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HCO13 - Protecting Personal Data from Government and Corporate Overreach

Sponsor

Rep. Rob Leadbeter (R)

Summary

Considers the Personal Privacy Protection Act aimed to limit the collection and storage of personal data by state and local governments, require transparency from businesses regarding how they collect, store, and share consumer data and establish penalties for the unauthorized use or sale of personal information.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO28 - Protecting Pennsylvania from ESG Overreach

Sponsor

Rep. Rob Leadbeter (R)

Summary

Aims to prohibit state entities from adopting or enforcing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) standards in their operations, contracts or investments.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO29 - REINS Act

Sponsor

Rep. Dallas Kephart (R)

Summary

Aims to give the General Assembly more accountability over regulations promulgated by the state.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO31 - Jury Duty Exemption for Emergency Services Personnel

Sponsor

Rep. Russ Diamond (R)

Summary

Adds an exemption to jury duty for emergency services personnel.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO33 - Design Build Best Value Procurement**Sponsor**

Rep. Ed Neilson (D)

Summary

Aims to allow the Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Turnpike Commission to use Design Build Best Value (DBBV) as an alternative procurement process for infrastructure design and construction.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO38 - Ensuring Free and Open Markets**Sponsor**

Rep. Jared G. Solomon (D)

Summary

Considers empowering the Attorney General to investigate companies that attempt to monopolize any part of the economy and increases penalties for antitrust violations.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO42 - Realty Transfer Tax Exclusion for First Time Home Buyers**Sponsor**

Rep. Thomas H. Kutz (R)

Summary

Aims to reduce tax burdens and incentivize growth for local economies by providing an exclusion from the tax for the transfer of property to first-time home buyers.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO48 - Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the Hiring Process**Sponsor**

Rep. Ed Neilson (D)

Summary

Considers amending the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to require employers to notify applicants of the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the hiring process prior to an employment interview, asserting that employers must further receive an applicant's consent to the use of AI and conduct bias audits on AI tools.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO73 - Prioritizing Safe Pipeline Development (Formerly HR67)

Sponsor

Rep. Rob Leadbeter (R)

Summary

Aims to implore the Biden administration to support the development of pipelines.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO81 - Disclosure of Artificially Intelligent Generated Content

Sponsor

Rep. Christopher Pielli (D)

Summary

Aims to require a disclosure on all AI-generated content, including images, audio, video and text used for the sale of consumer goods.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO90 - Transparency in Government Authorities

Sponsor

Rep. Robert E. Merski (D)

Summary

Requires public authorities to make certain information regarding their boards publicly accessible.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO105 - Comprehensive, Permanent Permit Reform

Sponsor

Rep. Jill N. Cooper (R)

Summary

Establishes clear, concrete timeframes for the permitting process.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO106 - Local Funding Options for Transit and Aviation

Sponsor

Rep. Ed Neilson (D)

Summary

Aims to give all 67 counties the option to levy and collect modest fees and surcharges to help fund capital projects and local match needs for transit agencies and airports within their borders.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO113 - PA Local Solar Program (former HB 330)**Sponsor**

Rep. Perry A. Stambaugh (R)

Summary

Authorizes local solar energy development in Pennsylvania; expands access to solar power through a local and voluntary offering that has been competitively bid and ensures adequate ratepayer protection by not permitting any cross-subsidization; and allows access to solar power through a local and voluntary offering that has been competitively bid and ensures adequate ratepayer protection by not permitting any cross-subsidization.

Last Action

12/02/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO148 - Local Control for Non-Agriculture Pesticide Spraying**Sponsor**

Rep. Jennifer O'Mara (D)

Summary

Aims to allow municipalities to make their own decisions about pesticide use in dense residential, non-agricultural areas.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO154 - Public Natural Resources Trust Fund**Sponsor**

Rep. Jennifer O'Mara (D)

Summary

Aims to create a Public Natural Resources Trust Fund, which would receive money from oil and gas developed on the nearly 323,000 acres of Pennsylvania land leased for such development.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO161 - Pennsylvania WARN Act

Sponsor

Rep. Jennifer O'Mara (D)

Summary

Aims to extend the notice of a closing or a layoff to 90 days for a plant closing with 50 or more employees, or a mass layoff of over 500 workers.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO165 - Issuance of Permits in Environmental Justice Areas**Sponsor**

Rep. Greg Vitali (D)

Summary

Gives the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection the authority to designate environmental justice areas in communities with increased pollution burdens and vulnerable populations.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO176 - No NGO Guidance Without Due Process**Sponsor**

Rep. Milou Mackenzie (R)

Summary

Requires an agency that submits a proposed regulation that accepts or adopts guidance from the World Health Organization, United Nations or the World Economic Forum to also submit a regulatory analysis. The agency must also address whether the requirements imposed by the regulation are more stringent than those established under federal standards. Also requires the regulatory analysis to include commonwealth-specific information, including how the guidance would apply to Pennsylvania and supporting data.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO186 - Protecting Workers from Captive Audience Meetings**Sponsor**

Rep. Tarik Khan (D)

Summary

Aims to prevent employers from forcing employees to attend meetings that involve the employer discussing their views on political or religious matters.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO201 - Blood Lead Test

Sponsor

Rep. Jose Giral (D)

Summary

Expands current requirements to ensure that all children are tested for lead poisoning at 12 and 24 months of age, and more frequently if considered to be high risk.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO206 - Litterbug Education**Sponsor**

Rep. Milou Mackenzie (R)

Summary

Aims to incorporate litterbug education into existing science curriculum for students in kindergarten – 5th grade.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO224 - Permitting Municipal Authorities to Deploy Broadband**Sponsor**

Rep. Paul Takac (D)

Summary

Aims to permit the deployment of a publicly-owned broadband internet network under the Municipal Authorities Act.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO227 - Effectively Deterring Trespassing on Private Property (former HR 284)**Sponsor**

Rep. Perry A. Stambaugh (R)

Summary

Directives the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to conduct or contract a study evaluating Pennsylvania's trespassing laws and their enforcement, with the goal of more effectively deterring trespassing on private properties.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO235 - State Emergency Supplemental Grant Program for Disaster Relief**Sponsor**

Rep. Joe Ciresi (D)

Summary

Aims to establish the State Emergency Supplemental Grant Program.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO237 - Flexible Working Arrangements Act

Sponsor

Rep. Robert E. Merski (D)

Summary

Requires employers with 50 or more employees in the commonwealth to consider the request of an employee for a flexible working arrangement that meets the needs of both the employer and the employee.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO240 - No Tax on Overtime

Sponsor

Rep. Morgan Cephas (D)

Summary

Makes changes to how overtime wages are taxed.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO243 - Water Bottle Refilling Stations in Commonwealth Buildings

Sponsor

Rep. Perry S. Warren (D)

Summary

Requires newly constructed commonwealth buildings, as well as commonwealth buildings undergoing major construction, to install water bottle filling stations.

Last Action

12/03/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO272 - Protecting Overtime Pay for Pennsylvania's Workers

Sponsor

Rep. Ed Neilson (D)

Summary

Surpasses federal overtime eligibility threshold in Pennsylvania.

Last Action

12/04/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO275 - Allowing Workers to Opt-Out of Captive Audience Meetings**Sponsor**

Rep. Joshua Siegel (D)

Summary

Aims to allow workers to opt-out of attending a meeting organized by an employer with religious or political messaging without fear of retaliation.

Last Action

12/04/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO276 - Public Employer Disclosure Act**Sponsor**

Rep. Joshua Siegel (D)

Summary

Aims to require within 30 days of hire a public worker's contact information is shared with the organization representing them.

Last Action

12/04/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO284 - Advisory Opinions from Licensing Boards – Former HB 1364**Sponsor**

Rep. Keith J. Greiner (R)

Summary

Permits licensed professionals to receive guidance from licensing boards and commissions under the Department of State concerning the meaning or interpretation of an act or regulation.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO291 - Requiring State Agencies to Provide Live Phone Services**Sponsor**

Rep. Joe Ciresi (D)

Summary

Requires state agencies to have live phone services available on their public lines.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO292 - Facilitating Public Participation in Utility Rate Cases

Sponsor

Rep. Joe Ciresi (D)

Summary

Assists the public in staying informed and active in Public Utility Commission (PUC) rate cases.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO293 - Holding Landlords Accountable

Sponsor

Rep. G. Roni Green (D)

Summary

Ensures that landlords meet their obligation to maintain a habitable residential rental property when they take out equity, empowers municipalities to determine if a landlord abandoned their residential rental property and penalize them accordingly and specifies that whenever an apartment goes into receivership, the receiver must ensure that the apartment remains habitable.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO307 - Incentivizing a Four-Day Workweek

Sponsor

Rep. David Madsen (D)

Summary

Incentivizes companies to switch to a 4-day, 32-hour workweek.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO314 - Redeveloping Deteriorating Churches, Hospitals, and Schools

Sponsor

Rep. David Madsen (D)

Summary

Allows local governments to offer special tax incentives to encourage the redevelopment of deteriorating churches, hospitals, and schools.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO318 - Municipal and Emergency Responder Solar Grant Program Act

Sponsor

Rep. Robert E. Merski (D)

Summary

Issues grants to eligible political subdivisions and local authorities to help fund solar energy projects at political subdivisions and emergency service facilities.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO322 - Protecting Consumer Information and Privacy

Sponsor

Rep. Ed Neilson (D)

Summary

Provides consumers rights to their personal data and requires certain businesses to protect consumer privacy and limit the collection of consumer data.

Last Action

12/05/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO335 - Campaign Finance Reform

Sponsor

Rep. Jared G. Solomon (D)

Summary

Aims to set limits on campaign contributions in Pennsylvania.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO336 - Apprenticeship Education Expense Tax Credit Program (former HB1055)

Sponsor

Rep. Steven R. Malagari (D)

Summary

Aims to amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971, creating a tax credit for qualifying businesses to defray the cost of apprentice education expenses.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO349 - Toxic Metals in Baby Food

Sponsor

Rep. Liz Hanbidge (D)

Summary

Requires that the Pennsylvania Department of Health test a representative sample of each batch of baby food manufactured in the commonwealth for the presence of toxic heavy metals.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO350 - Pennsylvania Support Through Loss Act

Sponsor

Rep. Liz Hanbidge (D)

Summary

Aims to provide a worker three days of paid leave if the worker experiences a pregnancy loss, such as a miscarriage or stillbirth, unsuccessful fertility treatment, failed adoption or surrogacy arrangement, or medical diagnosis that impacts fertility or a pregnancy.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO355 - Studying Food Waste in Pennsylvania

Sponsor

Rep. G. Roni Green (D)

Summary

Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the feasibility of requiring food waste recycling for businesses based on the Commonwealth's current infrastructure. Includes recommendations for how to improve access to food waste recycling in Pennsylvania.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO362 - Prohibition of Land Spreading of Oil & Gas Wastewater

Sponsor

Rep. Greg Vitali (D)

Summary

Aims to amend Act 97 of 1980 (Solid Waste Management Act) by prohibiting the spreading of production brine on all land, developed or undeveloped.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO363 - Extending Unemployment Compensation (UC) Appeal Deadlines

Sponsor

Rep. Joe Ciresi (D)

Summary

Aims to extend the deadlines for filing UC appeals, especially in cases where an old determination was revised after the fact.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO366 - Personal Privacy Protection Act

Sponsor

Rep. Justin C. Fleming (D)

Summary

Aims to shield supporters of various causes from retaliation as it relates to employment, personal safety, or otherwise due to their affiliation with a 501 (c) non-profit organization.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO367 - Stormwater Fees

Sponsor

Rep. Justin C. Fleming (D)

Summary

Ensures the commonwealth pays stormwater fees

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO370 - Excluding Gift-in-Kind Contributions

Sponsor

Rep. Lisa A. Borowski (D)

Summary

Aims to eliminate gift-in-kind contributions from the gross annual contributions reporting requirement.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO374 - Stabilize Funding for Pennsylvania's Aviation Industry

Sponsor

Rep. Patrick Gallagher (D)

Summary

Sets the Jet Fuels Tax at a flat rate of 2 cents per gallon, and the Aviation Fuels Tax at a flat rate of 6 cents per gallon with no annual adjustment.

Last Action

12/06/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO382 - Investing in the Future Redevelopment of Shopping Malls

Sponsor

Rep. Joshua Siegel (D)

Summary

Incentivizes municipalities and developers to work together to redevelop existing shopping malls into mixed-use communities.

Last Action

12/09/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO391 - Community Solar

Sponsor

Rep. Peter Schweyer (D)

Summary

Introduces the Community Solar program

Last Action

12/09/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO399 - Pennsylvania Open Markets Act

Sponsor

Rep. Tim Briggs (D)

Summary

Prohibits anti-competitive behavior in the market. Empowers the Attorney General to investigate companies that attempt to monopolize any part of the economy and increases penalties for antitrust violations.

Last Action

12/09/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO404 - Increase Penalties for Child Labor Act Violations (Former HB1354)

Sponsor

Rep. Regina G. Young (D)

Summary

Increases penalties for employers who are found to be violating Pennsylvania's Child Labor Act.

Last Action

12/09/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO412 - Updating Requirements for Public Swimming and Bathing Places

Sponsor

Rep. Tim Briggs (D)

Summary

Amends Act 299 of 1931, otherwise known as the "Public Bathing Law," updating definitions and specifying which facilities require permits, lifeguards, and/or must be required to meet regulations related to water supply, safety, public notice and hygiene.

Last Action

12/09/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO419 - Eminent Domain Code Clarification

Sponsor

Rep. Stephenie Scialabba (R)

Summary

Allows legal notices to be mailed by Certified Mail.

Last Action

12/09/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO424 - Short Term Rental Compliance Act

Sponsor

Rep. Doyle Heffley (R)

Summary

Sets a statewide "code of conduct" for short term rentals.

Last Action

12/09/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO463 - Removing Lead from Drinking Water in Schools

Sponsor

Rep. G. Roni Green (D)

Summary

Aims to require old drinking fountains to be replaced with lead-filtering water stations by 2026 and establish funding to help school districts achieve this goal.

Last Action

12/10/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO472 - Prevailing Wage for Green Energy Projects

Sponsor

Rep. Elizabeth Fiedler (D)

Summary

Requires a prevailing wage to be paid by businesses receiving a federal or state tax credit for renewable energy projects of a certain size.

Last Action

12/11/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO502 - Single Use Plastic: Polystyrene

Sponsor

Rep. Tim Briggs (D)

Summary

Prohibits food establishments from using styrofoam food and beverage containers as temporary packaging for prepared foods.

Last Action

12/11/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO508 - Investing in Infrastructure Improvements throughout Pennsylvania

Sponsor

Rep. Mary Isaacson (D)

Summary

Allocates \$3 billion into a fund designated for improving infrastructure throughout Pennsylvania.

Last Action

12/11/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO516 - PUC Inspection Records Transparency

Sponsor

Rep. Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz (D)

Summary

Removes procedures established in Act 156 of 2006 to allow PUC to share inspection records with state and federal agencies.

Last Action

12/11/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO540 - MS4 Data and Testing Expansion – Encouraging Accurate Watershed Storm Water Plans (Prior HB 207, 2023-24)

Sponsor

Rep. Barbara Gleim (R)

Summary

Enhances data collection to allow communities to better comply with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) standards.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO542 - Prevailing Wage – Raising the Threshold for Applicability (Prior HB 208, 2023-24)**Sponsor**

Rep. Barbara Gleim (R)

Summary

Updates the threshold of the Prevailing Wage Act for the effects of inflation.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO544 - Expanding the Unemployment Compensation Department Under an Emergency Disaster Order (Prior HB 210, 2023-24)**Sponsor**

Rep. Barbara Gleim (R)

Summary

Allows for the expansion of the Department of Labor and Industry's (L&I) Unemployment Compensation Department upon an emergency disaster order.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO547 - Fish & Boat Commission: Right to Know**Sponsor**

Rep. Clint Owlett (R)

Summary

Aims to amend the Right to Know Law, allowing the request of records created by the Fish & Boat Commission noncriminal investigations.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO549 - Stop Habitat Loss (Previously HB840)**Sponsor**

Rep. Kristine C. Howard (D)

Summary

Aims to require, as part of the permitting process for new construction in undeveloped areas, the submission of a habitat impact study to the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO553 - Protecting Pennsylvanians from Landslides

Sponsor

Rep. Emily Kinkead (D)

Summary

Aims to create a program within the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to provide coverage of landslides, slope movement, and sinkholes throughout the Commonwealth.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO564 - Improving our Business Climate - DOGE Style

Sponsor

Rep. Seth M. Grove (R)

Summary

Aims to improve Pennsylvania's business climate.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO569 - Your Vote Shouldn't Cost You Your Job (Former HB 220)

Sponsor

Rep. Mary Isaacson (D)

Summary

Aims to authorize two hours of time off work on an election day if an employee does not have enough time to vote before or after work.

Last Action

12/12/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO577 - Updating the Water Services Act

Sponsor

Rep. Lisa A. Borowski (D)

Summary

Amends Act 28 to require third-class cities that have adopted a home rule charter to obtain approval from 75% of the municipalities receiving water and wastewater from the authority and remove the population requirement.

Last Action

12/13/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO585 - House Govt Oversight Committee Recommendations for Lobbying Disclosure Law Update

Sponsor

Rep. Seth M. Grove (R)

Summary

Updates Lobbying Disclosure law by making lobbyists primary reporters, strengthening audit requirements and requiring first \$1 reporting.

Last Action

12/13/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO646 - Permitting Municipalities of any Size to Establish a Land Bank

Sponsor

Rep. Robert Freeman (D)

Summary

Removes size stipulations associated with land bank jurisdictions, allowing all municipalities, including smaller municipalities, to establish land banks on a voluntary basis.

Last Action

12/17/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO647 - Environmental Liability Exemption for Land Banks

Sponsor

Rep. Robert Freeman (D)

Summary

Grants the same protections to land banks that are presently given to redevelopment authorities when they are dealing with brownfields.

Last Action

12/17/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO677 - Transparency Around Dark Money

Sponsor

Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta (D)

Summary

Amends the Election Code to require campaign finance reports from 501(c)(4) tax-exempt organizations that independently advocate for or against a candidate.

Last Action

12/18/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO687 - Unemployment Compensation Eligibility Clarification (Prior HB 1353)

Sponsor

Rep. Shelby Labs (R)

Summary

Clarifies the Unemployment Compensation (UC) Law, regarding claimants who take actions to discourage their own hire in order to continue receiving benefits.

Last Action

12/18/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO688 - Establishing a Regulatory Sandbox Program (Prior HB 1577)

Sponsor

Rep. Shelby Labs (R)

Summary

Establishes a regulatory sandbox program in the commonwealth.

Last Action

12/18/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO707 - Landfill Sites – Population Density (Prior HB 991)

Sponsor

Rep. Timothy R. Bonner (R)

Summary

Places restrictions where landfills may operate in the commonwealth.

Last Action

12/18/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

HCO708 - Landfill Sites – Setback (Prior HB 992)

Sponsor

Rep. Timothy R. Bonner (R)

Summary

Places restrictions where landfills may operate in the commonwealth.

Last Action

12/18/2024 H - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO24 - Water Ratepayer Bill of Rights

Sponsor

Sen. John I. Kane (D)

Summary

Creates a Water Ratepayer Bill of Rights.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO43 - Right-to-Know Law Reforms regarding Commercial Requests

Sponsor

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

Summary

Allows agencies to charge a fee for a commercial purpose request.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO80 - EHB Permit Appeals

Sponsor

Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R)

Summary

Aims to amend the Environmental Hearing Board Act of 1988 by providing more clarity on permit appeals from decisions made by the Department of Environmental Protection as well as requiring judges to be reconfirmed by the Senate once their term expires if they desire to stay on for longer than one term.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO88 - DEP Permitting Appeals

Sponsor

Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R)

Summary

Ensures the appellate process for certain categories of permitting decisions made by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are consistent with federal law.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO92 - Deregulation of Broadband Services

Sponsor

Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)

Summary

Aims to modernize and streamline Pennsylvania's regulations that apply to landline telephone companies (telcos).

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO93 - Regulatory Compliance Officer

Sponsor

Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)

Summary

Requires that each agency designate an employee as the agency's regulatory compliance officer.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO106 - Environmental Justice Permits

Sponsor

Sen. Arthur L Haywood (D)

Summary

Requires a more transparent and open process before certain facilities are built or expanded within areas defined as "burdened communities."

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO110 - Improvements to the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act

Sponsor

Sen. Jay Costa (D)

Summary

Prohibits violators of the Pennsylvania Wage Act from continuing to bid on future public works projects for a period of time commensurate with the amount that has not been paid in wages and benefits, including 10 years for any amount greater than \$10 million.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO118 - Establishing the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) in Pennsylvania

Sponsor

Sen. Lisa M. Boscola (D)

Summary

Creates a permanent Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) in Pennsylvania.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO130 - Credits for Job Training Programs**Sponsor**

Sen. Lisa M. Boscola (D)

Summary

Incentivizes qualifying businesses to develop job-training and educational programs that give high school seniors real-world workplace experience.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO139 - Lead-Free School Drinking Water**Sponsor**

Sen. Devlin J. Robinson (R)

Summary

Requires school districts to replace older drinking fountains with lead-filtering hydration stations by 2028.

Last Action

12/03/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO153 - Cybersecurity Investments**Sponsor**

Sen. Nick Miller (D)

Summary

Provides a state-level investment to supplement and expand upon the State and Local Cybersecurity Grants Program as passed for states by Congress in the IIJA and distributed through FEMA.

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO160 - Flexibility for Local Government Advertising and Notice Requirements**Sponsor**

Sen. Doug Mastriano (R)

Summary

Provides a flexible menu of options for local governments to use in complying with current requirements to advertise and provide public notice in physically printed newspapers

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO163 - Predatory Pricing Repeal

Sponsor

Sen. John I. Kane (D)

Summary

Repeals Act 12 of 2016

Last Action

12/02/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO175 - Redevelopment Authority Loan Pilot Program

Sponsor

Sen. Frank A. Farry (R)

Summary

Creates a new loan program under the Department of Community and Economic Development for county redevelopment authorities to be offered as a pilot program, available through the full utilization of the funds or 2026, whichever occurs first.

Last Action

12/03/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO177 - Ensuring Effective Use of State Grants

Sponsor

Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)

Summary

Requires commonwealth-awarded grants to contain strong and detailed provisions to ensure taxpayer funds are committed only to projects with clearly delineated grantee commitments and obligations and provide claw-back authority for recapturing surplus /excess taxpayer-provided funds.

Last Action

12/03/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO178 - Comprehensive Regulatory Reform for Pennsylvania

Sponsor

Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)

Summary

Adopts reforms to reintroduce the legislative branch into the regulatory process and establishes an enhanced review process for major regulations that impose a substantial cost burden on the commonwealth.

Last Action

12/03/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO197 - Top 5 Campaign Disclosures

Sponsor

Sen. Lisa Baker (R)

Summary

Requires any persons or groups who make an independent expenditure for political advertising to disclose their “Top Five Contributors.”

Last Action

12/03/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO201 - 4 legislative reform proposals

Sponsor

Sen. Lisa Baker (R)

Summary

Considers a legislative bill package regarding cash gifts.

Last Action

12/03/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO206 - Paid Sick Leave

Sponsor

Sen. Katie J. Muth (D)

Summary

Requires every employer in this commonwealth to provide paid sick leave to employees, modeled after California’s Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act of 2014.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO208 - Realty Transfer Tax Credit for First Responders’ Surviving Families

Sponsor

Sen. Frank A. Farry (R)

Summary

Gives a surviving spouse or minor children of a first responder, who receive benefits under the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefit Act, a tax credit to cover the realty transfer tax if they sell the family home within five years of death.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO210 - Website ADA Compliance**Sponsor**

Sen. Tracy Pennycuick (R)

Summary

Ensures business owners receive a fair and reasonable timeframe to make their websites ADA-compliant by providing the owner/entity 60 days to respond to a notice of website access compliance issues.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO211 - Electronic Payroll**Sponsor**

Sen. Nick Miller (D)

Summary

Allows employers to pay employees exclusively by electronic means through use of direct deposit or a payroll card.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO216 - Restoring Critical Utility Protections for Pennsylvania Customers**Sponsor**

Sen. Lisa M. Boscola (D)

Summary

Reauthorizes and enhances the Responsible Utility Customer Protection Act to reinforce critical consumer protections and prevent rate increases.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO220 - Local Control for Non-Agricultural Pesticide Spraying**Sponsor**

Sen. Timothy P. Kearney (D)

Summary

Allows municipalities to make their own decisions about pesticide use in dense residential, non-agricultural areas.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO224 - Requiring Reporting of School Building Condition

Sponsor

Sen. David G. Argall (R)

Summary

Directs PDE to make the guidelines available and require schools to submit their building condition assessments every 5 years.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO227 - The Keystone National Finance Authority

Sponsor

Sen. David G. Argall (R)

Summary

Creates the Keystone National Finance Authority to finance infrastructure and other public benefit projects, creating construction jobs and spurring economic development throughout the commonwealth.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO228 - Streamlining Regulatory Oversight of the Bottled Water Industry

Sponsor

Sen. David G. Argall (R)

Summary

Provides that the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture regulates the bottled water industry.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO229 - Dam Safety and Encroachments Act Exemption for Farmers

Sponsor

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

Summary

Amends the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act (Act 325 of 1978) to exempt farmers who clear streams of debris on their property from the cumbersome permitting process required by the Act and its corresponding regulations.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO230 - Certified Payroll Public Database and Public Works Contractors Registration

Sponsor

Sen. John I. Kane (D)

Summary

Creates a publicly available database of certified payrolls for public works projects that would be hosted on the PA Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) website to increase transparency and help public agencies monitor and ensure that workers are being paid the proper wage and benefits during public works projects.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO231 - Construction Labor Broker Registration**Sponsor**

Sen. John I. Kane (D)

Summary

Requires construction labor brokers to register with the PA Department of Labor and Industry.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO242 - Pennsylvania PFAS Classification and Cleanup**Sponsor**

Sen. Maria Collett (D)

Summary

Amends Pennsylvania's Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act (HSCA) to designate certain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), specifically those most widely used in firefighting foams, as "hazardous substances" under HSCA.

Last Action

12/04/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO246 - Transparency in Permitting**Sponsor**

Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)

Summary

Extends agency requirements for permit and license tracking requirements to increase transparency throughout the process by requiring agencies to post information about permits and licenses they grant on their website, to create an accessible tracking system for applicants to check the status of their applications and to clearly state the legal authority that the agency relies on when rejecting a permit application.

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO250 - Reducing the Statute of Repose of Construction Projects

Sponsor

Sen. Daniel Laughlin (R)

Summary

Aims to reduce Pennsylvania's current statute of repose for construction projects from twelve years to six years.

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO254 - LBFC Study on the Effects of Act 12 of 2016 (Sales of Water & Sewer Systems to Private Companies) and Rate Increases**Sponsor**

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

Summary

Resolution to direct the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study on the effects of Act 12 of 2016 (valuation of an acquired water or wastewater system).

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO261 - Statutory Cap Reform for Catastrophic Cases**Sponsor**

Sen. Wayne Langerholc (R)

Summary

Creates an increased cap for the Sovereign Immunity Act.

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO263 - Citizen Suits**Sponsor**

Sen. Maria Collett (D)

Summary

Allows citizens to take civil actions against those who violate Pennsylvania's environmental laws or those who fail to enforce those laws.

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO264 - Ensuring Local Funding Flexibility for County and Municipal Bridges**Sponsor**

Sen. Greg Rothman (R)

Summary

Amends current law to explicitly allow the Act 44/89 funds to be used for both county and municipal bridges to better increase driver safety and roadway quality.

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO269 - Prohibiting Health Insurers from Altering Coverage or Premiums

Sponsor

Sen. Judy Ward (R)

Summary

Amends the Unfair Insurance Practices Act to prohibit health insurers from altering the coverage or premiums included in an insured person's policy during its term when the insured has already received a specific treatment, service or prescription drug.

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO271 - Protecting Employees from Assault While Enforcing Public Health Guidance

Sponsor

Sen. Maria Collett (D)

Summary

Upgrades the assault of any employee enforcing mask and social distancing requirements to a felony.

Last Action

12/05/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO287 - Reducing Burdensome Requirements to Meet Federal MS4 Regulations

Sponsor

Sen. Greg Rothman (R)

Summary

Allows water quality testing from other state agencies and accredited labs to be incorporated into the process of making sure municipalities and businesses comply with federally mandated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) standards.

Last Action

12/06/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO290 - Protecting Insurance Coverage for Individuals with Pre-existing Conditions

Sponsor

Sen. Vincent J. Hughes (D)

Summary

Enshrines in state law a prohibition on health insurance companies from using an individual's pre-existing medical condition to deny or exclude coverage under a health insurance policy.

Last Action

12/09/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO291 - Protecting the Essential Health Benefits for Insurance Policies Sold in Pennsylvania

Sponsor

Sen. Vincent J. Hughes (D)

Summary

Codifies the federal essential health benefits (EHB) into state law.

Last Action

12/09/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO294 - Automatic Three-Year Review of Economically Significant Regulations

Sponsor

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

Summary

Provides for a one-time automatic review of all economically significant regulations established after the effective date of the bill's enactment.

Last Action

12/09/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO297 - Prohibiting counties that ban natural gas development from receiving county share of Impact Fee / MLF drilling funds

Sponsor

Sen. Gene Yaw (R)

Summary

Prohibits counties that ban natural gas development under county-owned land from receiving their county share of Impact Fee drilling funds or being eligible applicants for Marcellus Legacy Fund grants administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Last Action

12/09/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO304 - Senate Rules Reforms

Sponsor

Sen. Katie J. Muth (D)

Summary

Resolution package reforming certain Senate Rules for the 2025-2026 Legislative Session.

Last Action

12/09/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO306 - Eminent Domain for Public Utility Pipelines**Sponsor**

Sen. Carolyn T. Comitta (D)

Summary

Prohibits petroleum or petroleum product transportation lines from being located within 100 meters of a "dwelling house" that is not located within the limits of any street, highway, water, or other public way or place and requires public utility corporations to receive approval from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission before using eminent domain to obtain property for the purpose of constructing a pipeline.

Last Action

12/09/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO308 - Prohibition of Lobbyists from Serving on State Appointments**Sponsor**

Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill (R)

Summary

Prohibits lobbyists from serving on state agency boards, commissions, committees and councils.

Last Action

12/09/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO324 - General Contractor Responsibility**Sponsor**

Sen. Nikil Saval (D)

Summary

Holds general contractors responsible for paying any employees up and down a worksite, even if they are hired by a subcontractor. In doing so, it offers subcontracted employees additional means of collecting when they are not paid for the work they have done.

Last Action

12/10/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO338 - Wage Theft Notification, Protection and Accountability**Sponsor**

Sen. Christine M. Tartaglione (D)

Summary

Provides a legislative package intended to help address the practice of wage theft.

Last Action

12/11/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO358 - Public Notice Prior to Signing Collective Bargaining Agreements

Sponsor

Sen. Patrick J. Stefano (R)

Summary

Provides public notice of collective bargaining agreements prior to approval.

Last Action

12/12/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO359 - Workplace Misclassification Act

Sponsor

Sen. Nick Pisciotto (Sen.-Elect) (D)

Summary

Extends the Construction Worker Misclassification Act's (Act 72 of 2010) provisions to all independent contractors.

Last Action

12/12/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO363 - Elevating DEP's Erosion and Sediment Control Permits

Sponsor

Sen. Camera Bartolotta (R)

Summary

Elevates existing Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Erosion & Sediment (E&S) control permit obligations into statute, requiring DEP to review permit applications consistent with their current, stated policy as well as establishing reporting requirements of DEP to the General Assembly to ensure accountability and transparency regarding the number of permits applied for and issued; the review times of applications; and the performance of DEP's various regional offices in complying with this act.

Last Action

12/12/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO385 - Combating Cybersecurity Risks and Artificial Intelligence Right-to-Know Requests

Sponsor

Sen. Tracy Pennycuik (R)

Summary

Ensures that AI is not being utilized to overwhelm and exploit municipalities by protecting municipalities against cyber threats disguised as hyperlinks or attachments and preserves the right to appeal any decision or denial by a government's open-records officer.

Last Action

12/12/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO395 - Unemployment Compensation Eligibility Clarification

Sponsor

Sen. Michele Brooks (R)

Summary

Specifies the Unemployment Compensation (UC) Law regarding claimants who take actions to discourage their own hire in order to continue receiving benefits.

Last Action

12/16/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed

SCO412 - Unemployment Compensation Eligibility for Striking Workers

Sponsor

Sen. Lindsey Marie Williams (D)

Summary

Aims to allow striking workers to be eligible for unemployment compensation.

Last Action

12/17/2024 S - Cosponsor memo filed