Governor - Act: 8 Feb 15, 2018 - S-Earliest effective date

UPCOMING MEETINGS

TUESDAY – 2/20/18

House Finance

Subcommittee on Tax Modernization & Reform

3:00 p.m., Room B31, Main Capitol

Public hearing on analysis of personal income tax in PA for businesses and taxpayers

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Independent Fiscal Office/Economic & Revenue Outlook

1:00 p.m., Department of Revenue (Including Lottery)



**Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing
Hearing Room 1, North Office Building**

10:00 a.m., Treasury Department
1:00 p.m., Independent Fiscal Office
3:00 p.m., Approved Private Schools/Charter School for the Deaf and Blind
4:00 p.m., PA Intermediate Units

WEDNESDAY – 2/21/18

House Transportation

1:00 p.m., Bloomsburg University of PA, Greenly Center, 50 East Main St., Bloomsburg
Public hearing on the gaps that exist in a rural area regarding transportation

**House Appropriations Budget Hearing
Room 140, Main Capitol Building**

10:00 a.m., Job Creation in Pennsylvania (Department of Labor & Industry, Department of Community & Economic Development, Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency)
1:00 p.m., Ensuring Stability of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education with a Focus on Workforce Development in the Commonwealth

**Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing
Hearing Room 1, North Office Building**

10:00 a.m., Department of State
1:00 p.m., Auditor General
3:00 p.m., Attorney General

THURSDAY – 2/22/18

**House Appropriations Budget Hearing
Room 140, Main Capitol Building**

10:00 a.m., Department of Transportation
1:00 p.m., Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

**Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing
Hearing Room 1, North Office Building**

10:00 a.m., PA State System of Higher Education
1:00 p.m., State Police/Homeland Security
3:00 p.m., PA Emergency Management Agency/Fire Commissioner

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

To consider the following regulations: 3133 State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure #16A-6710: Code of Ethics 3191 Department of General Services #8-21: Committee on Construction Contract Documents (Final-Omit) 3192 Department of General Services #8-22: Selections Committee (Final-Omit) 3193 Department of General Services #8-23: Emergency Construction Repairs (Final-Omit) 3194 Department of General Services #8-25: Methods of Awarding Contracts (Final-Omit) 3195 Environmental Quality Board #7-538: Administration of the Land Recycling Program (Final-Omit) 3136 Environmental Quality Board #7-520: Disinfection Requirements Rule 3162 Environmental Quality Board #7-529: Gasoline Volatility Requirements

MONDAY – 2/26/18

House Agriculture and Rural Affairs

12:00 p.m., Room 60, East Wing
Informational meeting on dairy industry issues



House Professional Licensure

1:00 p.m., Room G-50, Irvis

Public hearing on: [HB 1344](#) Readshaw, Harry Act re State Board of Medical Physicists

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Environmental Protection

1:00 p.m., Career & Technical Education (Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Lancaster County Career & Technology Center, Pennsylvania Association of Career & Technical Administrators, Community Colleges)

3:00 p.m., Department of Agriculture

Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Labor and Industry

1:00 p.m., Department of General Services

3:00 p.m., Department of Transportation

TUESDAY – 2/27/18

House Professional Licensure

9:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Public hearing on: [HB 1545](#) Cutler, Bryan Amends Title 63 re imaging & radiation therapy

Joint Legislative Budget & Finance Committee

11:00 a.m., Room 14, East Wing

Meeting to release reports on 1) sexual assault evidence collection, 2) costs to implement the Right-to-Know Law and 3) update of cost estimates for an alternative approach to meeting PA's Chesapeake Bay nutrient reduction targets

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Reducing Costs in the Correctional System (Department of Corrections & Board of Probation and Parole)

1:00 p.m., Office of Administration – Office for Information Technology

Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

10:00 a.m., State Related Universities

1:00 p.m., Judiciary

3:00 p.m., Pennsylvania College of Technology

4:00 p.m., Inspector General

WEDNESDAY – 2/28/18

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Department of General Services

1:00 p.m., Liquor Control Board

3:00 p.m., Department of Military & Veterans Affairs

Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

1:00 p.m., Department of Agriculture

3:00 p.m., Department of Conservation and Natural Resources



THURSDAY – 3/1/18

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Combating Opioids in Pennsylvania (Department of Health, Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs)

1:00 p.m., Combating Opioids in Pennsylvania (Attorney General)

Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Corrections/Board of Probation and Parole

1:00 p.m., PA Liquor Control Board

3:00 p.m., Department of Environmental Protection

MONDAY – 3/5/18

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Education

Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

10:00 a.m., PA Gaming Control Board

1:00 p.m., Department of Revenue/Lottery

3:00 p.m., Department of Community & Economic Development

TUESDAY – 3/6/18

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Human Services

Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Education

1:00 p.m., Department of Education Continued

3:00 p.m., Department of Aging

WEDNESDAY 3/7/18

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Pennsylvania State Police/Homeland Security

1:00 p.m., Office of Inspector General

3:00 p.m., Gaming Control Board

Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

10:00 a.m., Department of Health and Human Services

THURSDAY – 3/8/18

House Appropriations Budget Hearing

Room 140, Main Capitol Building

10:00 a.m., Budget Secretary – Office of the Governor/Executive Offices



Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing

10:00 a.m., Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs

1:00 p.m., Budget Secretary/Gov's Executive Office

3:00 p.m., Budget Secretary/Gov's Executive Office Continued

MONDAY - 3/19/18

Senate Health and Human Services

10:30 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing

Public hearing to consider the nominations and confirmations of: Department of Human Services Acting Secretary Teresa Miller Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs Acting Secretary Jennifer Smith Department of Health Acting Secretary Rachel Levine

THURSDAY - 3/22/18

Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 14th Floor Conference Room, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg

To consider the following regulation: Reg. No. 3134 State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure #16A-6711: General Revisions



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