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Legislative Report

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Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners Association

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Session Schedule:

2013 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE

October 15, 16, 17 (NV), 21, 22, 23

November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

December 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 (NV)

2013 SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE

October 15, 16, 21, 22, 23

November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION **Proposed Rulemaking**

Proposed amendments to the Water Quality Regulations, Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to update water quality criteria for pH; public hearing

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES **Notices**

Delaware Direct Watershed River Conservation Plan

Sewickley Valley Rivers Conservation and Management Plan

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION **Notices**

Nutrient Credit Trading Program; notice of certification requests

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Senate Finance (PUBLIC HEARING)

TUESDAY - 10/15/13

9:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on the Independent Fiscal Office's report titled, Analysis of Proposal to Replace School Property Taxes and:

SB 76 Argall, David Act providing for tax levies & information related to taxes; authorizing the imposition of a personal income tax or an earned income tax by a school district subject to voter approval; & repealing certain provisions of the Public School Code.

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House Appropriations

TUESDAY - 10/15/13

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

To consider:

HB 125 Maloney, David Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions.

HB 1677 Heffley, Doyle Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in assessments of persons and property, further providing for limitations.

House Tourism and Recreational Development (PUBLIC HEARING)

TUESDAY - 10/29/13

1:00 p.m., National Constitution Center, 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia

Public hearing on:

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| HB 871 | Day, Gary | Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in other subjects of taxation, further providing for excise tax on hotel room rental. |
| HB 872 | Day, Gary | Amends the Tax Reform Code, in sales and use tax, further providing for definitions. |
| HB 873 | Day, Gary | Amends the County Code, in fiscal affairs, further providing for authorization of certain hotel room rental taxes; & in grounds & buildings, further providing for certain hotel room rental taxes. |
| HB 874 | Day, Gary | Amends the Community and Economic Improvement Act further providing for definitions relating to tourism and marketing tax. |

BILL REPORT

ATTACHED TO THE REPORT

STATE NEWS

TAX BREAK FOR SENIORS OFFERED BY SEN. PILEGGI

In the latest wrinkle in a decades-old debate, the state Senate majority leader proposes freezing senior citizens' school property taxes and possibly paying for it by legalizing video lottery games. Sen. Dominic Pileggi (R-Delaware County) wants to freeze property taxes for homeowners 65 and older, whose fixed incomes typically are affected the most by rising real estate taxes. Legalizing keno-style lottery games is one potential source to pay for the freeze, Pileggi suggests.

PA OFFICIALS WEIGH FEDERAL SHUTDOWN'S IMPACT

It's the federal government that has partially shut down, but the presence of money from Washington throughout the state's budgets has Pennsylvania officials working to determine when programs here will start to feel the pinch. Gov. Tom Corbett has directed agencies here to comb through their budgets and determine the funding stream — whether paid in advance or reimbursed, with or without an option of using leftover cash — for all federal money.

IN THE NEWS

- 10-09-2013 [Tax break for seniors offered by Pennsylvania Senate majority leader](#)
HARRISBURG — In the latest wrinkle in a decades-old debate, the Senate majority leader proposes freezing senior citizens' school property taxes and possibly paying for it by legalizing video lottery games. Sen. Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware County, wants to freeze property taxes for... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 10-09-2013 [Caught in the rough: Citizens group forms in opposition to Hershey golf course shutdown](#)
Later this month, the Hershey-area will host the annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Golf

Championships. The women's teams, representing the various state universities, will play on Hershey East. The men's teams will play on the Hershey Links. It will be... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

10-07-2013 **House OKs commission to address declining Pa. tourism**
By MELISSA DANIELS PA Independent HARRISBURG — It took less than 90 seconds for the House of Representatives to decide to create a new state commission and authorize \$15 million in tax credits devoted to improving Pennsylvania's brand and tourism. The House voted 189-6 to create the Pennsylvania Tourism Commission, and... - [Pocono Record](#)

WEEK IN REVIEW

10-11-2013 **Pa. in middle of pack in business tax survey**
Pennsylvania dropped two spots in the Tax Foundation's annual survey of state business tax climates, finishing 24th on the basis of the corporate, individual, property and other taxes its businesses and their employees must pay. The top three states -- Wyoming, South Dakota and Nevada -- have no... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

10-11-2013 **Official: Transportation, pension, liquor privatization still governor's priorities**
While state Secretary of Revenue Dan Meuser praised Gov. Tom Corbett administration's fiscal accomplishments at a Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Genetti Thursday, the "big three" priorities - transportation, pension and liquor privatization - remain big problems.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)

10-10-2013 **State school achievement data posted online**
State Education officials on Wednesday posted on the web rankings of 3,000 Pennsylvania schools, but scores gauging academic achievement and other performance measures for 573 schools were missing. The release is part of the implementation of School Performance Profiles,... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)

10-10-2013 **PA lawmaker targets Sunday pheasant hunting ban**
Melissa Daniels , PA INDEPENDENT HARRISBURG — Six days each week for the past nine years, Dan Metzler has opened his 138-acre property in Franklin Township to regulated hunting. Twice a day, on busy days, hunters and their dogs make the trek to Metzler's Erie County land to bag pheasants, quails and chukars, birds... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

10-09-2013 **Hearing addresses right-to-know overhaul**
Proposed legislation bringing the University of Pittsburgh as well as Penn State, Temple and Lincoln universities under both the state's Right-to-Know and Ethics laws will undergo a public hearing tonight in Western Pennsylvania. The 7 p.m. session is set for the Student Community Center on Penn State's... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

10-09-2013 **Analysis: Property tax replacement revenue falls short**
HARRISBURG - A new fiscal analysis of a school property tax elimination bill released on the heels of a House vote shows a sizeable revenue shortfall developing for school districts even when replacement revenues from two expanded state taxes are factored in.... - [Scranton Times](#)

10-08-2013 **Pa. Ranked 14th In Number Of Prescription Drug Overdose Deaths**
HARRISBURG, Pa. (CBS/AP) — A new study shows Pennsylvania has the 14th highest rate of drug overdose deaths. The Washington-based Trust for America's Health said in a report Monday that the state had 15.3 overdose deaths per 100,000 residents in 2010, most involving prescription drugs.... - [KYW News Radio 1060](#)

10-08-2013 **Polls, gaffes hobble Gov. Corbett's second term chances**
Forget for a moment new poll numbers released Monday that show Gov. Tom Corbett well behind the future "Democratic Party's Candidate" in next year's Pennsylvania gubernatorial election. Corbett could very well face a formidable candidate from within his own Republican Party, according to a new report this week.... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

10-07-2013

Enrollment down at Pennsylvania state universities

Enrollment at Pennsylvania's 14 state universities has dropped more than 6 percent since its peak in 2010, setting off a flurry of proposed faculty layoffs, program eliminations, and increased recruitment at many of the schools. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education enrolled just over... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)

10-07-2013

Monday is Pa. deadline to register to vote Nov. 5

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) - Monday is the deadline for Pennsylvanians to register to vote in the Nov. 5 election... - [AP](#)