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BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

[HB 261](#)
PN 2772
10-31-07

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 2772) Amends the Administrative Code establishing the Independent Fiscal Review Board to recommend changes which will modernize and reform the Commonwealth and local revenue systems which support these public services, continually monitor state and local systems, encourage discussion in a public forum of issues and concerns related to this system, and particularly focus on revenue forecasts and legislation affecting the General Fund. The board would prepare periodic advisory General Fund revenue estimates and reports; monitor Commonwealth and local revenue systems; and act as an advisor to the Governor, the General Assembly and the public concerning General Fund revenue forecasts, economic conditions in PA, trends and developments relevant to revenue systems in PA, and other information or analysis related to PA and local revenue systems which the Governor or the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees may request or as may be required by law. (Prior Printer Number: 293) Printer Number: 293 2772

Last Action: 11-13-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[A04027 MARSICO 11-01-07](#) - Inserts language establishing the Office of Inspector General as an independent agency. Further provides the Inspector General shall be appointed by the Governor with the consent of two-thirds of the Senate. The appointee must not be a public official or public employee and must not have been a public official or public employee within two years of appointment. Also provides the term of office shall be six years and the individual is eligible for reappointment.

[A04036 VEREB 11-01-07](#) - Inserts language providing the Attorney General shall jointly select with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board a Director of the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and shall establish a gaming unit within the Office of Attorney General. Further provides the unit shall supervise and jointly conduct with the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and the Pennsylvania State Police background

investigations required by Title 4 and shall investigate and institute criminal proceedings as authorized under Title 4. Also provides the gaming unit shall prepare and annually submit an itemized budget in accordance with Title 4. The expenses of the gaming unit shall be considered reimbursable expenses under Title 4 as well.

A04037 CLYMER 11-01-07 - Inserts language providing that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the city of Philadelphia or the city of Pittsburgh or any board, department, commission, subdivision or instrumentality of either city shall sell, convey, lease or grant any easement, right of way, license or any other interest in real estate which is subject to the riparian interest of the Commonwealth without specific statutory authorization enacted by the General Assembly after the effective date of this subsection. Also provides this restriction shall be applied retroactively to December 19, 2006, for any property which is a licensed facility as defined in Title 4 or is adjacent to a licensed facility.

A04159 BAKER 11-13-07 - Adds language providing the proceeds from a license or transfer of a riparian interest for the purpose of constructing a licensed gaming facility should be deposited in the Property Tax Relief Fund to be used to provide tax relief.

A04175 VEREB 11-14-07 - Adds language providing the Attorney General shall establish a local law enforcement grant program. Further provides the grant program shall issue grants to local law enforcement agencies to enforce the provisions of Title 4, Part II (relating to gaming) and to prevent unlawful gaming. Also provides a grant to an applicant may not exceed \$250,000 annually and an applicant may not receive more than four grants in any five-year period unless the applicant has a licensed facility located within its jurisdiction. The sum of \$5 million shall be transferred annually from the State Gaming Fund to the Attorney General for the purpose of issuing the grants.

A04184 VEREB 11-15-07 - Inserts language providing the Attorney General shall jointly select with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board a Director of the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and shall establish a gaming unit within the Office of Attorney General. Further provides the unit shall supervise and jointly conduct with the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and the Pennsylvania State Police background investigations required by Title 4 and shall investigate and institute criminal proceedings as authorized under Title 4. Also provides the gaming unit shall prepare and annually submit an itemized budget in accordance with Title 4. The expenses of the gaming unit shall be considered reimbursable expenses under Title 4 as well.

A05501 YUDICHAK 01-28-08 - Inserts language establishing an office within the Office of Consumer Advocate an Office of Consumer Advocate for Health Insurance appointed by the Attorney General to represent the interest of consumers before the Insurance Department. Further provides this office shall be headed by the Consumer Advocate for Health Insurance appointed by the Attorney General who by reason of training, experience and attainment is qualified to represent the interests of consumers. Also establishes the Consumer Advocate for Health Insurance Fund. Provides each insurer who writes coverages for health, as a condition of its authorization to transact business in the Commonwealth, shall pay into the Fund an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying \$2 million by a fraction, the numerator of which is the direct premium collected for all coverages by that insurer in this Commonwealth during the preceding calendar year and the denominator of

which is the direct premium written on such coverages by all insurers in the same period.

[HB 878](#)
PN 2666
10-24-07

Sponsor: Clymer
(PN 2666) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) providing for procedure for conveyance of established projects by adding that an incorporating municipality that intends to acquire an established project of an authority or to dissolve an authority that provides water or sewer service to at least 25% of its customers in municipalities outside the incorporating municipality would have to first discuss the acquisition or dissolution at a public meeting and allow for public comments. At least one advertised public forum on the acquisition or dissolution would have to be held. Additionally, each municipality that is served by an authority incorporated by another municipality wishing to dissolve the authority or acquire its established project must, at a public meeting, cast a nonbinding vote to recommend approval or denial of the action of dissolution or acquisition by the incorporating municipality. Restrictions on future conveyances and assets are further provided for in the bill. Approval from the Public Utility Commission would be required if the incorporating municipality intends to continue providing water or sewer service previously provided by the authority to municipalities outside the incorporating municipality before the acquisition or termination of an authority, the conveyance of a project of the authority to the incorporating municipality or transfer of reserves, assets or funds from an authority to the incorporating municipality. (Prior Printer Number: 1033)

Last Action: 10-24-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[A03892 GEORGE 10-25-07](#) - Inserts language establishing a two-year moratorium on issuance of permits or modifications on permits for the construction, expansion, and operation, of municipal waste landfills, construction/ demolition waste landfills, resource recovery facilities, or commercial residual waste disposal facilities. The Department of Environmental Protection is also not permitted to except modifications that would increase average daily volume or the maximum daily volume at a facility. Ninety days before the bill expires the Secretary of Environmental Protection will review landfill capacity and usage and if it is found that landfill capacity is equal or more than six years of unused landfill capacity remains the moratorium will be extended for a year. The Department will also be required to calculate actual daily volume amounts at each facility by averaging the actual daily volume over the preceding 12-month period. Any amount in excess will be subject to rescission. The municipality also is allowed to deny any permit or modification for a permit except if it is determined that there is a public need for the change and a hearing takes place. Also makes the facility owner liable for all pollution water supplies within 2,500 linear feet of the boundaries of the facility unless the water supply company refused to allow the facility operator access to conduct survey, the pollution existed prior to the facility operation, the pollution occurred as a result of some other cause, or the landowner refused access to the facility operator attempting to determine the cause of the pollution. Additionally, authorizes a grant of \$5 million in the 2008-2009 fiscal year and the two following fiscal years after that to the Recycling Fund, which goes to municipalities that significantly increase their recycling effort. Finally, the act prohibits a new municipal waste or residual waste landfill, or resource recovery facility from opening 2,500 feet from a Pennsylvania State Park.

[A03893 GEORGE 10-25-07](#) - Inserts language authorizing municipalities and the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct sewage sludge testing on certain lands. Further provides that upon written complaint of any person, the department may enter upon any land in Pennsylvania and conduct tests of the land for the application of sewage sludge without prior notice to the owner of the land. Also provides the department would submit an annual report to the General Assembly on the complaints received and the testing conducted.

[HB 904](#)
PN 2998
01-17-08

Sponsor: Freeman
(PN 2998) Amends the PA Municipalities Planning Code adding provisions to authorize temporary development moratoria. The bill states the governing body of a municipality may place a moratorium of limited duration on new development by enacting an ordinance to temporarily suspend the acceptance of applications for development in order to permit enactment or revision of a comprehensive plan, a subdivision and land development ordinance or a zoning ordinance. The ordinance may limit the moratorium to specific geographical areas or may exempt specific uses. The bill provides for findings of need prior to adoption of the ordinance and for public notice and hearings. The ordinance may authorize the temporary suspension of the acceptance of applications for development for up to 18 months in the case of enactment or concurrent revision of the comprehensive plan, a subdivision and land development ordinance and a zoning ordinance. The period may be no more than one year for revisions of one or two of these. Additional moratoria may not be adopted for at least three years from the end of the most recent moratorium. Lastly, the bill outlines a procedure by which a landowner or developer may apply for a waiver from a moratorium. (Prior Printer Number: 1056)

Last Action: 12-12-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 1177](#)
PN 2804
11-01-07

Sponsor: Fabrizio
(PN 2804) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) by defining "clinical social work services" and including clinical social work under the scope of service. (Prior Printer Number: 1457)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[A04254 HARPER 11-15-07](#) - Adds language establishing the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of a control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined under Chapters 61 and 63. The board shall consist of the Auditor General, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the Secretary of Health, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the House Majority Leader, and the House Minority Leader or their designees. The board shall also include a member of the general public who is an individual insured under a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation and a person who is currently or who has been a health care provider pursuant to a contract with a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation. These two individuals shall be appointed by the Governor. Also provides for the powers and duties of the board.

[A04257 BOYD 11-15-07](#) - Adds language establishing the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of a control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined under Chapters 61 and 63. The board shall consist of the Auditor General, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the Secretary of Health, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the House Majority Leader, and the House Minority Leader or their designees. The board shall also include a member of the general public who is an individual insured under a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation and a person who is currently or who has been a health care provider pursuant to a contract with a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation. These two individuals shall be appointed by the Governor. Further provides for the powers and duties of the board. Also provides for the effect of a merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control shall result in a single hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation having a 25% or more share of the Commonwealth's accident and health line of business as measured by the insurer's most recent annual statements.

[A04857 PERRY 12-5-07](#) - Inserts language providing no hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation shall place any advertisement on any television, radio or print media.

[A06056 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[A06057 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[A06105 MICOZZIE 03-11-08](#) - Adds a chapter codifying community health reinvestment.

[HB 1225](#)
PN 2999
01-17-08

Sponsor: Seip
(PN 2999) The Local Senior Citizen Property Tax and Rent Rebate Act authorizes a local taxing authority to establish a local senior citizen property tax and rent rebate program or continue an existing program. A program established under this act would expire one year from the date of establishment. Income eligibility and the maximum amount of property tax and rent rebates would be determined by the local taxing authority as follows: (1) The maximum annual household income for property tax rebates shall not exceed \$35,000, and the annual rebate may be any amount up to and including the amount of the maximum rebate under section 1304 The Taxpayer Relief Act; and (2) The maximum annual household income for rent rebates may not exceed \$15,000, and the annual rebate may be any amount up to and including the amount of the maximum rebate under section 1304 of The Taxpayer Relief Act. Approved claims would be paid from the local taxing authority's general fund. Local taxing authorities are required to report on the program to the Department of Community and Economic Development. The bill provides for duties of the department. (Prior Printer Number: 1510)

Last Action: 12-12-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[A05197 MUNDY 12-21-07](#) - Removes the current definition of "homestead" and inserts the definition of "homestead" under section 1303 of Act 1 of 2006, the Taxpayer Relief Act.

[A05451 PERZEL 01-24-08](#) - Strikes the current language and inserts language providing the Department of Revenue shall establish the Property Tax Assistance Program to assist eligible claimants in the payment of school property taxes. Provides a claimant must be over 65 years of age; have an annual income of not more than \$40,000; and shall not have applied for or received a property tax rebate for school property taxes paid pursuant to Chapter 13 of the Taxpayer Relief Act. Further provides that for each eligible payment, the department shall pay the tax bill in whole from the Property Tax Relief Fund. Also provides the State Treasurer may transfer, to the extent necessary, up to \$50 million from the State Lottery Fund to the Property Tax Relief Fund for payment of claims.

[A05461 ROHRER 01-28-08](#) - Strikes the current language in the bill and replaces it with the School Property Tax Elimination Act authorizing the imposition of a personal income tax or an earned income tax by a school district subject to voter approval. Other provisions include but not limited to: the imposition of and the exclusion from a sales and use tax for education; the establishment of the Public Transportation Reserve Fund; and providing increases to the personal income tax, the realty transfer tax, and for the hotel occupancy tax.

[A05511 REICHLEY 01-28-08](#) - Removes the language providing a local senior citizen property tax and rent rebate program established under this subsection shall expire one year from the date of establishment.

[HB 1532](#)
PN 1938
11-14-07

Sponsor: Rubley
(PN 1938) Amends Title 74 (Transportation) providing for the designation of a portion of US Route 202 in Chester County and a portion of the PA Turnpike from Route 29 to the Valley Forge interchange as a scenic byway.

Last Action: 11-14-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[A04483 MCILHATTAN 11-29-07](#) - Amends the bill as amended by A04325 adding language to § 8915.3 pertaining to the lease of Interstate 80 providing the Department of Transportation and the Turnpike Commission shall agree that the commission upon approval of the General Assembly is authorized to charge and collect tolls; to contract with any person, partnership, association or corporation desiring the use of any part of I-80, including the right-of-way adjoining the paved portion, gasoline and other types of fuel stations, garages, stores, hotels, restaurants and advertising signs or for any other purpose; and to fix the terms, conditions, rents and rates of charges for use. Further provides the approval of the General Assembly for any of the items in this paragraph shall be by statute approved by two-thirds vote of the members of the Senate and the House.

[A04485 BENNINGHOFF 11-29-07](#) - Amends the bill as amended by A04325 adding language providing whenever the Turnpike Commission proposes to issue any bonds, note or other obligations, prior to their offering for sale the commission shall publish a public notice of sale by competitive bid in "The Bond Buyer" Sealed Bids Invited section and on the "Munifacts News Wire" information service or, in the event that either or both such media for advertising debt obligation sales is no longer in business, a nationally recognized organization which provides the same or similar service. Such notice shall be published at least two weeks prior to the deadline for submission of bids. Further provides if the commission's bona fide effort to sell the obligations using the competitive bid method fails to produce at least two offers to purchase all of the obligations for sale, then the commission may use the negotiated method of sale. Also provides, when selling any obligations, the commission shall prepare, and publish in the Pennsylvania Bulletin both a detailed list of the estimated costs of issuance and a detailed report of the actual costs of issuance after the sale.

[A04486 SCAVELLO 11-29-07](#) - Amends the bill as amended by A04325 adding language providing the lease agreement and any related agreement shall include as an addendum or amendment to the lease agreement, a provision that no toll collection facilities of any kind shall be erected within 40 miles of the Pennsylvania border with New Jersey.

[A04487 MCILHATTAN 11-29-07](#) - Amends the bill as amended by A04325 adding language to § 8915.3 pertaining to the lease of Interstate 80 providing the Department of Transportation and the Turnpike Commission shall agree that the commission upon approval of the General Assembly is authorized to charge and collect tolls; to contract with any person, partnership, association or corporation desiring the use of any part of I-80, including the right-of-way adjoining the paved portion, gasoline and other types of fuel stations, garages, stores, hotels, restaurants and advertising signs or for any other purpose; and to fix the terms, conditions, rents and rates of charges for use. Further provides the approval of the General Assembly for any of the items in this paragraph shall be by statute.

[A04488 MARSICO 11-29-07](#) - Amends the bill as amended by A04325 adding language providing no less than \$10 million annually for a minimum of five years shall be allocated to counties for a commuter and intercity rail project in the Capital Region from payments made to the Department of Transportation under section 8915.3(6) (relating to lease of Interstate 80; related agreements).

[A04504 MCILHATTAN 11-29-07](#) - Amends the bill as amended by A04325 removing the language providing the system administrator shall remit the fine, less the operation and maintenance costs necessitated by this section, to the Philadelphia School District for each fiscal year and inserts language that the moneys shall be deposited in the Motor License Fund to be used exclusively for a small community and rural Pennsylvania municipal bridge local match grant program administered by the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Municipal Services.

[A04892 GEORGE 12-06-07](#) - Inserts language providing each county shall enter into an intercounty cooperative agreement with each bordering county to ensure the continuity of transportation systems across county lines.

[A04971 MCGEEHAN 12-11-07](#) - Adds language providing vacancies in the membership of the Turnpike Commission on or after the effective date of this subsection shall be filled as follows: the first vacancy shall be filled by a member to be appointed by the Senate Majority Leader; the second vacancy shall be filled by the Senate Minority Leader; and the succeeding two vacancies by the Governor. Further provides that this shall apply to a vacancy on the commission which has occurred for any reason, but only as to a member serving on the effective date of this subsection. Also provides the House Majority Leader and the House Minority Leader shall each appoint one additional member to the commission. The filled vacancies and subsequent appointments made to the commission shall be without the advice and consent of the Senate.

[HB 1761](#)
PN 2722
03-11-08

Sponsor: Belfanti
(PN 2722) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) by adding a chapter called adding Chapter 50: Law Enforcement Officers of Limited Jurisdiction, which states that an officer of limited jurisdiction would be subject to the Public Employee Relations Act, in the same manner and receive the same rights as units of guards at prisons or mental hospitals or units of employees directly involved with and necessary to the functioning of PA's courts. (Prior Printer Number: 2365)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1845](#)
PN 2516
03-11-08

Sponsor: Sabatina
(PN 2516) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) further providing for possession of firearms with altered manufacturer's numbers by increasing the grading of the offense to a felony of the second degree (from a misdemeanor of the first degree). Additionally, the legislation deletes language creating a presumption that possession of a firearm upon which any identification mark is changed, altered, removed or obliterated is be prima facie evidence that the possessor made the change or alteration and language providing for appellate review in instances where the identification mark is changed.

Last Action: 12-12-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[A05131 CAPPELLI 12-11-07](#) - Inserts language providing for self-protection by adding that an individual is presumed to have a reasonable belief that deadly force is immediately necessary to protect himself against death, serious bodily injury, kidnapping or sexual intercourse compelled by force or threat if both of the following exist: (1) the person against whom the defensive force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering a dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle, or if that person unlawfully and forcefully removed another against that other's will from the dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle; and (2) the individual had reason to believe that an unlawful and forceful entry or act was occurring or had occurred. A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter an individual's dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an act resulting in death or serious bodily injury or kidnapping or sexual intercourse by force or threat. Also provides for civil immunity for use of force.

[A05648 GABIG 3-12-08](#) - Inserts language providing a person convicted of an offense under this section shall be sentenced to a mandatory term of imprisonment of not less than five years. Further provides there shall be no authority for a court to impose on a defendant to which this is applicable a lesser sentence but it shall not prevent the sentencing court from imposing a greater sentence. Also provides the sentencing guidelines of the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing shall not supersede the mandatory sentence. Further provides if the sentencing court refuses to apply this mandatory sentence, the Commonwealth shall have the right to appellate review of the action and the appellate court shall vacate the sentence and remand the case to the sentencing court for imposition of the mandatory sentence.

[A05706 R. STEVENSON 02-07-08](#) - Provides the court shall notify the sheriff of the county which issued the valid Pennsylvania license to carry a firearm of conduct that would require revocation of that license. Also allows an individual with a valid Pennsylvania license to carry a firearm to purchase guns without the requirement of an instant background check. This provision would not take effect until the Pennsylvania Attorney General had been notified that these changes meet the requirements of the Federal statute regarding an alternative to the background check for firearm purchases.

[A06150 CASORIO 3-12-08](#) - Inserts language providing a person commits a third degree felony if he willfully and maliciously kills, maims, disfigures, tortures or administers poison to or exposes any poisonous substance with intent to administer such poison or poisonous substance to any domestic animal or domestic fowl that is in the care, control or supervision of a person or persons who directly benefit from a protection of abuse order and where the person committing the harm is subject to that order.

[A06170 HARPER 3-12-08](#) - Adds language providing for the offense of false reports to law enforcement authorities by adding that if a false report relates to the loss or theft of a firearm the offense would be graded one step higher. Further provides in the list of offenses for which a person may not possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms an offense relating to false reports to law enforcement if the false report involved the theft of a firearm. Technical changes are also made to this section.

Also provides for the sale or transfer of firearms by adding that the application/record of sale must contain the following language: "Are you the actual buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this application/record of sale? Warning: You are not the actual buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person, unless you are legitimately acquiring the firearm as a gift for any of the following individuals who are legally eligible to own a firearm: (1) spouse; (2) parent; (3) child; (4) grandparent; or (5) grandchild."

[A06178 LEVDANSKY 3-12-08](#) - Adds language requiring the Pennsylvania State Police to distribute a notice about lending or transferring a firearm to every licensed firearm dealer in the Commonwealth. Further provides the notice shall be written by the State Police and shall be provided at no cost. Also provides the owner of a firearm, upon discovering that the firearm is lost or stolen, shall report it within three days to an appropriate law enforcement official of the municipality in which the loss or theft occurred and if the municipality does not have a police force, to the State Police. If the owner does not know where the loss or theft occurred, the owner shall report it within three days to the municipality where the owner resides or the State Police. Also provides penalties for failure to report a lost or stolen firearm.

**[HB 1962](#)
PN 2734
11-01-07**

Sponsor: Taylor, R
(PN 2734) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) by adding that the stated purposes of all existing general medical service corporations also includes marriage and family therapy and professional counseling. The bill defines "marriage and family therapy services" and "professional counseling services".

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[A04136 R. TAYLOR 11-13-07](#) - Changes the effective date from 60 days to 180 days.

[A04255 HARPER 11-15-07](#) - Adds language establishing the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of a control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined under Chapters 61 and 63. The board shall consist of the Auditor General, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the Secretary of Health, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the House Majority Leader, and the House Minority Leader or their designees. The board shall also include a member of the general public who is an individual insured under a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation and a person who is currently or who has been a health care provider pursuant to a contract with a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation. These two individuals shall be appointed by the Governor. Also provides for the powers and duties of the board.

[A04258 BOYD 11-15-07](#) - Adds language establishing the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation, or other acquisition of a control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined under Chapters 61 and 63. The board shall consist of the Auditor General, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the Secretary of Health, the Senate Majority Leader, the Senate Minority Leader, the House Majority Leader, and the House Minority Leader or

their designees. The board shall also include a member of the general public who is an individual insured under a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation and a person who is currently or who has been a health care provider pursuant to a contract with a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation. These two individuals shall be appointed by the Governor. Further provides for the powers and duties of the board. Also provides for the effect of a merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control shall result in a single hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation having a 25% or more share of the Commonwealth's accident and health line of business as measured by the insurer's most recent annual statements.

[A04858 PERRY 12-5-07](#) - Inserts language providing no hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation shall place any advertisement on any television, radio or print media.

[A06053 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[A06055 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[A06106 MICOZZIE 03-11-08 \(WITHDRAWN\)](#) - Adds a chapter codifying community health reinvestment.

[HB 1973](#)

PN 2875
03-11-08

Sponsor: Shapiro

(PN 2875) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act in Health Care Provider Retention Program, defining "independent drug information services" and "health care provider" and extending the abatement program through 2008. The bill states that the Insurance Commissioner would conduct a study every year until he finds that additional basic medical professional liability insurance coverage capacity is available, at which time the commissioner would increase the required basic insurance coverage. The amount of basic insurance coverage per occurrence or claim would be no less than \$500,000 and

would be set in \$50,000 increments. The limit of liability of the fund for each participating health care provider would be as follows: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 per annual aggregate, except hospitals which would be \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,500,000 per annual aggregate, minus the amount the commissioner determines for basic insurance. The bill outlines the reasons a health care provider would not be eligible for assessment abatement. The bill adds that a health care provider would be eligible for assessment abatement under the program if the Department of Revenue has determined that the health care provider has filed all required state tax reports and returns for all applicable taxable years and has paid the balance of any state tax due. The Health Care Provider Retention Program is extended through 2009. (Prior Printer Number: 2747)

Last Action: 1-15-08 H Discussed in Press Conference

[A04404 PETRARCA 11-21-07](#) - Inserts language providing birth centers shall retain eligibility for an abatement pursuant to section 1104 (b)(2) for calendar years 2003, 2004, 2005 2006 and 2007 and commencing in calendar year 2008, birth centers shall be eligible for an abatement pursuant to section 1104 (b)(1). Also provides when the health care provider is a birth center, its patient safety officer shall attend the Commonwealth-sponsored independent drug information service session.

[A04405 KENNEY 11-21-07](#) - Amends section 1103 pertaining to eligibility inserting language providing the health care provider is an active provider for all Commonwealth-funded programs and plans in the provider's service area and does not place restrictions on care or appointments for patients in Commonwealth-funded programs that are different from other patients in the provider's practice.

[A04698 REICHLEY 12-04-07](#) - Removes the definition of "independent drug information service" and amends section 1103 pertaining to eligibility removing the requirement that the health care provider must attend at least one Commonwealth-sponsored independent drug information service session either in person or by videoconference.

[A04848 PERRY 12-05-07](#) - Inserts language establishing within the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Fund a special account to be known as the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Reserve Account. Further provides money in the reserve account shall remain in the account for the sole purpose of reducing the unfunded liability of the fund. Also provides if the Secretary of the Budget makes a transfer from the account under subsection c, the remaining funds in the account shall be transferred to the reserve fund. If the Secretary of the Budget does not make the transfer, all of the funds in the account shall be transferred to the reserve fund.

[A04849 PERRY 12-05-07](#) - Inserts language providing if the Secretary of the Budget makes a transfer from the account under subsection c, the remaining funds in the account shall be transferred to the Property Tax Relief Fund established under Title 4. If the Secretary of the Budget does not make the transfer, all of the funds in the account shall be transferred to the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Reserve Fund.

[A04895 SCHRODER 12-06-07](#) - Amends section 1102 pertaining to the abatement program providing emergency physicians not employed full time by a trauma center or working under an exclusive contract with a trauma center shall retain eligibility for an abatement pursuant to section 1104(b)(2) for calendar years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Commencing in calendar year 2008, these emergency physicians shall be eligible for an abatement pursuant to section 1104 (b)(1).

[A04896 SCHRODER 12-06-07](#) - Amends section 712 (d) pertaining to assessments by adding language providing any surplus funds from the prior year shall be deducted from the aggregate assessment determined by the sum of subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv). Also amends section 1112 (c) pertaining to transfers from account providing the Secretary of the Budget shall annually transfer from the Health Care Provider Retention Account to the Mcare Fund an amount equal to the aggregate amount of abatements granted by the Insurance Department under section 1104(b).

[A06002 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Provides for the phase out of the Mcare Fund over a period of six years and continues the Mcare abatement over the same period of time. Also changes the name of the Health Care Provider Retention fund to Health Care Provider Stabilization and Retention Fund and provides for paying down the unfunded liability of the Mcare Fund.

[A06046 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Continues abatement assistance until the liability of the Mcare Fund is zero. Establishes a special fund to be known as the Medical Safety Automation Fund. Provides no money in fund shall be used until legislation is enacted for the purpose of providing medical safety automation grants to health care providers under the Health Care Facilities Act, a group practice or a community-based health care provider. Also establishes a Health Care Provider Retention Reserve Account; a small business health savings account tax credit; a disease management tax credit; and a healthy living and wellness tax incentives tax credit.

[A06047 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Provides for the phase out of the Mcare Fund over a period of six years and continues the Mcare abatement over the same period of time. Changes the name of the Health Care Provider Retention fund to Health Care Provider Stabilization and Retention Fund. Also requires the balance in the Mcare Retention Account be used to fund several health-related funds and programs. Establishes the Commission on the Mcare Fund for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations regarding appropriate and effective methods to address any future unfunded liabilities of the Mcare Fund.

[A06068 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Inserts language adding a new section providing notwithstanding the provisions of this act or any other law, an insurer may offer any health insurance plan to a small employer that is approved for sale to small employers in any other state. Further provides that the Insurance Department shall promulgate regulations to effectuate this section.

[A06073 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Deletes the current language in the bill and inserts language amending The Insurance Company Law of 1921 providing for the phase out of the Mcare Fund over a period of six years and

continues the Mcare abatement over the same period of time. Changes the name of the Health Care Provider Retention fund to Health Care Provider Stabilization and Retention Fund. Also provides for the establishment of the Commission on the Mcare Fund for the purpose of reviewing and making recommendations regarding appropriate and effective methods to address any future unfunded liabilities of the Mcare Fund.

[A06074 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Deletes the current language in the bill and inserts language amending The Insurance Company Law of 1921 providing for the phase out of the Mcare Fund over a period of six years and continues the Mcare abatement over the same period of time. Changes the name of the Health Care Provider Retention fund to Health Care Provider Stabilization and Retention Fund. Also requires the balance in the Mcare Retention Account be used to fund several health-related funds and programs including tax credits for health savings accounts for small businesses, for disease management and healthy living and wellness programs.

[A06075 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Deletes the current language in the bill and inserts language amending The Insurance Company Law of 1921 providing for the phase out of the Mcare Fund over a period of six years and continues the Mcare abatement over the same period of time. Changes the name of the Health Care Provider Retention fund to Health Care Provider Stabilization and Retention Fund. Also requires the balance in the Mcare Retention Account be used to fund several health-related funds and programs.

[A06113 KILLION 03-11-08](#) - Inserts new chapter providing for LifeLine health insurance.

[HB 2005](#)
PN 2837
03-10-08

Sponsor: DeLuca
(PN 2837) Amends The Insurance Company Law further providing for conditions subject to which policies are to be issued; and providing for health insurance coverage for certain children of insured parents and affordable small group health care coverage. The bill would require health insurers to continue to cover children up to the age of 29 if they are not married, have no dependents, are a PA resident or full time student in the state and are not covered by another health insurance policy. Employers would not be required to contribute to increased premium charges. An article providing for affordable small group health coverage is added to the law. Under this, insurers would have to offer a plan meeting minimum benefits specified in a standard plan developed by the Department. Criteria for these plans are further provided. Health insurance premium rates for dominant insurers and nondominant are specified. The Insurance Commissioner would have to establish a minimum health benefit package for full-time students enrolled in public or private baccalaureate and postbaccalaureate programs in PA. Every full-time student would have to maintain health insurance coverage providing the minimum benefit package established under this law. Every public or private baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate program in the state would have to certify to the Department of Education at least annually that these conditions have been met. Every insurer and producer would have to meet established fair market standards.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[A04553 NICKOL 12-03-07](#) - Provides for additional investment authority for subsidiaries by adding that a domestic life insurance company, a domestic stock fire, stock marine or stock and fire marine insurance company, providing may increase the aggregate value of its investments, as determined for annual statement purposes but not in excess of cost, in all subsidiaries in excess of 10% but at no time in excess of 15% of its total admitted assets as of the immediately preceding 31st day of December if the increase has been approved by the Insurance Department prior to making the investment. If the Insurance Department does not approve or disapprove the increased investment limit within 30 days of receipt of a request for approval, the increased investment would be deemed approved. Additionally, the bill provides for real estate which may be acquired, held and conveyed by adding that investments under this subsection may not exceed 25% of the company's admitted assets.

[A04620 KILLION 3-10-08](#) - Inserts article providing for LifeLine health insurance.

[A04770 SCHRODER 12-06-07](#) - Removes the current language in the bill and inserts a new article relating to health benefit plans offered by an insurer to employees of small employers. For the purposes of this article, a small employer is one who employs an average of at least two but not more than 50 employees on business days during the preceding calendar year and who employs at least two such employees on the first day of the plan year. In the case of an employer which was not in existence throughout the preceding calendar year, the determination whether an employer is a small employer shall be based on the average number of employees that it is reasonably expected that the employer will employ on business days in the current calendar year.

[A05921 DELUCA 03-10-08](#) - Provides the rating provisions shall apply to all group health benefit plans without regard to the size of the group covered by the plan.

[A06036 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Inserts article providing for LifeLine health insurance and requiring the Insurance Department to develop standard health benefit plans that certain insurers shall offer to individuals and small employers and facilitate the availability of standard health benefit plan information by electronic and other means.

[A06040 HARPER 03-10-08](#) - Inserts language providing for acquisition of control of or merger with domestic insurer and for acquisitions involving insurers not otherwise covered. Also establishes the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined in this act and in Title 40, Chapter 61 and Title 63. The board would consist of the Auditor General, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate, a member of the general public who is an individual insured under a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation appointed by the Governor, and a person who is currently or who has been a health care provider pursuant to a contract with a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation appointed by the Governor.

[A06041 MICOZZIE 3-10-08](#) - Inserts language creating a new article relating to health benefit plans offered by an insurer to employees of small employers. For the purposes of this article, a small employer is one who employs an average of at least two but not more than 50 employees on business days during the preceding calendar year and who employs at least two such employees on the first day of the plan year. In the case of an employer which was not in existence throughout the preceding calendar year, the determination whether an employer is a small employer shall be based on the average number of employees that it is reasonably expected that the employer will employ on business days in the current calendar year.

[A06122 MCGEEHAN 3-12-08](#) - Amends section 353 pertaining to unfair discrimination adding language prohibiting refusing to renew an insurance policy on owner-occupied private residential properties on the basis of surrounding properties being unoccupied.

[HB 2026](#)

PN 3229
02-13-08

Sponsor: Pickett
(PN 3229) Amends The Insurance Company Law by providing for Mini-COBRA Small Employer Group Health Policies. The bill states that a group policy delivered or issued for delivery in PA by an insurer which insures employees or members and their eligible dependents for hospital, surgical or major medical insurance would provide that covered employees or eligible dependents whose coverage under the group policy would otherwise terminate because of a qualifying event would be entitled to continue their hospital, surgical or major medical coverage. Continuation would only be available to a covered employee or eligible dependent who has been continuously insured under the group policy, and for similar benefits under any group policy which it replaced, during the entire three-month period ending with such termination. If employment is reinstated during the continuation period, then coverage under the group policy must be reinstated for the covered employee and any eligible dependents who were covered under continuation. The covered employee or eligible dependent requesting the continuation of coverage must pay to the group policyholder, on a monthly basis, the amount of contribution required to continue the coverage. (Prior Printer Number: 2960)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[A05902 BARRAR 2-14-08](#) - Adds an article providing for retroactive denial of reimbursement of payments to health care providers by insurers. Provides if an insurer retroactively denies reimbursement to a health care provider, the insurer may only: (1) retroactively deny reimbursement for services subject to coordination of benefits with another insurer, the medical assistance program or the Medicare program during the 12-month period after the date that the insurer paid the health care provider; and (2) retroactively deny reimbursement during a 12-month period after the date that the insurer paid the health care provider.

[A06018 MICOZZIE 03-10-08](#) - Inserts language creating a new article relating to health benefit plans offered by an insurer to employees of small employers. For the purposes of this article, a small employer is one who employs an average of at least two but not more than 50 employees on business days during the preceding calendar year and who employs at least two such employees on the first day of the plan year. In the case of an employer which was not in existence throughout the preceding calendar year, the determination whether an employer is a small employer shall be

based on the average number of employees that it is reasonably expected that the employer will employ on business days in the current calendar year.

[A06021 HARPER 03-10-08](#) - Inserts language providing for acquisition of control of or merger with domestic insurer and for acquisitions involving insurers not otherwise covered. Also establishes the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined in this act and in Title 40, Chapter 61 and Title 63. The board would consist of the Auditor General, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate, a member of the general public who is an individual insured under a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation appointed by the Governor, and a person who is currently or who has been a health care provider pursuant to a contract with a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation appointed by the Governor. Adds a new article requiring each hospital plan corporation and each professional health services plan corporation to annually provide to certain designated individuals a list, including a description and cost, of all advertising contracts entered into and expenditures made during the calendar year relating to the social mission of the corporation.

[A06037 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Inserts article providing for LifeLine health insurance and requiring the Insurance Department to develop standard health benefit plans that certain insurers shall offer to individuals and small employers and facilitate the availability of standard health benefit plan information by electronic and other means.

[A06049 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Inserts language adding a new section providing notwithstanding the provisions of this act or any other law, an insurer may offer any health insurance plan to a small employer that is approved for sale to small employers in any other state. Further provides that the Insurance Department shall promulgate regulations to effectuate this section.

[A06059 WATSON 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[A06061 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that

the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[A06127 DELUCA 3-12-08](#) - Amends section 635.2 pertaining to mini-COBRA small employer group health policies removing the provision that continuation shall not be available for any person covered under the group policy who is covered or is eligible for coverage under Medicaid.

[HB 2028](#)
PN 3230
02-13-08

Sponsor: Stern
(PN 3230) Amends Health Care Cost Containment Act by renaming the Council as the Health Care Cost Containment and Comparison Council. The bill states under the declaration section that the continuing escalation of health care costs is attributable to a number of interrelated causes, including the need for consumers of health care to have access to charge information from physicians for common services and treatments. The Council would compile and establish an Internet database for the general public showing physician charge comparisons for common services and treatments. The bill states the Council's data abstraction and technology work group would develop a system of data collection and analysis on physician charges for common services and treatments working with council staff and outside third-party vendors as needed and authorized by the council. The physician charge comparison would contain data on reimbursement rates for adultBasic, CHIP, Medicaid, medical assistance, Medicare and insurer reimbursement rates by insurer. The physician charge comparison would be available to consumers by January 1, 2009. Also provides for common services data analysis. Lastly, the bill extends the expiration date of the act to June 30, 2015. (Prior Printer Number: 2961)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[A06027 LENTZ 03-10-08](#) - Adds language providing the council is authorized to collect from health insurers data concerning health insurer reimbursement rates for common services and treatments to physicians and other licensed health care providers in a uniform format and disseminate for each physician and other licensed health care provider information concerning health care reimbursement rates derived from the data.

[HB 2054](#)
PN 2891
03-11-08

Sponsor: Belfanti
(PN 2891) Amends the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone & Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act providing for work performed on deteriorating property by adding that all construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and repair work other than maintenance work performed on a deteriorating property under this act shall be done in accordance with the Separations Act and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

Last Action: 3-11-08 H Discussed in public hearing, House Commerce

[A05650 BOYD 02-05-08](#) - Adds language providing the legislation would only apply to work performed on deteriorating property for the which the estimated cost of the entire project is in excess of \$250,000.

[A05651 BOYD 02-05-08](#) - Removes requirement that the work shall be done in accordance with the Separations Act.

[A05655 BOYD 02-05-08](#) - Adds language providing the legislation would only apply to work performed on deteriorating property as long as each political subdivision in which the work is being performed has adopted an ordinance or resolution requiring that all work subject to this section be subject to the Separations Act and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

[A05656 PYLE 02-05-08](#) - Provides the work shall not be subject to the Separations Act and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

[A05659 BOYD 02-06-08](#) - Provides all work subject to this section shall be done in accordance with the Separations Act if the cost of the work exceeds \$25,000 and shall be done in accordance with the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act in all cases.

[A05663 COX 02-05-08](#) - Adds language providing contract specifications issued by political subdivisions soliciting bids on public works projects shall not include a requirement that a successful bidder or any of its subcontractors utilize workers represented by a designated labor organization or referred by a designated labor organization. Further provides the contract specifications shall not include a requirement that a successful bidder's existing work force or any of its subcontractors work forces affiliate with or pay dues to a labor organization or a requirement that the successful bidder or its subcontractors recognize a labor organization as the exclusive representative of any of its employees on the public works project.

[A05683 BOYD 02-06-08](#) - Adds language providing that work funded by a person or business shall be subject to the Separations Act and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act only if the estimated cost of the entire project is in excess of \$250,000.

[A05684 BOYD 02-06-08](#) - Adds language providing the Separations Act shall not apply to work funded by a person or business.

[A05685 BOYD 02-06-08](#) - Adds language providing the Separations Act and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act shall apply to work funded by a person or business only if each of the political subdivisions in which the work is being performed has adopted an ordinance or resolution requiring that work funded by a person or business shall be subject to those two Acts.

[A05738 PYLE 02-07-08](#) - Adds language providing work involving installation or repair of sewer or water lines shall not be subject to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

[A06171 MCGEEHAN 3-12-08](#) - Adds a new section providing for extension for unoccupied parcels. Provides notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, the department may, as provided in this section, grant requests for the extension of all deductions, abatements or credits for any subzones or keystone opportunity improvement zones previously certified under this act. Further provides extensions of deductions, abatements or credits under this section shall apply only to properties which are unoccupied and which qualify as deteriorated on a basis other than being underutilized. Also provides for applications, expirations, duration of extensions, additional subzones authorized, substitution of parcels within a subzone, and work performed.

[A06186 PHILLIPS 3-12-08](#) - Adds a new section providing notwithstanding any provisions of this act, the department may designate additional subzones in any county. Further provides the designated subzones may not, in the aggregate, exceed 350 acres in each county. Also provides for application and approval and for duration of subzones.

[A06187 PHILLIPS 3-12-08](#) - Adds a new section providing for the establishment within the department a program for keystone opportunity success zones comprised of improvement subzones consisting of deteriorated property designated by the Governor, not to exceed 350 acres in each county.

[A06188 PHILLIPS 3-12-08](#) - Adds language providing if development of a portion of an existing subzone is adversely affected by the governmental prohibition of an environmental nature, then a request may be made to the department to redefine the boundaries of that subzone. Further provides the department shall grant the request provided in the area of the redefined subzone is substantially the size to the original subzone. Also provides the Department of Transportation shall maintain and repair, at the cost and expense of the Commonwealth, roads within a keystone opportunity subzone which are constructed, resurfaced, rebuilt, widened or otherwise improved after January 1, 2008, notwithstanding the provisions of section 221 of the State Highway Law.

[A06208 ARGALL \(FILED, NOT ON HVS\)](#) - Adds language providing notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, keystone opportunity zones may be established after the effective date of this section only in areas of suffering from extreme urban blight. For the purposes of this section, "extreme urban blight" shall mean a state of deterioration or decay so severe as to cause the property in question to be essentially worthless or commercially undesirable if not for the special benefits granted under the provisions of this act.

[A06209 ARGALL \(FILED, NOT ON HVS\)](#) - Amends section 102 pertaining to legislative findings adding language providing long-term economic viability of these areas require additional personnel for rural areas lacking good economic development prospects.

[A06211 ARGALL \(FILED, NOT ON HVS\)](#) - Provides the department shall keep track of data regarding verifiable job creation and job retention including net overall employment figures; types of jobs created and average hourly wages; number of years in the program; annual unduplicated public and private capital investment amounts; status of

program participant; business type and description; program cost at both the State and local levels; types and amounts of other economic development assistance received from the department; documentation of progress concerning the applicant's compliance or failure to comply with local taxes and code requirements; and documentation that proper participants identified as relocations meet the increased fulltime employment, increased capital investment or lease agreement requirements of this act. Also provides the program shall undergo an independent audit every two years with the first audit concluded within one year of the effective date of this section. Also requires the department to report to the General Assembly on the economic effects of the act in each zone or expansion zone every year instead of the current every four years.

A06223 FREEMAN (FILED, NOT ON HVS) - Adds language providing a designation as a subzone may be extended for an additional five year period provided that the department determines that extenuating circumstances as identified and published as guidelines of the department exist such that the extension is warranted. Further provides upon approval of the request for the extension, all qualified political subdivisions within the subzone shall adopt the proper binding ordinances, resolutions or other governing documents extending the necessary exemptions, abatements and credits.

HB 2098
PN 3231
02-13-08

Sponsor: DeLuca
(PN 3231) The Preventable Serious Adverse Events Act establishes a system for payment or reduction in payment for preventable serious adverse events within State programs. The bill creates payment policy for preventable serious adverse events, including outlining the criteria that must be used by health payors in determining when payment or partial payment to a health care provider will be withheld. Payments can only be withheld by health payors for services related to a preventable serious adverse event or care made necessary by the preventable serious adverse event if the agreement or contract between the health payor and health care provider contains language addressing payment policy for preventable serious adverse events. The bill states health care providers would not seek payment directly from patients or the responsible party of the patient for preventable serious adverse events. Nothing in the bill would require the department to alter, amend or reissue any payment policy for inpatient hospitals relating to preventable serious adverse events that was promulgated prior to the enactment of this act. The bill provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare, the Insurance Department, the Department of Health and the Department of State. (Prior Printer Number: 2965)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

A05966 BOYD 03-10-08 - Deletes the current language in the bill and inserts new language amending The Insurance Company Law of 1921 providing for the effect of the act on existing law; for acquisition of control of or merger or consolidation with domestic insurer; and establishes the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined in this act and in Title 40, Chapter 61 and Title 63. Also creates a new article pertaining to preventable serious adverse events and a new article requiring each hospital plan corporation and each professional

health services plan corporation to annually provide to certain designated individuals a list, including a description and cost, of all advertising contracts entered into and expenditures made during the calendar year relating to the social mission of the corporation.

[A05967 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Deletes the current language in the bill and inserts new language amending The Insurance Company Law of 1921 transferring the Mcare Act; establishing a system for payment or reduction in payment for preventable serious adverse events within Commonwealth programs; informing health insurers of payment policies used by Medicaid and Medicare; and providing for the powers and duties of the Departments of Public Welfare, Insurance, Health and State.

[A05981 DELUCA 03-10-08](#) - Adds language providing the Insurance Department shall transmit notice of the effective date of the CMS Hospital-Acquired Conditions, Including Infections, Final Rule, to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Further provides this act shall apply to preventable serious adverse events that occur after the later of the following: publication of the notice or October 1, 2008.

[A06060 WATSON 03-10-08](#) * -

[A06080 BOYD 03-10-08](#) * -

[A06112 KILLION 03-11-08](#) - Adds a new chapter relating to LifeLine health insurance.

[HB 2209](#)
PN 3232
02-14-08

Sponsor: Shapiro
(PN 3232) Amends The Insurance Company Law authorizing community health networks to organize to obtain group accident and sickness insurance in each community health network region designated by the Insurance Department. The Department would designate at least four and no more than nine community health network regions and would certify a single community health network in each community health network region under regulations established by the department. (Prior Printer Number: 3159)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[A05901 BARRAR 2-14-08](#) - Adds an article providing for retroactive denial of reimbursement of payments to health care providers by insurers. Provides if an insurer retroactively denies reimbursement to a health care provider, the insurer may only: (1) retroactively deny reimbursement for services subject to coordination of benefits with another insurer, the medical assistance program or the Medicare program during the 12-month period after the date that the insurer paid the health care provider; and (2) retroactively deny reimbursement during a 12-month period after the date that the insurer paid the health care provider.

[A05955 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Inserts new language providing for the effect of the act on existing law; for acquisition of control of or merger or consolidation with domestic insurer; and establishes the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger,

consolidation or other acquisition of control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined in this act and in Title 40, Chapter 61 and Title 63. Also creates a new article pertaining to preventable serious adverse events and a new article requiring each hospital plan corporation and each professional health services plan corporation to annually provide to certain designated individuals a list, including a description and cost, of all advertising contracts entered into and expenditures made during the calendar year relating to the social mission of the corporation.

[A05968 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Adds a new article providing for medical care availability and reduction of errors.

[A06022 HARPER 03-10-08](#) - Inserts language providing for acquisition of control of or merger with domestic insurer and for acquisitions involving insurers not otherwise covered. Also establishes the Insurance Restructuring Public Interest Review Board to review the merger, consolidation or other acquisition of control of a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation as defined in this act and in Title 40, Chapter 61 and Title 63. The board would consist of the Auditor General, the Secretary of Health, the Secretary of Public Welfare, the majority and minority leaders of the House and Senate, a member of the general public who is an individual insured under a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation appointed by the Governor, and a person who is currently or who has been a health care provider pursuant to a contract with a hospital plan corporation or professional health services plan corporation appointed by the Governor. Adds a new article requiring each hospital plan corporation and each professional health services plan corporation to annually provide to certain designated individuals a list, including a description and cost, of all advertising contracts entered into and expenditures made during the calendar year relating to the social mission of the corporation.

[A06038 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Inserts article providing for LifeLine health insurance and requiring the Insurance Department to develop standard health benefit plans that certain insurers shall offer to individuals and small employers and facilitate the availability of standard health benefit plan information by electronic and other means.

[A06058 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[A06067 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Inserts language adding a new section providing notwithstanding the provisions of this act or any other law, an insurer may offer any health insurance plan to a small employer that is approved for sale to small employers in any other state. Further provides that the Insurance Department shall promulgate regulations to effectuate this section.

[A06079 BOYD 03-10-08](#) - Adds section pertaining to the State Plan for Medical Assistance providing this section applies to any provision of Title 40 which: (1) is added after December 31, 2007; and (2) expands or reforms the adult basic program through a repeal of Chapter 13 of the Tobacco Settlement Act. A provision subject to (1) and (2) shall not take effect until publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the Department of Public Welfare has received a Federal waiver or approval to amend the State Plan for Medical Assistance. Further provides a provision subject to (1) and (2) shall expire upon publication of a notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin stating that the waiver or approval has: expired; been modified; or been revoked.

[HB 2231](#)

PN 3191
03-10-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3191) Amends the Capital Facilities Debt Enabling Act further by increasing the maximum amount of state redevelopment assistance for capital projects to \$3.4 billion.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[A05868 PERRY 02-12-08](#) - Reduces the maximum amount of redevelopment assistance capital projects undertaken by the Commonwealth for which obligations are outstanding from \$3.4 billion to \$2 billion.

[A05869 PERRY 02-12-08](#) - Inserts language providing any amount authorized for use which has not been committed prior to the effective date of this subsection shall be awarded on a pro rata basis based on county population.

[A05892 S. H. SMITH 02-13-08](#) - Inserts language creating the Capital Facilities Review Board composed of the following members: the Secretary of Banking; the Secretary of the Budget, the Secretary of Community and Economic Development; and four legislative appointees of which one will be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one by the Speaker of the House and one by the Minority Leader of the House. Further provides the Governor shall select a member of the board to serve as chairperson. Also provides in order for a project initiated on or after the effective date of this section to be eligible for financing under this act, the project must be reviewed and approved by the board. In addition, the consent of at least five members of the board, with at least four of the consenting members being legislative appointees, shall be necessary to take action on behalf of the authority for approving projects.

[A05893 S. H. SMITH 02-13-08](#) - Inserts language creating the Capital Facilities Review Board composed of the following members: the Secretary of Banking; the Secretary of the Budget, the Secretary of Community and

Economic Development; and four legislative appointees of which one will be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one by the Majority Leader of the House and one by the Minority Leader of the House. Further provides the Governor shall select a member of the board to serve as chairperson. Also provides in order for a project initiated on or after the effective date of this section to be eligible for financing under this act, the project must be reviewed and approved by the board. In addition, the consent of at least five members of the board, with at least four of the consenting members being legislative appointees, shall be necessary to take action on behalf of the authority for approving projects.

A05984 S. H. SMITH 03-07-08 - Inserts language creating the Capital Facilities Review Board composed of the following members: the Secretary of Banking; the Secretary of the Budget, the Secretary of Community and Economic Development; and four legislative appointees of which one will be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one by the Majority Leader of the House and one by the Minority Leader of the House. Further provides the Governor shall select a member of the board to serve as chairperson. Also provides in order for a redevelopment assistance capital project initiated on or after the effective date of this section to be eligible for financing under this act, the project must be reviewed and approved by the board. In addition, the consent of at least five members of the board, with at least four of the consenting members being legislative appointees, shall be necessary to take action on behalf of the authority for approving projects.

A06034 SWANGER 03-10-08 - Inserts language providing no amount authorized for use under subsection (b) which has not been committed prior to the effective date of this subsection shall be distributed for any project for infrastructure improvements, environmental remediation, site preparations, or parking for multipurpose recreational facilities or sports facilities in any county in the Commonwealth.

HB 2297
PN 3347
03-11-08

Sponsor: Parker
(PN 3347) Amends the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Expansion Zone, and Improvement Zone Act providing for extension for unoccupied parcels. Applications must be made by May 31, 2009. For subzones or keystone opportunity improvement zones that expire December 31, 2008, an application may be submitted to the department to temporarily delay the expiration of the deductions, abatements and credits under the existing subzone until June 30, 2009. The bill also provides for additional subzones authorized for seven or ten years and for substitution of parcels. Sales and use tax by adding the sale of services or tangible personal property to a construction contractor to the exemptions. Lastly, the bill provides for income apportionment of the corporate net income tax.

Last Action: 3-12-08 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

A06133 SCHRODER 3-12-08 - Deletes the language providing extensions of deductions, abatements or credits under section 301.3 shall apply only to properties which are unoccupied and which qualify as deteriorated on a basis other than being underutilized.

[A06134 SCHRODER 3-12-08](#) - Removes the requirement that additional subzones authorized by the department may only be designated in counties which do not have any subzones within its political boundaries as of the effective date of section 301.4.

[A06143 SCHRODER 3-12-08](#) - Adds language to the definition of "deteriorated property" providing the term does not include an area which was, at some time, free of residential, industrial or commercial property and has never been developed for use other than agriculture, forestry or noncommercial recreation.

[A06144 SCHRODER 3-12-08](#) - Adds language amending section 301.3 pertaining to extensions for unoccupied parcels providing the department shall reimburse political subdivisions for an extension under this section.

[A06145 SCHRODER 3-12-08](#) - Adds language amending section 301.5 pertaining to substitution of parcels within a subzone providing this section does not apply to the increase of a subzone within the boundaries of a political subdivision if the political subdivision does not have a previously certified parcel within its boundaries for substitution. Further provides for an increase the following apply: the political subdivision may obtain designation of additional parcels to accommodate the subzone increase by complying with this chapter and upon compliance, the department shall make the designation.

[A06149 SCHRODER 3-12-08](#) - Adds new section providing notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, zones and subzones established under Chapter 3 and in existence on the effective date of this section may be extended for up to an additional 10 year period from the date of their expiration if the political subdivision in which the zone or subzone is located agrees to extend the same tax exemptions, deductions, abatements or credits to the persons and businesses who are qualified under section 307 and who are currently located in a zone or subzone. Also provides for application, for sales and use tax, for corporate net income, for tax credit determination and for expiration of the act.

[A06172 MCGEEHAN 3-12-08](#) - Adds language providing when a political subdivision has provided, approved or authorized a tax abatement or tax exemption for a property or project under this act, all construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and repair work other than maintenance work performed on a property shall be done in accordance with the Separations Act and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act. Further provides for the purposes of this act, maintenance work means the repair of existing facilities when the size, type or extent of the facilities is not thereby changed or increased.

[A06180 PERZEL 3-12-08](#) - Amends section 307 pertaining to qualified businesses adding language providing a business shall be current in its contractually defined payment obligations with any of its contractors or subcontractors. Further provides this requirement may be satisfied if the business meets the requirements of the Contractor and Subcontractor Payment Act.

[A06181 SCHRODER 3-12-08](#) - Adds new subsection pertaining to increase absent substitution. Provides this subsection applies to an increase in a subzone within the boundaries of a political subdivision if all of the following apply: the political subdivision does not have a previously certified parcel within its boundaries for substitution; the property within the increase to the subzone shares a common natural boundary with the subzone; and the property within the increase does not exceed ten acres. Further provides for an increase the political subdivision may obtain the designation of additional parcels to accommodate the subzone increase by complying with this chapter and, upon compliance, the department shall make the designation.

[A06182 PHILLIPS 3-12-08](#) - Removes the requirement that additional subzones authorized by the department may only be designated in counties which do not have any subzones within its political boundaries as of the effective date of section 301.4. Further provides subzones designated under this section may not in the aggregate, exceed 350 acres in each county.

[A06183 PHILLIPS 3-12-08](#) - Adds a new section providing for the establishment within the department a program for keystone opportunity success zones comprised of improvement subzones consisting of deteriorated property designated by the Governor, not to exceed 350 acres in each county.

[A06184 PHILLIPS 3-12-08](#) - Adds a new section providing for the establishment within the department a program for keystone opportunity success zones comprised of improvement subzones consisting of deteriorated property designated by the Governor, not to exceed 350 acres in each county.

[A06185 PHILLIPS 3-12-08](#) - Adds language providing if development of a portion of an existing subzone is adversely affected by the governmental prohibition of an environmental nature, then a request may be made to the department to redefine the boundaries of that subzone. Further provides the department shall grant the request provided in the area of the redefined subzone is substantially the size to the original subzone. Also provides the Department of Transportation shall maintain and repair, at the cost and expense of the Commonwealth, roads within a keystone opportunity subzone which are constructed, resurfaced, rebuilt, widened or otherwise improved after January 1, 2008, notwithstanding the provisions of section 221 of the State Highway Law.

[A06190 PARKER 3-12-08](#) - Provides for an exemption from local sales and use taxes in the city of Philadelphia and Allegheny County for businesses in a keystone opportunity zone.

[A06192 ARGALL 3-12-08](#) - Adds language providing notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, keystone opportunity zones may be established after the effective date of this section only in areas of suffering from extreme urban blight. For the purposes of this section, "extreme urban blight" shall mean a state of deterioration or decay so severe as to cause the property in question to be essentially worthless or commercially undesirable if not for the special benefits granted under the provisions of this act.

[A06193 ARGALL 3-12-08](#) - Amends section 102 pertaining to legislative findings adding language providing long-term economic viability of these areas require additional personnel for rural areas lacking good economic development prospects.

[A06201 FREEMAN \(FILED, NOT ON HVS\)](#) - Adds language providing a designation as a subzone may be extended for an additional five year period provided that the department determines that extenuating circumstances as identified and published as guidelines of the department exist such that the extension is warranted. Further provides upon approval of the request for the extension, all qualified political subdivisions within the subzone shall adopt the proper binding ordinances, resolutions or other governing documents extending the necessary exemptions, abatements and credits.

[A06207 ARGALL \(FILED, NOT ON HVS\)](#) - Provides the department shall keep track of data regarding verifiable job creation and job retention including net overall employment figures; types of jobs created and average hourly wages; number of years in the program; annual unduplicated public and private capital investment amounts; status of program participant; business type and description; program cost at both the State and local levels; types and amounts of other economic development assistance received from the department; documentation of progress concerning the applicant's compliance or failure to comply with local taxes and code requirements; and documentation that proper participants identified as relocations meet the increased fulltime employment, increased capital investment or lease agreement requirements of this act. Also provides the program shall undergo an independent audit every two years with the first audit concluded within one year of the effective date of this section. Also requires the department to report to the General Assembly on the economic effects of the act in each zone or expansion zone every year instead of the current every four years.

[SB 436](#)
PN 484
12-05-07

Sponsor: Gordner
(PN 484) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) providing for methamphetamine laboratories by stating that a person commits the offense of operating a methamphetamine laboratory if the person knowingly causes a chemical reaction involving ephedrine, pseudoephedrine or phenylpropanolamine or any of their salts, optical isomers or salts of optical isomers for the purpose of manufacturing methamphetamine or preparing a precursor substance for the manufacture of methamphetamine. An offense of this section would be a second degree felony. Also, a person who violates this section commits a first degree felony if the chemical reaction occurs within 1,000 feet of a public, private or parochial school, a college or university or a nursery school or day care center, or within 250 feet of the real property on which is located a recreation center or playground. This section does not apply to the manufacturing operation of a licensed pharmaceutical company in the normal course of business.

Last Action: 12- 6-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[A05055 CAPPELLI 12-10-07](#) - Provides for self-protection by adding that an individual is presumed to have a reasonable belief that deadly force is

immediately necessary to protect himself against death, serious bodily injury, kidnapping or sexual intercourse compelled by force or threat if both of the following exist: (1) the person against whom the defensive force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering a dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle, or if that person unlawfully and forcefully removed another against that other's will from the dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle; and (2) the individual had reason to believe that an unlawful and forceful entry or act was occurring or had occurred. A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter an individual's dwelling, residence or occupied vehicle is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an act resulting in death or serious bodily injury or kidnapping or sexual intercourse by force or threat. Also provides for civil immunity for use of force.

[A06076 CASORIO 3-12-08](#) - Inserts language providing a person commits a third degree felony if he willfully and maliciously kills, maims, disfigures, tortures or administers poison to or exposes any poisonous substance with intent to administer such poison or poisonous substance to any domestic animal or domestic fowl that is in the care, control or supervision of a person or persons who directly benefit from a protection of abuse order and where the person committing the harm is subject to that order.

[SB 999](#)
PN 1216
11-01-07

Sponsor: Corman
(PN 1216) Act designating a portion of State Route 26 in Centre County as the Marine Sergeant David "DJ" Emery, Jr. Highway.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[SB 1065](#)
PN 1465
11-01-07

Sponsor: Armstrong
(PN 1465) Act designating State Bridge No. 36-4009-0030-0000, the newly replaced bridge on Dillerville Road in the City of Lancaster, Lancaster County, as the Edward Anthony Davis Memorial Bridge. (Prior Printer Number: 1367)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION AND FINAL PASSAGE

[HB 259](#)
PN 291
10-31-07

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 291) The Performance Evaluation Act establishes the PA Performance Evaluation Commission consisting of the Secretary of the Budget, the Secretary of Administration, the State Treasurer, Auditor General, chairman of the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, and the chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriation Committees. The commission is to evaluate the current structure and system of performance evaluation in the Commonwealth and develop and implement a comprehensive system of performance evaluation that includes monitoring, impact assessment, examination of cost-effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis. Also provides for the commission's powers and duties.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[HB 1078](#)

PN 1313
03-10-08

Sponsor: Hanna
(PN 1313) Amends Title 34 (Game) providing authority for deterrent fences for deer, bear, and elk. The bill adds a section allowing for payment of claims for damages by certain elk within or outside of areas protected by elk deterrent fences. All claims of damages would be investigated within 24 hours of receipt of the damage claim and payment would come from the Elk Damage Fund. The amendment further provides penalties for unlawful or fraudulent claim.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1563](#)

PN 3080
01-14-08

Sponsor: Pallone
(PN 3080) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) further defining "police department" and "police officer" to include a county park police department and a county park police officer for purposes of municipal police training and education. The bill provides for automatic certification by adding that a county park police officer who has successfully completed the basic training course prior to the effective date of the legislation would be assigned a certification number but would be required to complete the in-service training. County park police officers that have successfully completed training prior to the effective date and have met all criteria in place would also be assigned a certification number. Certification is transferable. A municipality would not be eligible for reimbursement for tuition and expenses for the certified basic training of county park police. Counties would be liable for the costs incurred for any training required for the certification of county park police officers. (Prior Printer Number: 1962, 2668)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1902](#)

PN 2621
11-14-07

Sponsor: Fleck
(PN 2621) Act designating the bridge carrying U.S. Route 522 over the Aughwick Creek in Shirley Township, Huntingdon County, as the Queen Aliquippa Bridge.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 2233](#)

PN 3226
02-13-08

Sponsor: Freeman
(PN 3226) Amends the Elm Street Program Act by stating that basic grants may be provided for five additional years beyond the current five years if approved by the department. The bill also adds that the department would adopt regulations to authorize municipalities to reestablish an Elm Street program in a neighborhood where a program had been previously established. Additionally, planning and development grants may be used for promoting the development of traditional neighborhood consumer services and goods. (Prior Printer Number: 3195)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[SB 638](#)

PN 1615
10-03-07

Sponsor: Wonderling
(PN 1615) The Cancer Drug Repository Program Act requires the State Board of

Pharmacy to create a Cancer Drug Repository Program so that unused cancer drugs may be re-dispensed to cancer patients by approved pharmacies for the purpose of dispensing these to indigents. The bill further provides for conditions under which an approved participating pharmacy that is part of a closed drug delivery system may return to an approved participating pharmacy an unused cancer drug. Cancer drugs donated under the program could not be resold but a participating entity may charge a handling fee for distributing or dispensing these cancer drugs. The bill states a participating entity would record and log the exact quantity, name and strength of drug prior to returning the drugs to an approved participating pharmacy. The approved participating pharmacy that receives the drug would record receipt and verify the quantity of drugs. Immunity is provided for and would be solely applicable to the donation, acceptance, distribution, dispensing or manufacture of the actual medications donated to the program and would not explicitly be a general waiver of liability. The need for regulations is further specified. (Prior Printer Number: 6900, 1218, 1411)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[SB 763](#)
PN 1444
10-24-07

Sponsor: Browne
(PN 1444) Amends the Local Tax Enabling Act further providing for delegation of taxing powers and restrictions by clarifying that leases and lease transactions are not subject to taxation. (Prior Printer Number: 840, 1219)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[A05444 MANTZ \(FILED, NOT ON HVS\)](#) - Provides the amendment of Section 2 of the Act shall not apply to municipalities imposing a tax on leases or lease transactions prior to April 1, 2008. The current date in the bill is July 1, 2007.

[A05633 MANTZ 02-04-08](#) - Provides the amendment of Section 2 of the Act shall not apply to municipalities imposing a tax on leases or lease transactions prior to the effective date of this section (immediately). The current date in the bill is July 1, 2007.

[SB 1137](#)
PN 1827
12-05-07

Sponsor: White, D
(PN 1621) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act increasing liability limit to \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 per annual aggregate, and \$4,500,000 per annual aggregate for hospitals, minus the amount the commissioner determines for basic insurance coverage. Under the bill, a health care provider would insure or self-insure medical professional liability, and the amount of basic insurance coverage per occurrence or claim would be no less than \$500,000 and would be set in \$50,000 increments. Beginning January 1, 2008, the department would bill and collect the assessment from all participating health care providers. The bill sets up a new Medical Coverage Availability for Pennsylvanians (MCAP) Reserve Fund. 50% of the annual total amount in the fund would be used to reduce the unfunded liability and the other 50% would provide assistance to certain small business employers in covering their low-wage uninsured and for access to affordable health care coverage for uninsured low-income adults. Money in the MCAP Reserve Fund would not be used until legislation is enacted that provides assistance to certain small business employers and provides access to affordable health insurance coverage for uninsured low-income adults. If the legislation is not enacted within 90 days the Mcare abatement

for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2008 would end and the surplus would be used to pay off the remaining claims in the system. Also, birth centers would retain eligibility for abatement through calendar year 2007, but beginning in calendar year 2008, birth centers would be eligible for an abatement pursuant to section 1104(b)(1). (Prior Printer Number: 1488, 1491, 1510)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

RESOLUTIONS

[HR 278](#)
PN 1557
10-23-07

Sponsor: Surra
(PN 1557) Resolution opposing any effort to implement a trinational political, governmental entity among the United States, Canada and Mexico; opposing the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America and initiatives pursued in conjunction with the partnership that threaten the sovereignty of the United States; and opposing a North American Union.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[HR 353](#)
PN 2085
11-07-07

Sponsor: Markosek
(PN 2085) Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of placing transit agency employees under the Commonwealth's jurisdiction for the purposes of providing health benefits and pension benefits and to make a report.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

[HB 982](#)
PN 2498
03-12-08

Sponsor: DePasquale
(PN 2498) The Code Enforcement Challenge Grant Act would have the purpose of providing grants to municipalities to encourage the hiring of additional code enforcement officers by subsidizing their annual salaries. The program would last for three years beginning in 2008-2009, with subsequent grant applications required each year. (Prior Printer Number: 1143)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 2252](#)
PN 3291
03-12-08

Sponsor: Caltagirone
(PN 3291) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) further providing for child medical support by adding that a court order for child support must include a requirement for medical support. The bill provides for definitions. Additionally, the bill states the Commonwealth would impose a fee of \$25 in each case in which an individual has

never received assistance under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act and for whom the Commonwealth has collected at least \$500 of support in a Federal fiscal year. The Commonwealth would pay the \$25 fee for those cases in which the annual collection is between \$500 and \$1,999.99. The \$25 fee would be collected from the custodial parent in cases where annual collections equal \$2,000 or more. The bill also provides for review of orders of support and states incarceration would constitute a material and substantial change in circumstance that may warrant modification or termination of a support order. Lastly, the bill provides for pass-through of support and assignment of support in the case of a family receiving cash assistance from the Commonwealth and in the case of a family that never received cash assistance from the Commonwealth.

Last Action: 3-12-08 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[A06083 HARPER 3-12-08](#) - Provides that the \$25 annual fee imposed for child support collection services, in cases of families who have never received assistance under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act, be paid for by the Commonwealth instead of the custodial parent.

[A06197 MOUL 3-14-08](#) - Adds language amending § 4354 pertaining to willful failure to pay support order providing an offense under this section shall constitute a summary offense. Further provides an offense shall be graded as a misdemeanor of the third degree if the offense is a second or subsequent offense under this section or the obligor owes support in an amount equal to or greater than 12 months.

[HB 2313](#)
PN 3348
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3348) Supplement to "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," which makes appropriations for the acceptance of the grants, provides for fund payments to the Pennsylvania State University, and stipulates particular accounting methods and the disclosure of fiscal information.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2314](#)
PN 3349
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3349) Act making an appropriation of \$776,000 to the Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia, for the operation and maintenance of the cancer research program.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2315](#)
PN 3350
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3350) Supplement to the act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of the University of Pittsburgh as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of

such trustees; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the chancellor to make an annual report of the operations of the University of Pittsburgh," making the following appropriations for carrying the Act into effect: \$166,777,000 for educational and general expenses; \$435,000 for student life initiatives; \$442,000 to enhance the recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students; \$523,000 for the teen suicide center at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic; and \$2,157,000 for rural education outreach.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2316](#)

PN 3351
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3351) Act appropriating \$214,000 to the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, for operation and maintenance expenses and \$92,000 for AIDS research.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2317](#)

PN 3352
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3352) Supplement to the Temple University--Commonwealth Act appropriating \$175,062,000 million appropriation for the operation of Temple University and \$442,000 to enhance recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students; and provides guidelines for trustee board composition, name changes, fixed annual payments for reports, audits, accounting and information disclosure.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2318](#)

PN 3353
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3353) Act making an appropriation of \$130,000 to the Central Penn Oncology Group.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2319](#)

PN 3354
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3354) Act making an appropriation of \$59,000 to Lancaster Cleft Palate for outpatient-inpatient treatment.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2320](#)
PN 3355
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3355) Supplement to the Lincoln University-Commonwealth Act appropriating \$13,993,000 for carrying the Act into effect.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2321](#)
PN 3356
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3356) Act making an appropriation to of \$418,000 the Burn Foundation, Philadelphia, for outpatient and inpatient treatment.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2322](#)
PN 3357
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3357) Act making an appropriation of \$970,000 to the Children's Institute, Pittsburgh, for treatment and rehabilitation of certain persons with disabling diseases.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2323](#)
PN 3358
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3358) Act making an appropriation of \$7,037,000 to the Trustees of Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2324](#)
PN 3359
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3359) Act making an appropriation of \$451,000 to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for comprehensive patient care and general maintenance and operation of the hospital.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2325](#)
PN 3360
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3360) Act making an appropriation of \$105,000 to the Beacon Lodge Camp.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2326](#)
PN 3361
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3361) Act making appropriations totaling \$46,525,000 to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2327](#)
PN 3362
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3362) Act making appropriations totaling \$508,000 to the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh for operations and maintenance expenses and the purchase of apparatus, supplies and equipment.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2328](#)
PN 3363
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3363) Act making appropriations totaling \$6,717,000 to the Philadelphia Health and Education Corp. for the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Health Professions and for continuation of pediatric services.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2329](#)
PN 3364
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3364) Act making an appropriation of \$769,000 to the Franklin Institute Science Museum for maintenance expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2330](#)
PN 3365
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3365) Act making an appropriation of \$471,000 to the Academy of Natural Sciences for maintenance expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2331](#)
PN 3366
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3366) Act making appropriations totaling \$4,950,000 to the Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2332](#)
PN 3367
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3367) Act making an appropriation of \$359,000 to the African-American Museum in Philadelphia for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2333](#)
PN 3368
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3368) Act making an appropriation of \$46,000 to the Everhart Museum in Scranton for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2334](#)
PN 3369
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3369) Act making an appropriation of \$6,609,000 to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2335](#)
PN 3370
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3370) Act making an appropriation of \$196,000 to the Mercer Museum in Doylestown for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2336](#)
PN 3371
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3371) Act making an appropriation of \$141,000 to the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2337](#)
PN 3372
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3372) Act making an appropriation of \$1,701,000 to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2338](#)
PN 3373
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
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[HB 261](#)
PN 2772
10-31-07

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 2772) Amends the Administrative Code establishing the Independent Fiscal Review Board to recommend changes which will modernize and reform the Commonwealth and local revenue systems which support these public services, continually monitor state and local systems, encourage discussion in a public forum of issues and concerns related to this system, and particularly focus on

revenue forecasts and legislation affecting the General Fund. The board would prepare periodic advisory General Fund revenue estimates and reports; monitor Commonwealth and local revenue systems; and act as an advisor to the Governor, the General Assembly and the public concerning General Fund revenue forecasts, economic conditions in PA, trends and developments relevant to revenue systems in PA, and other information or analysis related to PA and local revenue systems which the Governor or the Chairs of the Appropriations Committees may request or as may be required by law. (Prior Printer Number: 293) Printer Number: 293 2772

Last Action: 11-13-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 878](#)

PN 2666
10-24-07

Sponsor: Clymer
(PN 2666) Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) providing for procedure for conveyance of established projects by adding that an incorporating municipality that intends to acquire an established project of an authority or to dissolve an authority that provides water or sewer service to at least 25% of its customers in municipalities outside the incorporating municipality would have to first discuss the acquisition or dissolution at a public meeting and allow for public comments. At least one advertised public forum on the acquisition or dissolution would have to be held. Additionally, each municipality that is served by an authority incorporated by another municipality wishing to dissolve the authority or acquire its established project must, at a public meeting, cast a nonbinding vote to recommend approval or denial of the action of dissolution or acquisition by the incorporating municipality. Restrictions on future conveyances and assets are further provided for in the bill. Approval from the Public Utility Commission would be required if the incorporating municipality intends to continue providing water or sewer service previously provided by the authority to municipalities outside the incorporating municipality before the acquisition or termination of an authority, the conveyance of a project of the authority to the incorporating municipality or transfer of reserves, assets or funds from an authority to the incorporating municipality. (Prior Printer Number: 1033)

Last Action: 10-24-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 904](#)

PN 2998
01-17-08

Sponsor: Freeman
(PN 2998) Amends the PA Municipalities Planning Code adding provisions to authorize temporary development moratoria. The bill states the governing body of a municipality may place a moratorium of limited duration on new development by enacting an ordinance to temporarily suspend the acceptance of applications for development in order to permit enactment or revision of a comprehensive plan, a subdivision and land development ordinance or a zoning ordinance. The ordinance may limit the moratorium to specific geographical areas or may exempt specific uses. The bill provides for findings of need prior to adoption of the ordinance and for public notice and hearings. The ordinance may authorize the temporary suspension of the acceptance of applications for development for up to 18 months in the case of enactment or concurrent revision of the comprehensive plan, a subdivision and land development ordinance and a zoning ordinance. The period may be no more than one year for revisions of one or two of these. Additional moratoria may not be adopted for at least three years from the end of the most recent moratorium. Lastly, the bill outlines a procedure by which a landowner or developer may apply for a waiver from a moratorium. (Prior Printer Number: 1056)

Last Action: 12-12-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 1177](#)

PN 2804
11-01-07

Sponsor: Fabrizio
(PN 2804) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) by defining "clinical social work services" and including clinical social work under the scope of service. (Prior Printer Number: 1457)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1225](#)

PN 2999
01-17-08

Sponsor: Seip
(PN 2999) The Local Senior Citizen Property Tax and Rent Rebate Act authorizes a local taxing authority to establish a local senior citizen property tax and rent rebate program or continue an existing program. A program established under this act would expire one year from the date of establishment. Income eligibility and the maximum amount of property tax and rent rebates would be determined by the local taxing authority as follows: (1) The maximum annual household income for property tax rebates shall not exceed \$35,000, and the annual rebate may be any amount up to and including the amount of the maximum rebate under section 1304 The Taxpayer Relief Act; and (2) The maximum annual household income for rent rebates may not exceed \$15,000, and the annual rebate may be any amount up to and including the amount of the maximum rebate under section 1304 of The Taxpayer Relief Act. Approved claims would be paid from the local taxing authority's general fund. Local taxing authorities are required to report on the program to the Department of Community and Economic Development. The bill provides for duties of the department. (Prior Printer Number: 1510)

Last Action: 12-12-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 1532](#)

PN 1938
11-14-07

Sponsor: Rubley
(PN 1938) Amends Title 74 (Transportation) providing for the designation of a portion of US Route 202 in Chester County and a portion of the PA Turnpike from Route 29 to the Valley Forge interchange as a scenic byway.

Last Action: 11-14-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 1761](#)

PN 2722
03-11-08

Sponsor: Belfanti
(PN 2722) Amends Title 42 (Judiciary) by adding a chapter called adding Chapter 50: Law Enforcement Officers of Limited Jurisdiction, which states that an officer of limited jurisdiction would be subject to the Public Employee Relations Act, in the same manner and receive the same rights as units of guards at prisons or mental hospitals or units of employees directly involved with and necessary to the functioning of PA's courts. (Prior Printer Number: 2365)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 1845](#)
PN 2516
03-11-08

Sponsor: Sabatina
(PN 2516) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) further providing for possession of firearms with altered manufacturer's numbers by increasing the grading of the offense to a felony of the second degree (from a misdemeanor of the first degree). Additionally, the legislation deletes language creating a presumption that possession of a firearm upon which any identification mark is changed, altered, removed or obliterated is be prima facie evidence that the possessor made the change or alteration and language providing for appellate review in instances where the identification mark is changed.

Last Action: 12-12-07 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 1962](#)
PN 2734
11-01-07

Sponsor: Taylor, R
(PN 2734) Amends Title 40 (Insurance) by adding that the stated purposes of all existing general medical service corporations also includes marriage and family therapy and professional counseling. The bill defines "marriage and family therapy services" and "professional counseling services".

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[HB 1973](#)
PN 2875
03-11-08

Sponsor: Shapiro
(PN 2875) Amends the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act in Health Care Provider Retention Program, defining "independent drug information services" and "health care provider" and extending the abatement program through 2008. The bill states that the Insurance Commissioner would conduct a study every year until he finds that additional basic medical professional liability insurance coverage capacity is available, at which time the commissioner would increase the required basic insurance coverage. The amount of basic insurance coverage per occurrence or claim would be no less than \$500,000 and would be set in \$50,000 increments. The limit of liability of the fund for each participating health care provider would be as follows: \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 per annual aggregate, except hospitals which would be \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,500,000 per annual aggregate, minus the amount the commissioner determines for basic insurance. The bill outlines the reasons a health care provider would not be eligible for assessment abatement. The bill adds that a health care provider would be eligible for assessment abatement under the program if the Department of Revenue has determined that the health care provider has filed all required state tax reports and returns for all applicable taxable years and has paid the balance of any state tax due. The Health Care Provider Retention Program is extended through 2009. (Prior Printer Number: 2747)

Last Action: 1-15-08 H Discussed in Press Conference

[HB 2005](#)
PN 2837
03-10-08

Sponsor: DeLuca
(PN 2837) Amends The Insurance Company Law further providing for conditions subject to which policies are to be issued; and providing for health insurance coverage for certain children of insured parents and affordable small group health care coverage. The bill would require health insurers to continue to cover children up to the age of 29 if they are not married, have no dependents, are a PA resident

or full time student in the state and are not covered by another health insurance policy. Employers would not be required to contribute to increased premium charges. An article providing for affordable small group health coverage is added to the law. Under this, insurers would have to offer a plan meeting minimum benefits specified in a standard plan developed by the Department. Criteria for these plans are further provided. Health insurance premium rates for dominant insurers and nondominant are specified. The Insurance Commissioner would have to establish a minimum health benefit package for full-time students enrolled in public or private baccalaureate and postbaccalaureate programs in PA. Every full-time student would have to maintain health insurance coverage providing the minimum benefit package established under this law. Every public or private baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate program in the state would have to certify to the Department of Education at least annually that these conditions have been met. Every insurer and producer would have to meet established fair market standards.

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 2026](#)

PN 3229
02-13-08

Sponsor: Pickett
(PN 3229) Amends The Insurance Company Law by providing for Mini-COBRA Small Employer Group Health Policies. The bill states that a group policy delivered or issued for delivery in PA by an insurer which insures employees or members and their eligible dependents for hospital, surgical or major medical insurance would provide that covered employees or eligible dependents whose coverage under the group policy would otherwise terminate because of a qualifying event would be entitled to continue their hospital, surgical or major medical coverage. Continuation would only be available to a covered employee or eligible dependent who has been continuously insured under the group policy, and for similar benefits under any group policy which it replaced, during the entire three-month period ending with such termination. If employment is reinstated during the continuation period, then coverage under the group policy must be reinstated for the covered employee and any eligible dependents who were covered under continuation. The covered employee or eligible dependent requesting the continuation of coverage must pay to the group policyholder, on a monthly basis, the amount of contribution required to continue the coverage. (Prior Printer Number: 2960)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 2028](#)

PN 3230
02-13-08

Sponsor: Stern
(PN 3230) Amends Health Care Cost Containment Act by renaming the Council as the Health Care Cost Containment and Comparison Council. The bill states under the declaration section that the continuing escalation of health care costs is attributable to a number of interrelated causes, including the need for consumers of health care to have access to charge information from physicians for common services and treatments. The Council would compile and establish an Internet database for the general public showing physician charge comparisons for common services and treatments. The bill states the Council's data abstraction and technology work group would develop a system of data collection and analysis on physician charges for common services and treatments working with council staff and outside third-party vendors as needed and authorized by the council. The physician charge comparison would contain data on reimbursement rates for adultBasic, CHIP, Medicaid, medical assistance, Medicare and insurer reimbursement rates by insurer. The physician charge comparison would be

available to consumers by January 1, 2009. Also provides for common services data analysis. Lastly, the bill extends the expiration date of the act to June 30, 2015. (Prior Printer Number: 2961)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 2054](#)
PN 2891
03-11-08

Sponsor: Belfanti
(PN 2891) Amends the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone & Keystone Opportunity Improvement Zone Act providing for work performed on deteriorating property by adding that all construction, reconstruction, demolition, alteration and repair work other than maintenance work performed on a deteriorating property under this act shall be done in accordance with the Separations Act and the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

Last Action: 3-11-08 H Discussed in public hearing, House Commerce

[HB 2098](#)
PN 3231
02-13-08

Sponsor: DeLuca
(PN 3231) The Preventable Serious Adverse Events Act establishes a system for payment or reduction in payment for preventable serious adverse events within State programs. The bill creates payment policy for preventable serious adverse events, including outlining the criteria that must be used by health payors in determining when payment or partial payment to a health care provider will be withheld. Payments can only be withheld by health payors for services related to a preventable serious adverse event or care made necessary by the preventable serious adverse event if the agreement or contract between the health payor and health care provider contains language addressing payment policy for preventable serious adverse events. The bill states health care providers would not seek payment directly from patients or the responsible party of the patient for preventable serious adverse events. Nothing in the bill would require the department to alter, amend or reissue any payment policy for inpatient hospitals relating to preventable serious adverse events that was promulgated prior to the enactment of this act. The bill provides for the powers and duties of the Department of Public Welfare, the Insurance Department, the Department of Health and the Department of State. (Prior Printer Number: 2965)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 2297](#)
PN 3347
03-11-08

Sponsor: Parker
(PN 3347) Amends the Keystone Opportunity Zone, Expansion Zone, and Improvement Zone Act providing for extension for unoccupied parcels. Applications must be made by May 31, 2009. For subzones or keystone opportunity improvement zones that expire December 31, 2008, an application may be submitted to the department to temporarily delay the expiration of the deductions, abatements and credits under the existing subzone until June 30, 2009. The bill also provides for additional subzones authorized for seven or ten years and for substitution of parcels. Sales and use tax by adding the sale of services or tangible personal property to a construction contractor to the exemptions. Lastly, the bill provides for income apportionment of the corporate net income tax.

Last Action: 3-12-08 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

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[HB 982](#)
PN 2498
03-12-08

Sponsor: DePasquale
(PN 2498) The Code Enforcement Challenge Grant Act would have the purpose of providing grants to municipalities to encourage the hiring of additional code enforcement officers by subsidizing their annual salaries. The program would last for three years beginning in 2008-2009, with subsequent grant applications required each year. (Prior Printer Number: 1143)

Last Action: 3-17-08 H Set on the House Calendar

[HB 2252](#)
PN 3291
03-12-08

Sponsor: Caltagirone
(PN 3291) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations) further providing for child medical support by adding that a court order for child support must include a requirement for medical support. The bill provides for definitions. Additionally, the bill states the Commonwealth would impose a fee of \$25 in each case in which an individual has never received assistance under Title IV-A of the Social Security Act and for whom the Commonwealth has collected at least \$500 of support in a Federal fiscal year. The Commonwealth would pay the \$25 fee for those cases in which the annual collection is between \$500 and \$1,999.99. The \$25 fee would be collected from the custodial parent in cases where annual collections equal \$2,000 or more. The bill also provides for review of orders of support and states incarceration would constitute a material and substantial change in circumstance that may warrant modification or termination of a support order. Lastly, the bill provides for pass-through of support and assignment of support in the case of a family receiving cash assistance from the Commonwealth and in the case of a family that never received cash assistance from the Commonwealth.

Last Action: 3-12-08 H Rereferred to House Appropriations

[HB 2313](#)
PN 3348
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3348) Supplement to "An act to accept the grant of Public Lands, by the United States, to the several states, for the endowment of Agricultural Colleges," which makes appropriations for the acceptance of the grants, provides for fund payments to the Pennsylvania State University, and stipulates particular accounting methods and the disclosure of fiscal information.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2314](#)
PN 3349
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3349) Act making an appropriation of \$776,000 to the Fox Chase Institute for Cancer Research, Philadelphia, for the operation and maintenance of the cancer research program.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2315](#)

PN 3350
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3350) Supplement to the act entitled "An act providing for the establishment and operation of the University of Pittsburgh as an instrumentality of the Commonwealth to serve as a State-related university in the higher education system of the Commonwealth; providing for change of name; providing for the composition of the board of trustees; terms of trustees, and the power and duties of such trustees; authorizing appropriations in amounts to be fixed annually by the General Assembly; providing for the auditing of accounts of expenditures from said appropriations; providing for public support and capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of bonds exempt from taxation within the Commonwealth; requiring the chancellor to make an annual report of the operations of the University of Pittsburgh," making the following appropriations for carrying the Act into effect: \$166,777,000 for educational and general expenses; \$435,000 for student life initiatives; \$442,000 to enhance the recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students; \$523,000 for the teen suicide center at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic; and \$2,157,000 for rural education outreach.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2316](#)

PN 3351
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3351) Act appropriating \$214,000 to the Wistar Institute in Philadelphia, for operation and maintenance expenses and \$92,000 for AIDS research.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2317](#)

PN 3352
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3352) Supplement to the Temple University--Commonwealth Act appropriating \$175,062,000 million appropriation for the operation of Temple University and \$442,000 to enhance recruitment and retention of disadvantaged students; and provides guidelines for trustee board composition, name changes, fixed annual payments for reports, audits, accounting and information disclosure.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2318](#)

PN 3353
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3353) Act making an appropriation of \$130,000 to the Central Penn Oncology Group.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2319](#)
PN 3354
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3354) Act making an appropriation of \$59,000 to Lancaster Cleft Palate for outpatient-inpatient treatment.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2320](#)
PN 3355
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3355) Supplement to the Lincoln University-Commonwealth Act appropriating \$13,993,000 for carrying the Act into effect.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2321](#)
PN 3356
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3356) Act making an appropriation to of \$418,000 the Burn Foundation, Philadelphia, for outpatient and inpatient treatment.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2322](#)
PN 3357
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3357) Act making an appropriation of \$970,000 to the Children's Institute, Pittsburgh, for treatment and rehabilitation of certain persons with disabling diseases.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2323](#)
PN 3358
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3358) Act making an appropriation of \$7,037,000 to the Trustees of Drexel University, Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2324](#)
PN 3359
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3359) Act making an appropriation of \$451,000 to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for comprehensive patient care and general maintenance and operation of the hospital.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2325](#)

Sponsor: Evans, D

PN 3360
03-12-08

(PN 3360) Act making an appropriation of \$105,000 to the Beacon Lodge Camp.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2326](#)
PN 3361
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3361) Act making appropriations totaling \$46,525,000 to the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2327](#)
PN 3362
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3362) Act making appropriations totaling \$508,000 to the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh for operations and maintenance expenses and the purchase of apparatus, supplies and equipment.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2328](#)
PN 3363
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3363) Act making appropriations totaling \$6,717,000 to the Philadelphia Health and Education Corp. for the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Nursing and Health Professions and for continuation of pediatric services.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2329](#)
PN 3364
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3364) Act making an appropriation of \$769,000 to the Franklin Institute Science Museum for maintenance expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2330](#)
PN 3365
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3365) Act making an appropriation of \$471,000 to the Academy of Natural Sciences for maintenance expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2331](#)
PN 3366
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3366) Act making appropriations totaling \$4,950,000 to the Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2332](#)
PN 3367
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3367) Act making an appropriation of \$359,000 to the African-American Museum in Philadelphia for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2333](#)
PN 3368
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3368) Act making an appropriation of \$46,000 to the Everhart Museum in Scranton for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2334](#)
PN 3369
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3369) Act making an appropriation of \$6,609,000 to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2335](#)
PN 3370
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3370) Act making an appropriation of \$196,000 to the Mercer Museum in Doylestown for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2336](#)
PN 3371
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3371) Act making an appropriation of \$141,000 to the Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts in Harrisburg for operating expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2337](#)
PN 3372
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3372) Act making an appropriation of \$1,701,000 to the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2338](#)
PN 3373
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3373) Act making an appropriation of \$1,220,000 to the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, for instruction and student aid.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2339](#)
PN 3374
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3374) Act making appropriation of \$1,512,000 to the Trustees of the Berean Training and Industrial School of Philadelphia for operation and maintenance expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2340](#)
PN 3375
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3375) Act making an appropriation of \$195,000 to the Johnson Technical Institute of Scranton for operation and maintenance expenses.

Last Action: 3-10-08 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 2341](#)
PN 3376
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
(PN 3376) Act making an appropriation of \$71,000 to the Williamson Free School of Mechanical Trades in Delaware County for operation and maintenance expenses.

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[HB 2342](#)
PN 3377
03-12-08

Sponsor: Evans, D
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