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7/13/16, 11:25 a.m., Senate Rules Committee Conference Room
By Mark W. Wolfe, Pennsylvania Legislative Services Intern The committee met to consider bills. HB 1605 (PN 3691) Amends the Fiscal Code adding language establishing the Heritage Area Program within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to identify, protect, develop, enhance, and promote the historic, recreational, natural, cultural, and scenic resources of the Commonwealth. The department shall adopt guidelines and policies for the implementation of the program. The department shall also allocate appropriate funds to run the program. The bill provides for the use and eligibility of the heritage area. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 2320) 3691 - The bill was unanimously **reported as amended**.
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There will be no repeat of last year's nine-month budget debacle in Pennsylvania. That's the good news from Harrisburg. Surprised? If that's the case, relax. Some things in the capital have not changed. We still don't know how we're going to pay for it all. That's actually not a new concept in Harrisburg. These folks are quite... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)
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ATLANTIC CITY — For the first weekend in nearly two years, people were coming and going from the Showboat Hotel. The facility, which reopened Friday, has 852 oceanfront room and suites, including 38 1,100-square-foot oceanfront balcony suites. It closed in August 2014.... - [Atlantic City Press](#)
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The state Legislature has passed a 2016-17 budget, but the one pesky question remaining - how to pay for it - has pitted industries and possible tax sources against one another. Nowhere is that more clear than among the state's bars and taverns, whose owners are effectively blaming the casino industry for possible natural gas... - [Altoona Mirror](#)

Significant Legislation

- [HB 52](#) [Payne, John](#) (PN 45) Amends the Liquor Code further providing for enforcement by adding that the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement has the duty to investigate and issue citations to any person whose invalid identification card is properly confiscated by a licensed entity. The bill provides for penalty and authorizes the confiscation of an invalid identification card by a licensee. Effective in 60 days.
- Last Action:** 4-30-15 H Removed from meeting agenda for 05/04/15, House Liquor Control
- [HB 110](#) [Costa, Dom](#) (PN 96) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act further providing for tavern games tax; providing for compulsive and problem gambling notice of availability of assistance; and imposing penalties. The legislation requires that, beginning in January 2016, \$300,000 or an amount equal to. 002 multiplied by the total amount of taxes imposed, whichever is greater, shall be

transferred from the General Fund to the Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund. Money in the fund shall be used for grants to single county authorities created pursuant to the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act, for the purpose of providing compulsive gambling and gambling addiction prevention, treatment and education programs. Each tavern game licensee shall post at least five signs providing notice of the availability of assistance. The bill provides for penalties. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 1-21-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

[HB 202](#)

[Murt, Thomas](#)

(PN 192) Amends the Clean Indoor Air Act prohibiting smoking in drinking establishments. The bill provides for definitions. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 1-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Liquor Control

[HB 249](#)

[Harris, C. Adam](#)

(PN 249) Amends the Local Option Small Games of chance Act, in preliminary provisions, defining "coin auction" and adding that the definition of "games of chance" includes coin auctions. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 1-28-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

[HB 250](#)

[Kim, Patty](#)

(PN 499) Amends the Minimum Wage Act increasing the minimum wage to \$9.00 an hour on the effective date and then to \$10.10 an hour one year later. In determining the hourly wage an employer is required to pay a tipped employe, the amount paid such employe shall be an amount equal to: (1) the cash wage paid the employe which for the purposes of the determination shall be not less than fifty percent of the minimum wage in effect; and (2) an additional amount on account of the tips received by the employe which is equal to the difference between the wage specified in the first stipulation and the minimum wage. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 3- 7-16 H Press conference held

[HB 255](#)

[Baker, Matt](#)

(PN 316) Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 75 (Vehicles) further providing for selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors by providing for grading and penalties based on the severity of the offense. Additionally operating privileges would be suspended. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 2- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

[HB 317](#)

[Regan, Mike](#)

(PN 323) Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations relating to malt and brewed beverages, including manufacturers, further providing for responsible alcohol management by requiring the board to certify third-party providers of responsible alcohol management training. The bill states it is the intent of the General Assembly that the board's Bureau of Alcohol Education expand training opportunities for alcohol service personnel by certifying all private third-party providers of alcohol education who, at a minimum, teach the information contained in the Bureau of Alcohol Education's standard curriculum; to allow private third-party providers of alcohol education flexibility in the manner by which they present training materials to alcohol service personnel; and to require the Bureau of Alcohol Education to notify within 30 days those private third-party providers of alcohol education whose curriculum is deemed deficient and provide a written explanation detailing what content is deemed to be deficient. The bill stipulates that private third-party providers of training to alcohol service

personnel will be better able to: (1) Provide alcohol service personnel with the opportunity to more easily receive additional industry-related certifications, making the service personnel more marketable to employers and better trained in their field; (2) Operate more efficiently with the board.; and (3) Increase the amount of trainers in this Commonwealth, which will allow business to more easily expand. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 2- 3-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Liquor Control

[HB 376](#)

[Burns, Frank](#)

(PN 413) Amends the Liquor Code to require the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to develop a Statewide Safe Ride Home Program, which will provide a safe ride home for intoxicated persons. The program shall be funded through a fee assessed by the board on liquor licensees that serve alcohol by the drink. Effective in 90 days.

Last Action: 2- 9-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Liquor Control

[HB 436](#)

[Cohen, Mark](#)

(PN 474) Amends the Minimum Wage Act further providing for definitions and for minimum wages; providing for reporting by the department; and repealing preemption provision. The minimum wage is increase to \$9 an hour beginning sixty days after the effective date, to \$10.10 an hour beginning 425 days after the effective date, to \$11.50 an hour beginning 790 days after the effective date, and beginning January 1, 2017, and each succeeding January 1 thereafter, the minimum wage shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment. The minimum wage for a tipped employee is increased to \$3.83 immediately, then \$4.83 an hour after one year, and then to 70 percent of the rate otherwise applicable under this section or the Fair Labor Standards Act, whichever is greater, an hour after two years. The department shall collect information of the number of employers who violate the act and shall publish the information on the department's website. The department shall update the information every six months. Effective immediately.

Last Action: 2-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

[HB 466](#)

[Turzai, Mike](#)

(PN 1985) Amends the Liquor Code, as follows: In preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions. In Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, further providing for general powers of board. In Pennsylvania liquor stores, providing for career training and postsecondary education grant eligibility. In licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for license districts, license period and hearings and for issuance, transfer or extension of hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses, providing for wholesale permit, for wholesale licenses, for wine or liquor expanded permits and for wine or liquor enhanced permits; further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for malt and brewed beverages retail licenses, for application for distributors', importing distributors' and retail dispensers' licenses, for prohibitions against the grant of licenses, for interlocking business prohibited, for licenses not assignable and transfers, for surrender of restaurant, eating place retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor license for benefit of licensee and for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number 511, 521)

Last Action: 9-19-16 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[HB 578](#)

[Delozier, Sheryl](#)

(PN 647) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act adding a new chapter providing for social card games. Allows social card games to be played at the licensed premises of an eligible organization in accordance with the requirements of the new chapter. Provides for conditions; definitions; required postings; prohibitions; applicability; card game tournaments; and prizes. Effective immediately.

Last Action: 2-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

[HB 592](#)

[Sonney, Curt](#)

(PN 660) Amends the Workers' Compensation Act, in additional coverages, adding that "employee" shall also include a person who suffers injury or death as a direct result of rendering emergency care, first aid or rescue at the scene of an emergency and meets all of the following while rendering the emergency care, first aid or rescue: (1) is a member of a volunteer ambulance corps; (3) is operating within the person's scope of practice; and (3) is not officially on duty as a member of a volunteer ambulance corps; Effective immediately.

Last Action: 2-23-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

[HB 649](#)

[Payne, John](#)

(PN 2574) Amends Title 4 (Amusements) authorizing interactive gaming (I-Gaming); allows for the application of I-Gaming slot machine certificates; provides the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board (PGCB) the authority to enter into civil agreements with other states and jurisdictions for I-Gaming; establishes an \$8 million fee for an I-Gaming certificates, with a renewal fee of \$250,000 to be paid every five years. Also, establishes a \$2 million fee for each I-Gaming operator to operate an I-Gaming system on behalf of an I-Gaming certificate holder; also provides for a renewal fee of \$100,000 every year. Also, imposes a 14 percent tax rate on I-Gaming, which is to be deposited into the General Fund; imposes a 2 percent local share assessment based on gross revenue that is to be given to the Department of Community and Economic Development for development projects in counties throughout the Commonwealth. Also, provides \$2 million annually for compulsive gambling programs, and \$2 million annually for drug and alcohol addiction treatment programs; requires that I-Gaming fees be deposited in the General Fund. Also provides for slot machines at off track betting (OTB) facilities or non-primary locations. Also, allows category facilities to operate up to four non-primary location operating outside 35 linear miles of the nearest facility, non-primary location or other category casino, a non-primary location may operate a slot machine at a location within 35 miles of another casino if there is an agreement filed; authorizes up to 250 slot machines per non-primary location, with a fee of \$5 million per non-primary location and renewal fee. Also, the gross revenue is taxed at 54 percent, with 92 percent going to the General Fund with the remaining eight percent being split between the host county and host municipality. The amendment also permits airport slot machines at Pennsylvania's six international airports. which would be eligible and would have to be placed in a secure area that is only accessible to ticketed passengers; the airports include Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Lehigh Valley, Allentown, and Scranton; provides that the tax rate on airport slot machines is 34 percent and will be deposited into the General Fund and an additional 20 percent assessment that is provided to the airport hosting the slot machines; requires casinos and airports to provide a floor plan and written agreement that must be approved by the PGCB; licensing fees include \$5 million for Philadelphia, \$2.5 million for Pittsburgh, and \$1 million for all other international

airports. Additionally the amendment makes changes to Category 3 licensees; allows Category 3 licensees to apply to the PGCB for an additional 250 slot machines, with an associated \$2.5 million fee, which is deposited in the General Fund; allows Category 3 to apply for an additional 15 non-banking tables for a fee of \$1 million, which will be deposited in the General Fund; provides that existing Category 3 licensees will be required to pay an additional \$1 million to compensate for the access fee; any Category 3 licensee that is approved after enactment of this legislation will pay an \$8.5 million slots fee, and \$8.5 million for table game certificates; also permits Category 3 licensees to operate 75 slot machines and 15 table games for tournament. Additionally, moves the remaining Category 3 license availability to January 1, 2016, and must be located in a county that does not contain a casino, or in a county that shares a border with a county that contains a casino; Category 3 licenses may not be located within 10 linear miles of a national military park, or a national memorial designated by Congress after September 11, 2011. Also makes changes to local share distributions; allows a county of the third class hosting a Category 1 licensee to utilize local share of matching funds for other state grants and loan programs, which applies to Dauphin County; also provides that a county of the first class hosting a category two licensee, the first 50 percent or the first \$5 million of the local share, whichever is greater, to be distributed to the Philadelphia school district; provides that a county of the second class hosting a Category 3 facility would have their local share portion to be distributed as follows: 75 percent for parks and heritage sites, 12.5 percent for child advocacy centers, and 12.5 percent for domestic violence services. Also requires that the PGCB produce a study on fantasy sports, which looks at the consumer protections and how the state may or may not be able to regulate the industry, and is to be given to the Chairman of the House and Senate committees. Also provides for casino liquor licenses that would permit 24 hour sales; provides for a \$1 million application fee, and a \$1 million renewal fee for the next four years, with a \$250,000 each following year; provides that the liquor license would permit the casino to provide free alcoholic beverages to invitation only events with in a licensed facility. Additionally, the amendment makes miscellaneous changes to Title 4; authorizes the PGCB to approve slot machines; extends all license renewal certificates and permit renewal periods from three to five years; authorizes private testing and certifications facilities approved by the PGCB to certify and test slot and table games; allows Category 2 casinos to show horse racing and conduct wagering; also requires licensed facilities to provide signage notifying patrons of a new penalty that is being added that prohibits leaving a minor under the age of 14 unattended in the parking lot of a licensed facility; also allows the suspension of driving privileges for underage gambling that would not apply to the second offense; provides that drop boxes are no longer considered a table gaming device; and provides for the definition of gaming service providers. Finally, the PGCB is appropriated \$5 million to administer the act. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 748, 767)

Remarks: Mustio VGT Amendment Adopted on Floor 12-09-15

Last Action: 9-19-16 H Set on the House Calendar

 [HB 657](#)

[English, Hal](#)

(PN 1422) Amends the Liquor Code further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees adding that the section shall not be construed to make it unlawful for minors to frequent ski resorts. Also adds language allowing for local option for the issuance of liquor licenses for ski resorts in

otherwise dry municipalities. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 756)

Last Action: 5-20-15 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Law and Justice

 [HB 682](#)

[Murt, Thomas](#)

(PN 2541) Amends the Clean Indoor Air Act to further provide for definitions and prohibit smoking in public places by removing exceptions related to smoking in places used for the provision of child care services, designated quarters in enumerated establishments, tobacco company places of employment, certain enumerated residential facilities, clubs, places where fundraisers are conducted, and exhibition halls. The legislation provides the requirements for permissible operation of a cigar bar, cigar lounge, or tobacco shop. Provides for ongoing exemptions for private clubs and for gaming facilities. The bill details required signage and warnings and makes related repeals. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 823)

Last Action: 9-19-16 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

 [HB 708](#)

[Sturla, Mike](#)

(PN 853) The Optional Sales Tax for School Property Tax Relief and County and Municipal Assistance Act provides that a county shall have the power and may by ordinance levy and assess or provide for the levying and assessment of taxes on the sale or use of tangible personal property and services and the occupancy of a hotel room at a rate of one percent within the geographical limits of the county. The bill provides guidelines for election to participate in the Act and other rules governing implementation. The bill authorizes the Department of Revenue to promulgate and enforce regulations pertaining to the legislation, and outlines disposition of tax revenues. Effective immediately.

Remarks: Optional Sales Tax for School Property Tax Relief and County and Municipal Assistance Act gives counties the option of levying a 1% sales tax on tangible personal property and services and the occupancy of a hotel room.

Last Action: 3- 6-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government

 [HB 719](#)

[Hickernell, David](#)

(PN 842) Amends the Liquor Code further providing for responsible alcohol management by adding that unless successfully completed prior to being hired, all alcohol service personnel shall be required to complete the seller or server training within 60 days of being hired by a licensed establishment. The board shall certify private third-party providers of training that covers, at a minimum, the content contained in the bureau of alcohol education's standard curriculum. In the event that the third-party provider's curriculum is not equivalent to the standard curriculum, the provider shall be advised by the board as to where the curriculum is deficient. The board shall permit private third-party providers of alcohol training to modify the order in which the content of the bureau of alcohol education's standard curriculum is presented so long as the material is taught. Effective in 60 days

Last Action: 3-22-16 H Press conference held

 [HB 770](#)

[Masser, Kurt](#)

(PN 1526) Amends the Liquor Code to allow liquor licensees to offer discounts on food and malt or brewed beverages to patrons who are part of a bona fide club or group program that the licensee offers, except between the hours of midnight and the legal closing time on any given day. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 910, 1423)

Last Action: 5-20-15 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Law and Justice

[HB 808](#)

[Costa, Paul](#)

(PN 953) Amends Title 4 (Amusements) authorizing video gaming; imposing duties on the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to regulate and adopt standards for all gaming activities including video gaming; establishing the Video Gaming Account; imposing penalties; providing that 34 percent of funds shall be distributed to the General Fund; and appropriating \$10,000,000 for the payment of costs associated with the operation of the board and the initial implementation of this chapter and other costs associated with this chapter shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. The transferred funds shall be repaid by the board to the General Fund by June 30, 2017. Effective in 90 days.

Last Action: 3-17-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

[HB 868](#)

[Costa, Paul](#)

(PN 1063) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in minors, establishing crimes for misrepresentation of age to participate in gambling activities and for underage gambling; and further providing the offenses of representing that minor is of age, for inducement of minors to buy liquor or malt or brewed beverages, for carrying a false identification card, for restriction of operating privileges, for predisposition evaluation and for definitions. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 10- 6-15 H Discussed in public hearing, House Gaming Oversight

[HB 963](#)

[Masser, Kurt](#)

(PN 1178) The Video Gaming Act provides for the licensing and regulation of video gaming; prescribes powers and duties of the Pennsylvania State Police and the Department of Revenue; establishes the State Video Gaming Fund; and prescribes penalties. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 4-10-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

[HB 996](#)

[Murt, Thomas](#)

(PN 1281) Amends the Clean Indoor Air Act prohibiting smoking.

Last Action: 4-20-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

[HB 1196](#)

[Petri, Scott](#)

(PN 3697) Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses adding that "geographically contiguous area" shall include two distinct areas which are separated by no more than five miles at the closest point. Provides an exemption for commercial or industrial use specifically approved by state law, a scientific research hospital, a state institution conducting bona fide research, or a pharmaceutical company conducting bona fide research. Further provides for a National Event Permit that allows a national political party holding its national convention within the Commonwealth to have events directly connected to the convention at authorized licensed or unlicensed premises. The permit shall expire July 29, 2016. Requires all monies collected by the Board for the casino liquor license, the eating place upgrade license fee, and the dead license auction proceeds are to be transferred to the General Fund on a quarterly basis. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1571, 1726, 1858, 3353, 3666)

Last Action: 7-11-16 S Received as amended in Senate and rereferred Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

 [HB 1197](#)

[Dunbar, George](#)

(PN 1572) Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in gaming, adding a chapter providing for fantasy sports tournaments. A licensed gaming entity that holds a valid fantasy sports tournament license from the board may operate fantasy sports tournaments. The bill outlines conditions for participation, authorizes development of a website or app to permit participants to view standings and points, and authorizes licenses to contract with licensed vendors. The board shall promulgate regulations for the operation of fantasy sports tournaments by licensees and tournament vendors and shall enforce the regulations. The application procedure for a license is also outlined. The successful applicant shall pay a licensing fee of \$50,000, if a licensee, or \$10,000, if a tournament vendor. Each licensee shall report to the department and pay from its monthly gross tournament revenue, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the department, a tax of five percent of its monthly gross tournament revenue, which shall be deposited in the General Fund. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 11-10-15 H Discussed in public hearing, House Gaming Oversight

 [HB 1198](#)

[\(Withdrawn\)](#)

(PN 3731) Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax: further providing for definitions, for exclusions, for discount and for crimes. In personal income tax: further providing for definitions, for classes of income and for tax withheld; providing for contributions for tuition account programs; and further providing for requirement of withholding tax, for information statement, for time for filing employers' returns, for payment of taxes withheld, for employer's liability for withheld taxes, for employer's failure to withhold, for declarations of estimated tax and for citation authority. In corporate net income tax: further providing for reports and payment of tax; providing for amended reports; and further providing for enforcement, rules and regulations and inquisitorial powers of the department. In bank and trust company shares tax: further providing for imposition, for ascertainment of taxable amount and exclusion of United States obligations, for apportionment and for definitions. In gross receipts tax: further providing for imposition. In realty transfer tax: further providing for definitions, for exempt parties and for excluded transactions. In cigarette tax: further providing for incidence and rate, for floor tax, for stamp as evidence, for commissions on sales and for disposition of certain funds. Imposing a tobacco products tax. In research and development tax credit: further providing for time limitations. In film production tax credit: making editorial changes; further providing for definitions and for limitations; providing for reissuance of film production tax credits, for concert rehearsal and tour; and providing for video game production. Establishing the coal refuse energy and reclamation tax credit. Establishing the waterfront development tax credit. In tax credit for new jobs: further providing for definitions and for tax credits. In city revitalization and improvement zones: further providing for definitions and for establishment of contracting authority; providing for contracting authority duties; further providing for approval, for functions of contracting authorities, for qualified businesses, for funds, for reports, for calculation of baseline, for certification, for transfers, for restrictions, for transfer of property, for Commonwealth pledges and for guidelines; and providing for review. Establishing the Manufacturing and Investment Tax Credit. In neighborhood assistance tax credit: further providing for definitions, for tax credit and for grant of tax credit. In neighborhood improvement zones: further providing for definitions and for funds; and providing for taxes, for property

assessment and for exceptions. In Keystone Special Development Zone Program: further providing for tax credit. Providing for keystone opportunity zones, keystone opportunity expansion zones and keystone opportunity improvement zones. Providing for mixed-use development tax credit, the Mixed-use Development Program and Mixed-use Development Program Fund. Providing for Keystone Innovation Zones. In malt beverage tax: further providing for limited tax credits. In inheritance tax: further providing for definitions, for transfers not subject to tax and for deductions not allowed. In procedure and administration: further providing for petition procedure. Providing for table game taxes. Establishing the computer data center equipment incentive program. Providing for a tax amnesty program. Making related repeals. Further providing for preemption of local government tax. Directing the Office of Attorney General to attempt to obtain the consent of participating manufacturers under the Master Settlement Agreement for amendments. (Prior Printer Number: 1573, 1750, 2683)

Remarks: 2016-2017 Tax Code Bill

Last Action: 7-13-16 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 84)

 [HB 1276](#)

[Watson, Katharine](#)

(PN 1997) Amends Title 23 (Domestic Relations), in child protective services, clarifying requirements pertaining to criminal history background certifications for employees and volunteers. Adds definitions of "institution of higher education", "adult family member", "direct volunteer contact", "immediate vicinity", "matriculated student" and "routine interaction", to identify which individuals are required to comply with the requirements. Provides for exemptions from the background certification requirements. Adds family members in family living homes, community homes for individuals with intellectual disabilities and host homes to the mandated reporting, training and certification requirements. Also requires prospective adoptive parents to meet the requirements. Waives the Child Line and State Police fees for volunteers and allows the volunteers to receive a certification every 57 months. Allows the Auditor General to access child abuse reports in possession of an entity being audited. Adds a good faith presumption for volunteer organizations when indentifying those volunteers needing clearances. The amendment of 6344.4 (2) (i) relating to recertification if enacted after July 1, 2015, shall be retroactive to July 1, 2015. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1686 1831, 1849, 1947, 1984)

Remarks: Child Abuse Background Checks

Last Action: 7- 1-15 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 15)

 [HB 1313](#)

[Moul, Dan](#)

(PN 2224) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act eliminating weekly aggregate prize limit, imposing \$5 tax per game of chance sold by a licensed distributor to a club, authorizing operation of vertical wheel games and coin auctions by eligible organization, and reforming license renewal process. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 3-21-16 H Discussed in public hearing, House Gaming Oversight

 [HB 1351](#)

[Baker, Matt](#)

(PN 3604) The Epinephrine Auto-Injector Entity Act permits certain entities, including summer camps, colleges and universities, restaurants, amusement parks, sport facilities, daycares and other facilities, to house non-patient specific epinephrine auto-injectors in their facilities. Provides for training of employees as required by the Department of Health and for Good Samaritan protections. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 1848)

HB 1356	Moul, Dan	<p>Last Action: 7-11-16 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations</p> <p>(PN 1903) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act eliminating weekly aggregate prize limit, imposing \$5 tax per game of chance sold by a licensed distributor to a club, authorizing operation of vertical wheel games and coin auctions by eligible organization, and reforming license renewal process. Effective in 60 days.</p>
HB 1375	Payne, John	<p>Last Action: 6-24-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight</p> <p>(PN 1933) Amends Title 4 (Amusements) adding language allowing a slot machine licensee holding a restaurant liquor or eating place retail dispenser license to apply to the Liquor Control Board (PLCB) for a casino liquor license. Allows the PLCB to issue a casino liquor license to anyone approved to hold a slot machine license for use at the facility that houses the slot machine license. The initial applicant's fee shall be \$1 million. The license must be renewed on an annual basis. For the first four years the renewal fee shall be \$1 million and thereafter it shall be \$250,000. Provides for the disposition of restaurant liquor or eating place retail dispenser license. A holder of a casino liquor license may sell or serve liquor and malt or brewed beverages 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Also provides for transfers, expiration, new applicants, restrictions and privileges and multiple licenses. Effective in 60 days.</p>
HB 1408	Kotik, Nick	<p>Last Action: 6-25-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight</p> <p>(PN 1940) Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in general provisions relating to gaming, further providing for definitions; in licensees, providing for Category 1 slot machines in qualified airports, further providing for additional Category 1 slot machine license requirements, providing for Category 2 slot machines in qualified airports and for Category 3 slot machines in qualified airports; further providing for establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution; and establishing the Municipal Services Fund. Qualified airports are those governed by a municipal authority and located in a county of the first class; located in a county other than a county of the first class or county of the second class and that provide services for an airline passenger flight outside the contiguous United States at least once annually; or governed by a municipal authority and located in a county of the second class. The department shall, from the slot machine tax collected from each qualified airport, distribute and deposit the slot machine tax as follows: (1) Sixty percent to the licensed gaming entity that operates the slot machines at the qualified airport; (2) Ten percent to the municipal authority governing the qualified airport; and (3) Thirty percent into the Municipal Services Fund. Effective in 60 days.</p>
HB 1423	Helm, Susan	<p>Last Action: 10-26-15 H Discussed in public hearing, House Gaming Oversight</p> <p>(PN 1980) Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in general provisions, exempting "skill slot machines" and "hybrid slot machines" from the 85 percent payout requirement for slot machines. Authorizes the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board to promulgate regulations concerning such machines. Would also permit casinos to offer non-electronic games of skill, taxed at a rate of 14 percent. Confers authority to the board to regulate such games. Effective in 60 days.</p> <p>Last Action: 5- 2-16 H Public hearing held in committee House Gaming Oversight</p>

 [HB 1457](#)

[Pashinski, Eddie Day](#)

(PN 2049) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act authorizing electronic pull-tabs, electronic pull-tab devices and electronic pull-tab systems. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 7-20-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

 [HB 1459](#)

[Pashinski, Eddie Day](#)

(PN 2067) Amends Clean Indoor Air Act adding language prohibiting electronic cigarettes and related products from being used in indoor public places. Provides the same exemption for electronic cigarettes afforded for the use of tobacco products in certain public places. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 7-22-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Health

 [HB 1654](#)

[Costa, Paul](#)

(PN 2431) Amends the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, further providing for general powers; in Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, further providing for board to establish State Liquor Stores and for sales; in licensing, further providing for authority and for sales, providing for wine expanded permits, further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses for prohibitions against grant of licenses, for number and kinds of licenses, for sales, storage and purchase restrictions, for assignability, for surrender of license, for shipment of wine and for unlawful acts; and, in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees and transporters, further providing for limited wineries. The bill provides that prices shall be set by the board and uniform throughout the commonwealth; the board shall establish and implement a customer relations marketing program to offer incentives; the board shall be licensed as a lottery sales; the Department of General Services shall have no more than ninety days from the date the board officially approves a lease recommendation to send the final lease packet to the appropriate agencies for further processing; stores may be open Sundays; incentives may be offered to unlicensed customers; the board may contract for delivery to licensees and permit holders, at the expense of the licensee or permit holder receiving the delivery; certain licensees shall be permitted to sell malt or brewed beverages in quantities of up to four six-packs or two twelve-packs in a single transaction, but may not sell more than twenty-four containers in a single transaction; sales by a holder of a wine expanded permit may occur off the licensed premises; the board may issue a wine expanded permit to a person holding and possessing a valid restaurant liquor license or hotel license; a person may not possess or be issued more than four distributor licenses or more than one distributor license in a county; and holders of a limited winery license may only ship wine to residents of Pennsylvania. Effective in 90 days.

Last Action: 10-21-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Liquor Control

 [HB 1690](#)

[Turzai, Mike](#)

(PN 2653) Amends the Liquor Code as follows: in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions. In Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, further providing for general powers of board. In Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, further providing for when sales may be made at Pennsylvania Liquor Stores and for sales by Pennsylvania Liquor Stores. In licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for license districts, periods and hearings, for issuance, transfer or extension of hotel, restaurant and club liquor licenses, for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for special occasion permits, for wine option permits, for liquor importers' licenses, fees, privileges

and restrictions and for interlocking business prohibited; providing for wine expanded permits and for casino liquor licenses; further providing for malt and brewed beverages manufacturers', distributors' and importing distributors' licenses, for malt and brewed beverages retail licenses, for application for distributors', importing distributors' and retail dispensers' licenses, for distributors' and importing distributors' restrictions on sales, storage, etc., for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales, for interlocking business prohibited and for breweries; establishing the Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board; further providing for limiting number of retail licenses to be issued in each county, for incorporated units of national veterans' organizations, for licenses not assignable and transfers and for renewal of licenses and temporary provisions for licensees in armed services; providing for license auction; further providing for responsible alcohol management, for local option, for public record, for surrender of restaurant, eating place retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor license for benefit of licensee and for shipment of wine into Commonwealth; providing for Pennsylvania Wine Marketing and Research Board; and further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, alcohol and liquor licensees, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees and for identification cards, licensees and State Liquor Store Employees saved from prosecution. In distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees for hire and transporters for hire, further providing for limited wineries and for distilleries. Establishing a wine and spirits wholesale and retail privatization commission. Prohibits the board from licensing an area where liquid fuels or oil is sold and establishes the Pennsylvania Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Board and provides for its membership and its powers and duties. Also provides for licenses in safekeeping; special occasion permits; alcoholic cider; mug clubs; performing arts centers; college and university wine auctions; bed and breakfasts; airport restaurants; clubs; responsible alcohol management; eating place license conversion; distributors and importing distributors; economic development licenses; veterans' organizations; ski resorts; direct wine shipments; special liquor orders; off-premises catering; limited wineries; limited distilleries; and a brewers tax credit. Effective in 60 days. (Prior Printer Number: 2516, 2559, 2623)

Last Action: 6- 8-16 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 39)

 [HB 1694](#)

[Cohen, Mark](#)

(PN 2520) Amends the Minimum Wage Act increasing the minimum wage incrementally over approximately three years to \$15 per hour and tying the wage to the consumer price index thereafter. The department shall collect information of the number of employers who violate the provisions of this act, including the amount of fines imposed for violations, and shall publish the information on the department's publicly accessible Internet website. The department shall update the information every six months. Certain preemption provisions are repealed. Effective immediately.

Last Action: 11-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 [HB 1697](#)

[Truitt, Dan](#)

(PN 2522) The Pennsylvania Family and Medical Leave Act provides for family and medical leave for eligible employees. Certain employers shall provide up to 12 weeks of leave to an eligible employee to which the eligible employee is entitled under the Family Medical Leave Act with respect to a spouse, son, daughter or parent, but only for the eligible employee's sibling, grandparent or grandchild if the sibling, grandparent or grandchild

does not have a living spouse, child over 17 years of age or parent under 65 years of age and has a certified terminal illness. Effective immediately.

Last Action: 11-12-15 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

[HB 1891](#) [Payne, John](#)

(PN 2940) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; in games of chance, further providing for distributor licenses, for major league sports drawing, for registration of manufacturers, for regulations of department and for licensing of eligible organizations and providing for authorized small games; in club licensees, further providing for club licensee, for distribution of proceeds and for records; in enforcement, further providing for revocation of licenses and for enforcement; and providing for powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. The bill transitions oversight of small games of chance to the Gaming Control Board. Portions are effective immediately and the remainder is effective July 1, 2017.

Last Action: 9-19-16 H Set on the Tabled Calendar

[HB 1894](#) [Metcalfe, Daryl](#)

(PN 2943) The Legal Pennsylvania Workers Act prohibits the employment of unauthorized aliens by an employer. "Employer" is defined as an individual or organization that transacts business in this Commonwealth, that has a license issued by an agency in this Commonwealth and that employs at least one individual. Employer includes the Commonwealth, any political subdivision of this Commonwealth and any self-employed person. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 3-14-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government

[HB 2017](#) [Cohen, Mark](#)

(PN 3224) Amends the Minimum Wage Act increasing the minimum wage incrementally to \$15 an hour in four years and tying it to the consumer price index thereafter; requiring the department to collect and publish on its website information regarding violations; and repealing preemption provision. Effective immediately.

Last Action: 4-22-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

[HB 2038](#) [Bullock, Donna](#)

(PN 3296) The Parent Involvement Leave Act stipulates that employers shall grant eight hours of unpaid leave per year to any parent of a child of school age to attend school-related activities. The bill provides for parental eligibility for leave. Effective in 90 days.

Last Action: 5- 9-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education

[HB 2045](#) [Cruz, Angel](#)

(PN 3301) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in minors, increasing penalties for selling or furnishing liquor or malt or brewed beverages to minors. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 5- 9-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

[HB 2150](#) [Dunbar, George](#)

(PN 3607) Amends Title 4 (Amusements) providing for fantasy contests; imposes duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board; and makes appropriations. The board shall have regulatory authority over licensed operators and shall ensure the integrity of fantasy contests offered in this Commonwealth in accordance with the act. Within 30 days of the board issuing a

fantasy contest license, an applicant shall pay to the board a license fee of \$50,000 or an amount equivalent to 7.5 percent of the applicant's fantasy contest adjusted revenues, whichever is less, except that an applicant who is also a licensed gaming entity shall pay to the board a license fee of \$50,000. The license fee shall be deposited into the General Fund. Licenses are subject to a renewal fee of \$5,000. Each licensed operator shall report to the department and pay from its quarterly fantasy contest adjusted revenues, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the department, a tax of five percent of its quarterly fantasy contest adjusted revenues. The tax shall be deposited into the General Fund. The bill provides for recovery of costs paid by the board. The following amounts are appropriated: (1) \$1,250,000 to the board for the fiscal period July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, for the purpose of implementing and administering the provisions of the act; and (2) \$500,000 the department for the fiscal period July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, for the purpose of implementing and administering the act. The appropriations shall be considered loans from the General Fund. Portions are effective immediately and the remainder is effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number: 3494 3531)

Last Action: 6-29-16 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev

[HB 2178](#)

[Markosek, Joseph](#)

(PN 3553) The Gaming Control Appropriation Act of 2016 makes the following appropriations: \$1,223,000 to the Attorney General; \$6,966,000 to the Department of Revenue; \$ 28,485,000 to the State Police; and \$40,169,000 to the Gaming Control Board. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later.

Last Action: 7- 8-16 G Approved by the Governor (Act: 10A)

[HB 2216](#)

[Barbin, Bryan](#)

(PN 3616) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in games of chance, authorizing Texas Hold'em card tournaments to be conducted by volunteer fire companies to which a license has been issued. All Texas Hold'em card tournaments must be held on volunteer fire company grounds. Revenue generated from Texas Hold'em card tournaments shall be used for public interest purposes as permitted under this chapter. A special license shall be required for volunteer fire companies to conduct up to four Texas Hold'em card tournaments per calendar year. A license fee of \$1,000 shall be charged and a volunteer fire company may charge an entry fee of no more than \$100 per person. A volunteer fire company may keep up to 60% of the entry fees collected. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 6-23-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Gaming Oversight

[HB 2250](#)

[Freeman, Robert](#)

(PN 3720)The State Workers' Health Insurance Board Act authorizes the State Workers' Insurance Board to establish, implement and administer a program which provides for the sale of health insurance coverage to individuals, businesses or other entities at premiums as the board shall from time to time, determine. Also allows the board to borrow from the State Workers' Insurance Fund in the form of repayable loan amounts as may be necessary to provide for the payment of claims and the payment of any administrative expenses that may arise from the program. Provides any loan made from the fund shall not exceed 40 percent of the fund's current ending balance for the latest completed fiscal year. Further provides for repayments of premiums; minimum coverage; additional coverage; claim forms; marketing; and regulations. Effective January 1, 2016.

Last Action: 7-11-16 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Labor and Industry

 [SB 60](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 39) The Safe Ride Home Grant Pilot Program Act establishes a pilot program to provide safe transportation home to persons suspected of having a prohibited blood alcohol concentration. The Liquor Control Board may award grants to any county, municipality, university or nonprofit corporation, establish an application procedure for those eligible to participate in the pilot program, monitor and evaluate the program and, upon the conclusion of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, present a report of the evaluation to House and Senate committees. The program shall be funded by a \$5 surcharge levied upon conviction of 75 Pa.C.S. 3802 (relating to driving under influence of alcohol or controlled substance). The act shall take effect immediately and expire on July 1, 2018.

Last Action: 3-22-16 S Press conference held

 [SB 76](#)

[Argall, David](#)

(PN 1062) The Property Tax Independence Act authorizes school districts to levy, assess, and collect a tax on personal income or a tax on earned income and net profits as a means of abolishing property taxation by the school district; authorizes the imposition of a personal income tax or an earned income tax by a school district at a rate determined by the district, subject to voter approval; provides an exception for low income persons. Broadens the Sales and Use Tax and increases its rate from six to seven percent. Increases the Personal Income Tax from 3.07 percent to 4.34 percent. Increases the Hotel Occupancy Tax from six to seven percent. Allocates existing revenue dedicated to property tax relief from casino to eliminate school property taxes. Provides for severability and makes repeals. Chapters 3 and 4 shall take effect June 30, 2016, and the remainder of the act shall take effect immediately.

Remarks: Sales Tax Expansion Proposal for Property Tax Relief

Last Action: 11-23-15 S Discussed at PA Press Club luncheon

 [SB 150](#)

[Teplitz, Rob](#)

(PN 141) Amends the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law to prohibit the selling or issuing a gift card or gift certificate that contains an expiration date or any type of post-sale charge or fee. This includes, but not limited to, a service charge, dormancy fee, account maintenance fee, cash-out fee, replacement card fee or activation or reactivation fee. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 1-16-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Consumer Protection & Prof. Licensure

 [SB 195](#)

[Tartaglione, Christine](#)

(PN 242) Amends the Minimum Wage Act increasing the minimum wage to \$8.67 an hour beginning July 1, 2015; \$10.10 an hour beginning January 1, 2016; and beginning January 1, 2017, and each succeeding January 1 thereafter, the minimum wage shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment. The bill stipulates that the Minimum Wage Advisory Board shall report annually on April 1 instead of March 1. The department shall collect quarterly certain data relating to wages and complaints and the secretary shall investigate high-violation industries. The bill provides for recordkeeping and penalties. The Wage Enforcement Fund is established in the State Treasury, which shall consist of the fines and penalties collected. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for inspections and investigations. The department shall report annually regarding the Wage Enforcement Fund. The bill provides for related repeals. Effective immediately.

SB 196	Tartaglione, Christine	<p>Last Action: 3- 7-16 S Press conference held</p> <p>(PN 243) Amends the Minimum Wage Act further providing for definitions and increasing the minimum wage for a tipped employee to \$3.95 an hour in cash wages beginning July 1, 2015; and 70 percent of the rate otherwise applicable, whichever is greater, an hour in cash wages beginning January 1, 2016. The department shall collect information of the number of employers who violate the provisions of this act, including the amount of fines imposed for violations, and shall publish the information on the department's website. Effective immediately.</p>
SB 197	Tartaglione, Christine	<p>Last Action: 5-11-15 S Press conference held</p> <p>(PN 244) Amends the Minimum Wage Act stipulating that beginning January 1, 2016, and each succeeding January 1 thereafter, the minimum wage shall be increased by an annual cost-of-living adjustment calculated by applying the percentage change in the most recent officially reported CPI-U. Effective immediately.</p>
SB 198	Tartaglione, Christine	<p>Last Action: 5- 5-15 S Press conference held</p> <p>(PN 245) Amends the Minimum Wage Act adding that "employer" includes the Commonwealth, any of its political subdivisions, any authority created by the General Assembly and any instrumentality or agency of the Commonwealth. The department shall report quarterly data regarding violations and complaints and the secretary shall investigate high-violation industries. The bill provides for penalties. All fines and penalties collected under act shall be deposited into the Wage Enforcement Fund and shall be used by the department for inspections and investigations. The department shall report annually to the governor and legislature regarding the act. Effective in 60 days.</p>
SB 199	Tartaglione, Christine	<p>Last Action: 5- 5-15 S Press conference held</p> <p>(PN 246) Amends the Minimum Wage Act adding language requiring an employer that permits a customer to pay a gratuity by credit card to pay the employee the full amount of the gratuity that the customer indicated on the credit card slip. Prohibits the employer from deducting any credit card payment processing fee or cost that may be charged to the employer by a credit card company. Also requires payment of the gratuity made by a customer to be made to the employee not later than the next regular payday following the date the customer authorized the payment. Effective in 60 days.</p>
SB 399	White, Donald	<p>Last Action: 7-11-16 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations</p> <p>(PN 313) Amends Title 18 (Crimes & Offenses) further providing for the offense of carrying a false identification card by authorizing any employee, servant or agent of a person authorized to sell liquor or malt or brewed beverages under the Liquor Code to confiscate an identification card that has been presented for the purposes of obtaining liquor or malt or brewed beverages when there is a reasonable suspicion that a person has presented a false identification card. The confiscated card shall be submitted to law enforcement within 48 hours. Effective in 60 days.</p>
SB 567	Greenleaf, Stewart	<p>Last Action: 2- 4-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Law and Justice</p> <p>(PN 540) Amends the Clean Indoor Air Act further prohibiting smoking in public places; providing extensively for definitions; providing for local ordinances; and repealing certain provisions of</p>

the Fire and Panic Act. Exceptions for designated quarters, tobacco workplaces, certain residential facilities, certain private clubs, certain fundraisers locations, facilities with tobacco-related events, certain cigar bars, drinking establishments, and gaming floors are removed. New specifications to allow smoking in cigar bars or cigar lounges are outlined. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 5- 3-16 S Press conference held

 [SB 610](#)

[Wagner, Scott](#)

(PN 600) Amends the Minimum Wage Act, raising the minimum wage to \$7.75 an hour beginning July 1, 2015, to \$8.25 an hour beginning July 1, 2016, and to \$8.75 an hour beginning July 1, 2017. Exempts employees 18 and under. Pre-empts any local ordinance or rule that would raise the minimum wage higher than the minimum wage set forth in the act. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 3- 6-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Labor and Industry

 [SB 667](#)

[Alloway, Richard](#)

(PN 710) Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act replacing the current definition of "games of chance" adding definitions of "nonbanking card game", "nonbanking care game tournament", "poker run", "pyramid", "selective raffle", "social card game" and "vertical wheel game." Adds a new chapter relating to eligible organizations providing for the requirements to be met allowing social card games to be played at the licensed premises of an eligible organization. Further provides for nonbanking card game tournaments; required postings; and prizes. Amends Chapter 9 relating to Tavern Gaming providing a definition of "eating place licensee" and amending the definition of "net revenue". Changes the licensing, regulation and enforcement of restaurant licensees and eating place licensees from the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement of the Gaming Control Board to the Department of Revenue. Also provides for distribution of net revenue, for tavern game tax, for host municipality tavern games tax, Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 4- 8-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev

 [SB 692](#)

[Aument, Ryan](#)

(PN 678) Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations, further providing for responsible alcohol management by requiring all alcohol service personnel to complete the seller or server training within sixty days of being hired by a licensed establishment. The board shall certify private third-party providers of the training. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 3-22-16 S Press conference held

 [SB 900](#)

[Ward, Kim](#)

(PN 1029) Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in licensees, further providing for additional Category 1 slot machine license requirements, for Category 3 slot machine licenses and providing for casino liquor licenses and for slot machines at nonprimary or ancillary locations; and providing for Internet gaming. Stipulates a Category 1 licensed facility that holds and operates two licenses at a single racetrack issued under the Race Horse Industry Reform Act shall only be required to conduct live racing at the racetrack for not fewer than 100 days per calendar year. For Category 3 licenses, certain requirements and the membership fee required under paragraphs (1) (iv) and (1.1) shall not apply to the licensed facility if the Category 3 slot machine licensee makes a payment to the Commonwealth for deposit in the General Fund as follows: (i) For a Category 3 in a first through third class county, \$5,000,000 or (ii) For a Category 3 in a fourth through eighth class county, \$2,500,000. A Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3 slot machine

licensee or other person that holds a restaurant license issued by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board which permits the sale of liquor or malt or brewed beverages under section 1521(b) or (c) (relating to liquor licenses at licensed facilities) and which sells liquor or malt or brewed beverages at or adjacent to a gaming facility may convert its restaurant license to a casino liquor license upon payment of fees stipulated in the bill. Also provides for renewals. Provides for slot machines at nonprimary or ancillary locations under certain conditions. Adds a new chapter entitled Internet Gaming that provides for the practice of gaming over the internet in the commonwealth. Lays out duties of the Gaming Control Board, permits and permitting process, and guidelines regarding eligibility and unauthorized Internet gaming; Internet controls; locations; platform or software providers; accounts; prohibited acts; taxes; expanded problem gaming initiatives; and reports. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 6-17-15 S Discussed in public hearing, Senate Community, Economic & Recreational Dev

 [SB 908](#)

[Wagner, Scott](#)

(PN 1069) Amends the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions and for interpretation; in the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, further providing for general powers, providing for fee adjustment by regulation and further providing for subject of regulations, for enforcement and for wine and spirits marketing; in Pennsylvania Liquor Stores, further providing for establishment and for sales; providing for wine and spirits distribution; in licensing, further providing for hotels, restaurants and clubs liquor licenses, for license fees, for liquor license sales and restrictions, for wine auction permits, for importers' license fees, privileges and restrictions, for interlocking business, for application for distributors', importing distributors' and retail dispensers' licenses, for prohibitions against the grant of licenses, for numbers and kinds of licenses, for distributors and importing distributors restrictions, for interlocking business prohibited, for renewal and temporary provisions, for sanctions, for responsible alcohol management, for surrender of restaurant, eating place retail dispenser, hotel, importing distributor and distributor licensee for benefit of licensee, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees, for hours of operation relative to manufacturers, importing distributors and distributors, for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees; providing for unlawful acts relative to wine and spirits retail license holders and for licensees and taxes; and further providing for penalties and for unlawful advertising; in distilleries, wineries, bonded warehouses, bailees and transporters, further providing for limited wineries, for distilleries and for license fees; and providing for supplemental provisions. The addition of Article III-A, relating to Wine And Spirits Distribution, is effective in 120 days; the amendment or repeal of sections 207, 215 and 301 shall take effect upon completion of divestiture of retail sale operations; the amendment of section 208 shall take effect upon completion of divestiture of wholesale operations under Article III-A; and the remainder is effective immediately.

Last Action: 6-22-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Law and Justice

 [SB 1030](#)

[Rafferty, John](#)

(PN 1308) Amends the Liquor Code providing for third-party entities that provide training beyond the requirements of the Responsible Alcohol Management Program to be certified in the Commonwealth. Effective in 60 days.

Last Action: 10- 8-15 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Law and Justice

 [SB 1135](#)

[Greenleaf, Stewart](#)

(PN 1580) Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), in criminal history record information, further providing for use of records for employment. The bill specifies that whenever an employer is in receipt of information which is part of the criminal history record information file of an employment applicant or an employee, it may use that information for the purpose of deciding whether or not to begin or continue employment, only in accordance with the law. The employer shall notify in writing the employee if an adverse employment decision is based in whole or in part on criminal history record information. Effective in 30 days.

Last Action: 3-15-16 S Discussed and held, Senate Judiciary

 [SB 1265](#)

[White, Donald](#)

(PN 1974) Amends the act entitled "An act to facilitate the use of electronic funds transfer systems by providing that credits to accounts in financial institutions designated by recipients shall satisfy legal requirements for payments by cash or checks," further providing for electronic funds transfers; providing for definitions; further providing for consumer protections; providing for payroll card accounts and making editorial changes. The bill states that for the purposes of any statute, rule or regulation requiring any payment to be made in lawful money or by check, whether for wages, salaries, commissions or other claims of any kind, the payment may be made by credit to an account in a financial institution, including a payroll card account, authorized to accept deposits or payments by the recipient of the payment if the recipient has requested that method of payment in a record. Allows the employee the option to accept the debit card as compensation or regular standard pay. The payment of wages, salaries or commissions through a transfer into a payroll card account shall be effective if: (1) the employee has been issued a payroll card in accordance with 12 CFR Part 1005 (relating to electronic fund transfers (Regulation E)); (2) the payroll card account is established at a federally insured financial institution; and (3) the payroll card account provides the employee with the ability to make at least one withdrawal each pay period without charge for any amount up to and including the full amount of the employee's net wages for that pay period, except that an employee paid more frequently than weekly must be provided the ability to make at least one withdrawal from the payroll card account each week without cost for any amount up to and including the full amount of the employee's net wages for that week. Effective immediately. (Prior Printer Number: 1804, 1840)

Last Action: 6-29-16 H Received in the House and referred to House Labor and Industry

 [SB 1276](#)

[Haywood, Arthur](#)

(PN 1856) Amends the Tax Reform Code establishing a youth employment incentive tax credit. A taxpayer who incurs a qualified youth employment expense in a taxable year may apply for the tax credit. A taxpayer must submit a youth employment incentive tax credit application to its local work force investment board. A taxpayer shall receive a tax credit for the taxable year in the amount of 35% of the taxpayer's total qualified youth employment expense for the taxable year or \$1,500 for each qualified youth employee, whichever is less. "Qualified youth employment expense" is defined as wages, fringe benefits, related payroll and training expenses, and other ancillary expenses paid by a taxpayer to or for the benefit of a qualified youth employee, provided that any ancillary expenses not enumerated in this definition are identified in the taxpayer's application and approved by the

department. The term includes those expenses paid by a taxpayer to another taxpayer or nonprofit corporation for the purpose of sponsoring a qualified youth employee, provided that the terms of the sponsorship are identified in the taxpayer's application and approved by the department and the local work force investment board. All qualified youth employment expenses incurred in a taxable year shall be combined and treated as one qualified youth employment expense. No more than \$15,000,000 in tax credits shall be approved by the Department of Community and Economic Development in any fiscal year. The tax credit shall expire December 31, 2020. Effective immediately.

Last Action: 5-26-16 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 1289](#)

[Browne, Patrick](#)

(PN 1869) The Gaming Control Appropriation Act of 2016 makes several appropriations from the restricted revenue accounts within the State Gaming Fund and from the State Gaming Fund to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, the Department of Revenue, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Attorney General for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, and for the payment of bills incurred and remaining unpaid at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. \$1,232,000 is appropriated to the Attorney General; \$9,513,000 is appropriated to the Department of Revenue; \$28,491,000 is appropriated to the State Police; and \$40,619,000 is appropriated to the Gaming Control Board. No transfers may be made within or between the appropriations. Effective July 1, 2016, or immediately, whichever is later.

Last Action: 6- 7-16 S Passed over in committee Senate Appropriations

[SB 1316](#)

[Browne, Patrick](#)

(PN 1950) Amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adding language prohibiting certain practices of discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Effective in 30 days.

Last Action: 9-26-16 S Hearing set for 10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Bui, Senate State Government

[SB 1324](#)

[Williams, Anthony](#)

(PN 2001) The Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Act provides for fantasy contests; imposes duties upon the Department of Revenue, the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board; and makes appropriations. The board shall have regulatory authority over licensed operators, principals and key employees and shall ensure the integrity of fantasy contests offered in this Commonwealth. No person may offer or otherwise make available for play in this Commonwealth a fantasy contest without a fantasy contest license issued by the board. Within 30 days of the board issuing a fantasy contest license, an applicant shall pay to the board a license fee of \$50,000 or an amount equivalent to 7.5 percent of the applicant's fantasy contest adjusted revenues for the previous calendar year, whichever is less, except that an applicant who is also a licensed gaming entity shall pay to the board a license fee of \$50,000. The license fee shall be deposited into the General Fund. Each licensed operator shall report to the department and pay from its quarterly fantasy contest adjusted revenues, on a form and in the manner prescribed by the department, a tax of 12 percent of its quarterly fantasy contest adjusted revenues. Effective immediately, \$1,250,000 is appropriated to the board and \$500,000 is appropriated to the Department of Revenue for the fiscal period July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, for the purpose of implementing and administering this act. These appropriations shall be considered loans from the General Fund and shall be repaid. The

remainder of the act is effective in 180 days. (Prior Printer Number:
1946, 1980)

Last Action: 6-28-16 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations