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**Pennsylvania Golf Course Owners Association**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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**Session Schedule:**

**2013 HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE**

September 23, 24, 25, 30

October 1, 2, 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**

September 23, 24, 25, 30

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November 12, 13, 18, 19, 20

December 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

## PENNSYLVANIA BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION Proposed Rulemaking

Proposed amendments to the Water Quality Regulations, Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to revise the human health water quality criteria for carcinogenic effects for PCBs in zones 2 through 6 of the Delaware Estuary and Bay; revised notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing

## BILL REPORT

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## IN THE NEWS

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- 08-16-2013 **Property tax tops topics at town hall**  
Billed as the "political event of the summer," the Berks Patriots hosted a town hall meeting Thursday night at the Leesport Farmers Market in Ontelaunee Township, with seven local legislators taking on some hot political topics. The most scorching topic by far was the effort to eliminate school property...  
- [Reading Eagle](#)
- 08-14-2013 **Reduce, don't eliminate, schools property taxes**  
The telephone rang Monday afternoon and the caller — an older avowed liberal — said he had just notified his state lawmaker that he favors eliminating school property taxes. He's not alone. Polls have consistently shown that school property taxes are the most despised form of taxation in this region, if not in the entire... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-12-2013 **State Legislature again considers replacing property taxes**  
How many people would love to see their school property taxes eliminated? It's a question that has intrigued homeowners and worried school districts in Pennsylvania for decades. Every year lawmakers introduce proposals to eliminate property taxes and replace them with higher sales and income taxes.... - [Lancaster Sunday News](#)
- 08-12-2013 **Hotel tax use focus of debate in Harrisburg**  
What's the best way for Lancaster County to attract visitors and get them to spend their money here? Some would put their money on producing commercials and conducting search engine analysis. Others would rather invest in local projects that add to the region's... - [Lancaster Intelligencer Journal](#)
- 08-12-2013 **Local farmer's efforts aimed at restoring bay**  
A black mustang drinks from fresh spring water, the wind blowing its naturally crimped mane against its sleek, muscled flank. A russet calf grazes next to its mother, the fields bathed in the most golden moment before twilight. Ted Barbour's boots crunch on stones as he leads a group of... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-12-2013 **State misses milestone mark**  
While there's been a great deal of progress made in the past 25 years toward cleaning up the Chesapeake Bay, no state within the bay's watershed - including Pennsylvania - is on track to meet the interim 2012-13 milestone goals of pollution reduction practices.... - [Williamsport Sun-Gazette](#)
- 08-12-2013 **Taking aim at property taxes: Will polls finally embrace reform?**  
Concord resident Frank DiBernardino is one of many residents across the state who support a proposed bill that would eliminate school district property taxes in Pennsylvania. DiBernardino, 66, the owner of a consulting firm and member of the Delaware County Taxpayers Coalition, said he believes the piece of legislation would... - [Primos Delaware County Daily and Sunday Times](#)

08-12-2013 **Yet another underwhelming spawn class for smallmouth in the Susquehanna River**  
This summer's spawn class of smallmouth bass wasn't a total disaster. But the number of young bass in the Susquehanna River isn't enough to return the river to a world-class smallmouth fishery. The state Fish and Boat Commission completed its summer sampling of the... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)

## WEEK IN REVIEW

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- 08-16-2013 **U.S. announces grants for health exchange helpers**  
The federal government announced \$67 million in awards Thursday to more than 100 groups nationwide, including 10 in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, to help people enroll in the health insurance marketplaces scheduled to begin operation Oct. 1. The grants are going to groups in states that will not... - [Philadelphia Inquirer](#)
- 08-16-2013 **Kane places no timeline on her office's internal review of the Jerry Sandusky investigation**  
Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane again put no end date on her office's ongoing internal review of the Jerry Sandusky child sex abuse case. Kane, speaking during an interview at the Penn Live / Patriot-News headquarters Thursday, said special deputy Geoff Moulton's probe will... - [Harrisburg Patriot-News](#)
- 08-15-2013 **Ex-Rep. Mark Critz seeking Dem nod for lt. gov.**  
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Former U.S. Rep. Mark Critz is running for the 2014 Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor... - [AP](#)
- 08-15-2013 **Pa. may remove bald eagles from 'threatened' list**  
HARRISBURG - Pennsylvania game officials said Wednesday efforts to increase the state's bald eagle population have been so successful it may be time to upgrade their status from threatened to protected. The most recent count indicates there are at least 266 nesting pairs of... - [Scranton Times](#)
- 08-14-2013 **Corbett names former state representative as legislative liaison**  
HARRISBURG -- Gov. Tom Corbett made a second high-level staffing announcement on Tuesday, naming a new liaison to the General Assembly after saying Monday that his longtime spokesman will depart the administration. In a statement from his office, Mr. Corbett named Katie True, a Republican... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-14-2013 **Memorial service held for former Gov. William Scranton**  
SCRANTON, Pa. — Pennsylvania's political elite are turning out to pay respects to former Pennsylvania Gov. and Republican presidential candidate William Warren Scranton... - [AP](#)
- 08-13-2013 **Corbett's press secretary to depart for PR firm**  
A top aide to Gov. Tom Corbett plans to step down next month, the latest departure from an administration struggling with dismal approval ratings as its re-election campaign approaches. Kevin Harley, Corbett's longtime press secretary, will take a job with the... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-13-2013 **Report: Electricity grid 'highly vulnerable'**  
Blackouts cause by extreme weather events cost the economy billions. WASHINGTON — A decade after a vast power outage shut down the Northeast, the electricity grid remains "highly vulnerable" to blackouts because of extreme weather events fueled by climate change, a report issued... - [Allentown Morning Call](#)
- 08-12-2013 **Another bill to cut Pennsylvania's General Assembly being offered**  
HARRISBURG — Lawmakers are so reluctant to trim the size of Pennsylvania's General Assembly that only "a massive taxpayer revolt" might force action, experts and citizens say. "It is called job protection," said W. Wesley McDonald, a political science professor at Elizabethtown College.... - [Pittsburgh Tribune-Review](#)
- 08-12-2013 **State Sen. Mike Waugh is not seeking re-election in 2014**

A longtime state lawmaker from York County won't be running for re-election in 2014. State Sen. Mike Waugh, R-Shrewsbury Township, announced in a news release Friday his plans to not seek a fifth term. "Making the decision not to run again is difficult, but I've been... - [York Daily](#)