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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 11 a.m., e.d.t.

THE SPEAKER (BRYAN CUTLER) PRESIDING

PRAYER

HON. PAM SNYDER, member of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Please bow your head as we pray for God's blessings.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this day that You have made. We ask Your blessings upon us all. We pray that You grant us the strength and wisdom to work together for the common good of the people we represent. May we never forget that we are all made in Your image and that while we may have differences, those differences should be met with kindness and love, not anger and hate. Let each of us in this chamber open our hearts and minds to doing what is right to protect the people we have taken an oath to serve. It is only through Your love that we can truly become the best version of ourselves.

We ask that You bless all the families who have lost loved ones and have been affected by COVID.

In Your holy name we pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members and visitors.)

JOURNAL APPROVAL POSTPONED

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the approval of the Journal of Monday, September 20, 2021, will be postponed until printed.

HOUSE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 142 By Representatives HEFFLEY, PICKETT, RYAN, JAMES, CIRESI and MILLARD

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the State Board of Nursing.

Referred to Committee on PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, September 20, 2021.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1882 By Representatives WARNER, BOBACK, BROOKS, R. BROWN, HAMM, JAMES, JOZWIAK, KEEFER, MILLARD and ZIMMERMAN

An Act amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, providing for abandonment of dams.

Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, September 20, 2021.

No. 1884 By Representatives STAATS, KAUFFMAN, RYAN, HAMM, JAMES, R. BROWN, GILLEN, GROVE and FARRY

An Act amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, further providing for confidentiality of reports and records.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, September 20, 2021.

No. 1885 By Representatives BULLOCK, KRAJEWSKI, SCHLOSSBERG, McNEILL, KINSEY, SANCHEZ, PARKER, JOZWIAK, FIEDLER, HILL-EVANS, BURGOS, HOHENSTEIN, T. DAVIS, HOWARD, SIMS, McCLINTON, ISAACSON, FRANKEL, OTTEN, WEBSTER, ROZZI, NEILSON and RABB

An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, providing for alternative sentencing for primary caretakers.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 20, 2021.

No. 1886 By Representatives BULLOCK, KINSEY, N. NELSON, HILL-EVANS, FRANKEL, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, KENYATTA and McCLINTON

An Act providing for the Office of Health Equity; establishing the Office of Health Equity Advisory Committee; and imposing duties on the Department of Health.

Referred to Committee on HEALTH, September 20, 2021.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER. Turning to leaves of absence. Are there requests for leaves of absence?

The majority whip indicates that there are none. The Chair thanks the lady.

The Democratic whip also indicates that there are none. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

MASTER ROLL CALL

The SPEAKER. The Chair is about to take the master roll call. Members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded:

PRESENT—201

Armanini	Freeman	Longietti	Roae
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Samuelson
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Sanchez
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sankey
Briggs	Grove	Masser	Sappery
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schroeder
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schweyer
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Shusterman
Causer	Helm	Metcalfe	Silvis
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Sims
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Smith
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Snyder
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cox	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Sonney
Cruz	Howard	Mizgorski	Staats
Culver	Innamorato	Moul	Stambaugh
Daley	Irvin	Mullery	Stephens
Davanzo	Isaacson	Mullins	Struzzi
Davis, A.	James	Mustello	Sturla
Davis, T.	Jones	Neilson	Thomas
Dawkins	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Tomlinson
Day	Kail	Nelson, N.	Toohil
Deasy	Kaufer	O'Mara	Topper
DeLissio	Kauffman	O'Neal	Twardzik
Delloso	Keefer	Oberlander	Vitali
Delozier	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
DelRosso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
DeLuca	Kim	Owlett	Webster
Diamond	Kinthead	Parker	Wentling
Dowling	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuik	White
Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Evans	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
Farry	Krueger	Puskaric	Zabel
Fee	Kulik	Quinn	Zimmerman
Fiedler	Labs	Rabb	
Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Flood	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Frankel	Lewis	Rigby	

ADDITIONS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The SPEAKER. Two hundred and one members having voted on the master roll, a quorum is present.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Turning to visitor recognition.

Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome guests of Representative Herrin, fourth grade students from Chesterbrook Academy Elementary School in West Chester. Please rise and be welcomed.

Also located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Dr. Greg Cant, the president of Wilkes University. He is here today with his wife, Angela, and Mike Wood, special assistant to the president. They are the guests of Representative Pashinski, who I believe is also a graduate.

To both groups, thanks for joining us today.

Turning to announcements, committee and caucus announcements.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dunbar, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans will caucus at 11:30 in the majority caucus room; that is 11:30 in the majority caucus room. We will be prepared to be back on the floor at 12:30.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman, Representative Dan Miller, for a caucus announcement.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Democrats will caucus at 11:30, hybrid; 11:30.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Topper, for an Appropriations Committee announcement. The gentleman waives off. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until 12:30, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 1 p.m.; further extended until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. As a follow-up to our remembrance of the 20th anniversary of September 11, I invite you to view a video on LDP (Legislative Data Processing) featuring our former Governor, Tom Ridge. You may remember that shortly after 9/11, Governor Ridge was tapped by President George W. Bush to head the newly created Department of Homeland Security. The video includes portions of the Governor's farewell address to the General Assembly from here on the House floor as well as newly released video where he shares his reflections two decades after that fateful event. You will also be receiving a link to the video from the Chief Clerk's Office.

CALENDAR**BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION**

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1774, PN 2011**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191), known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, further providing for expiration; and making an editorial change.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Ms. **FLOOD** offered the following amendment No. **A02267**:

Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by inserting after "for" where it occurs the second time
access to prescription information and for

Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 3 and 4

Section 2. Section 9(b)(7) of the act, amended February 12, 2020 (P.L.23, No.8), is amended and the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

Section 9. Access to prescription information.

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(b) Authorized users.—The following individuals may query the system according to procedures determined by the board and with the following limitations:

* * *

(7) Designated Commonwealth personnel and contracted staff who are responsible for the development and evaluation of quality improvement strategies, program integrity initiatives or conducting internal compliance reviews and data reporting for the following:

(i) The medical assistance program[.].

(ii) The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)[.].

(iii) The Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) or Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET).

(iv) The Catastrophic Loss Benefits

Continuation Fund.

(v) The Workers' Compensation Security Fund.

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(14) Personnel from the Department of Labor and Industry engaged in the administration and regulation of medical fee review disputes and utilization review of medical treatment under the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act.

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Amend Bill, page 2, line 4, by striking out "2" and inserting
3

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "3" and inserting
4

Amend Bill, page 2, line 7, by striking out "in 60 days" and inserting
immediately

On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Flood.

Ms. FLOOD. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This amendment makes critical updates to the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to incorporate some of the tools that the executive branch had been using during the opioid disaster declaration. When that disaster declaration expired, this is the main item that the administration was not able to continue to use. This amendment would allow for additional data sharing with the CAT Fund (Catastrophic Loss Benefits Continuation Fund), Workers' Compensation Security Fund, and personnel at L&I (Labor and Industry) involved in medical fee review disputes and utilization review of medical treatment under Workers' Compensation. Similar access is already provided for similar programs like the medical assistance program, CHIP (Children's Health Insurance Program), PACE (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly), and PACENET (Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier). This amendment simply updates the statute to incorporate things that were done as part of the opioid disaster emergency. I am pleased to offer this amendment and ask for your affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the good gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Armanini	Freeman	Longiotti	Roae
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Samuelson
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Sanchez
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sankey
Briggs	Grove	Masser	Sappey
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Saylor
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Schemel
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schlossberg
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schmitt
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schroeder
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schweyer
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Shusterman
Causer	Helm	Metcalfe	Silvis
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Sims
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Smith
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Snyder
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Solomon
Cox	Hohenstein	Mizgorski	Sonney
Cruz	Howard	Moul	Staats
Culver	Innamorato	Mullery	Stambaugh
Daley	Irvin	Mullins	Stephens
Davanzo	Isaacson	Mustello	Struzzi
Davis, A.	James	Neilson	Sturla
Davis, T.	Jones	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Dawkins	Jozwiak	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Day	Kail	O'Mara	Toohil
Deasy	Kaufer	O'Neal	Topper
DeLissio	Kauffman	Oberlander	Twardzik
Delloso	Keefer	Ortitay	Vitali
Delozier	Kenyatta	Otten	Warner
DelRosso	Kerwin	Owlett	Warren
DeLuca	Kim	Parker	Webster
Diamond	Kinthead	Pashinski	Wentling
Dowling	Kinsey	Peifer	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kirkland	Pennycuik	Wheeland
Dunbar	Klunk	Pickett	White
Ecker	Knowles	Pisciottano	Williams, C.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Polinchock	Williams, D.
Evans	Krajewski	Puskaric	Young
Farry	Krueger	Quinn	Zabel
Fee	Kulik	Rabb	Zimmerman
Fiedler	Labs	Rader	
Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rapp	Cutler,
Flood	Lee	Rigby	Speaker
Frankel	Lewis		

NAYS—1

Miller, D.

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration as amended?
Bill as amended was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The bill as amended will be reprinted.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1849, PN 2092**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of February 19, 1980 (P.L.15, No.9), known as the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act, in definitions, further providing for definitions; and, in powers and duties of the State Real Estate Commission - general, further providing for continuing education.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?
Bill was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1861, PN 2107**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, in temporary regulatory flexibility authority, further providing for definitions and for temporary regulatory flexibility authority.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?
Bill was agreed to.

**BILL ON CONCURRENCE
IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

The House proceeded to consideration of concurrence in Senate amendments to **HB 184, PN 1884**, entitled:

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal homicide, further providing for the offense of causing or aiding suicide; and, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for definitions.

On the question,
Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Moved by Representative Keefer that the House concur in the amendments inserted by the Senate.

The Chair now recognizes Representative Keefer for a brief explanation of Senate amendments.

Mrs. KEEFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The bill was amended in the Senate. It was a technical amendment. It just adds the definition of "autism spectrum disorder" to reference the most recent edition of the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders," which is the fifth edition.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Ryan, to speak on the bill as amended by the Senate.

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, thank you.

Mr. Speaker, I first became aware of Shawn's story as a result of a news article that came out, and when I heard the story, I was unbelievably stunned by what happened. But today we have an opportunity to show our true awareness of what suicide

awareness is, and suicide prevention, by finally passing in concurrence Shawn's Law in honor of the wonderful woman whose life was lost because of the actions and unbelievable conduct of others. When Shawn needed a lifeline, a life vest, some people, through their callous indignation, threw her an anchor.

I would like to address – as a parent and a grandparent – I would like to address my comments to Shawn, if I may. Shawn, you and I have never met, but I feel like I know you. I have gotten to know your mom, Jackie, and your stepfather, Chip, and your entire family. And I have to tell you, they love you. I see in the eyes of your mom and your family the absolute love and admiration that they have for you. And if there is any one regret, it is that I did not meet you on this earth, but I know that you are having a very special place in heaven and I will have an opportunity to meet you when we all depart this life.

The pure love that your mom and your family have shown towards me as we have worked towards getting this bill across the line, due to the great efforts of Representative Keefer and your family, has been amazing. I am so sorry that our laws were not in place to give you that what you needed when you needed help. Your mom was in the room next door when others were encouraging you to take your life. I cannot comprehend how evil that kind of behavior is. You are in my prayers every single day. You are in my rosary. And I hope you are looking at us today and you are taking comfort in heaven knowing that you have impacted so many by your life and by your untimely death.

Shawn, I can tell you, this body will not rest until this bill becomes law, and your mom and your family, we are proud of you. You are going to see the overwhelming support that this body has for you and the tragic loss of life that occurred because of that, but especially because of the great efforts of Representative Keefer, some other members of this body, our majority leader, our Speaker, and others in this chamber. Shawn, today we are going to show you the love, the dignity, and the respect, and we will be handing out to you that admiration and pure love for you that I wish others had shown to you the day that you needed them more than at any time in life. May your life, Shawn, serve as a true testament of what human compassion, dignity, and the value of human life should be. Shawn, we love you, and until we all meet again, God bless you.

And I ask you for an affirmative vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Briggs, on concurrence.

Mr. BRIGGS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I am rising to oppose HB 184 because the bill does not require a defendant to have knowledge that the person who died by suicide had a disability, was on the autism spectrum, or was under 18 years old. No knowledge is required, making this a strict liability crime in Pennsylvania. This bill increases punishment regardless of intent or brutality. Mr. Speaker, I understand as legislators that when we see horrific crimes in our community, we want to pass a law to punish the bad actor. I have no doubt HB 184 will result in longer prison sentences. I believe this type of punishment without prior knowledge will also have zero deterrent effect but will allow the State to get its pound of flesh.

Moreover, Mr. Speaker, the penalties for causing or aiding suicide are already significant. Intentionally causing suicide by force, duress, or deception is considered criminal homicide and is punishable by death or life in prison without parole. Intentionally aiding or soliciting suicide that causes someone to

attempt or die by suicide is graded as a second-degree felony and punishable by up to 10 years of incarceration. And intentionally aiding or soliciting suicide that does not result in an attempt or death is graded as a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable by 2 years of incarceration. Mr. Speaker, these crimes are heinous, but we should be honest with the public. These crimes are already severely punished, and this enhancement is both unnecessary and unjust.

Mr. Speaker, a sentencing enhancement may not be appropriate in every case. There is a major difference between encouraging an individual to commit suicide through multiple aggressive text messages and a situation where a terminally ill person, in deciding to end his or her life, receives comfort from family and friends in the person's final days. For example, a person texting a close friend who is dying, "It's okay to let go," or a person trying to help a loved one come to terms with the end of her life could fall under the same sentencing enhancement as someone sending multiple text messages encouraging another to kill themselves. Failing to differentiate between aggravating and nonaggravating cases, HB 184 makes the enhancement based solely on the condition of the victim.

Mr. Speaker, HB 184 should be defeated because it is unnecessary, unjust, and does not allow for distinctions between different fact patterns. Mr. Speaker, HB 184 is unnecessary, misguided, and continues the tough-on-crime approach of the 1990s and early 2000s that resulted in overflowing prisons. Mr. Speaker, all the empirical data is clear: increasing penalties, mandatory minimums, and tough-on-crime policies have been an abject failure. This bill will not protect anyone, it will not deter one single crime, and will result in increased corrections costs to the Commonwealth. For these reasons I oppose HB 184.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Keefer, on concurrence.

Mrs. KEEFER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This bill has been a long time in waiting.

As a mother of three and the wife of a retired law enforcement officer, I thought I was more than aware of the evils out there preying on our most vulnerable, and I thought I was quite savvy when it came to protecting my children. But 2 years ago, when I met Jackie Bieber and learned what happened to her daughter, Shawn, it was like a punch in the gut. I never knew this type of organization existed.

Jackie's daughter, Shawn, battled depression and struggled with mental illness, like so many others. And on May 22, 2019, Shawn lost her life to darkness, but she did so with the help of more darkness. Shawn died at the direct assistance and encouragement of a horrific suicide Web site and with her mother right in the next room unaware of what was transpiring. Those monsters on that horrible Web site encouraged her, wishing her good luck and safe travels. As she was carrying out a plan to end her life, she told them that she felt bad because her mom was in the room next door. Their only concern was that her mom might hear her and call for help. At the very end, her last words to any human being on this earth were, "I'm [word deleted] terrified." Can you even imagine when her parents discovered and read that on her cell phone? Clearly, she was conflicted and was second-guessing all of this, but the predators did not care. They had already provided her step-by-step instructions on how to take her life, and pushed and pushed until she carried it out. It is disgusting and shocking. It is repulsive.

Later, when Jackie went into the room to check on Shawn for dinner, she found her body lying there lifeless – cold and blue. She did not know what had happened. She could not find any signs of harm. She immediately did CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) but she could not bring her baby back. She watched her child taken from their home covered up on a stretcher, and it was not until she found her phone that she found the messages on there and that they had any idea what had happened to Shawn. Later the coroner had shared with them the mix of toxic items that she had ingested, as they found them on the suicide how-to Web site.

When Jackie looked at her phone that day and she saw the Web site and the chat room discussion Shawn was having during her suicide, it was pure evil; cruelty and darkness. That is the only way that you could describe what is going on here. A Web site that provides a menu on ways to die and the step-by-step instructions and recipes – all provided right there for our children and all out there for anyone to find. These predators even had the nerve to message Jackie after hearing her on the news to ask if Shawn struggled in any manner and would she offer insights on her death to help them further their cause. Can you imagine as a parent? To this day, these people enjoy mocking the mental health profession and boast about helping children as young as 9 years old to end their life. This Web site is run by a group of incels, a terrorist group that promotes and celebrates the violence, rape, and murder of women – dehumanizing them, even calling them "foids." It is inconceivable.

In Pennsylvania, a person may be convicted of criminal homicide for causing another to die by suicide only if he intentionally causes such suicide by force, duress, or deception. A person who intentionally aids or solicits another to die by suicide is guilty of a felony of the second degree if his conduct causes such suicide or an attempted suicide, and otherwise is a misdemeanor of the second degree.

My bill, Shawn's Law, allows the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to provide for a sentence enhancement when a person is found guilty of intentionally aiding or soliciting another to die by suicide if the victim was under 18 years of age, had an intellectual disability, or autism spectrum disorder. This is one more tool to fight the depravity preying on our most vulnerable.

Suicide is a scourge that is greatly impacting our State, our communities, and our families. It is the 10th leading cause of death in the United States. And as we observe National Suicide Prevention Month this September, I hope those numbers stay fresh in everyone's minds.

Before I end, Mr. Speaker, I know someone out there needs to hear this: Life is worth living. Though the world may be dark now, brighter days lay ahead. Never, ever give up.

I ask all of my colleagues to support this bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Does the gentleman, Representative Vitali, seek recognition to speak on concurrence? You are in order and may proceed, sir.

Mr. VITALI. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I rise in opposition to HB 184. I went to law school. I have done criminal defense work. I know something about the criminal justice system, and the approach that the prime sponsor of this bill takes by taking 1 highly emotional case and trying to impose something that would solve that 1 case on 12.7 million Pennsylvanians is just a wrongheaded approach to lawmaking. This should not be about emotionalism. We have a responsibility to pass laws that fairly affect all Pennsylvanians.

Now, as the chairman of the Judiciary Committee correctly stated, this law not only applies to Shawn – which is a very tragic situation – but it would also apply to the loving family of a senior citizen in the last stages of her life who is just being given comfort, just being given comfort. This law, in addition to affecting the Shawns of the world, would also be affecting our grandparents. So this is highly objectionable, this approach to lawmaking, in my view.

This is opposed by the American Civil Liberties Union. They say, in sum, "Causing or aiding suicide is already heavily criminalized in Pennsylvania and, at its most severe, is punishable by death or life without parole. The enhancement proposed by HB 184 is both unnecessary and unjust...."

Mr. Speaker, I would ask you to fulfill your responsibility as a lawmaker; do not be, do not be taken in by emotionalism. We have a responsibility to be rational in the laws we pass, and this is a bad bill. I would ask for a "no" vote.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House concur in Senate amendments?

The SPEAKER. Agreeable to the provisions of the Constitution, the yeas and nays will now be taken.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—152

Armanini	Gillespie	Markosek	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gleim	Marshall	Ryan
Bernstine	Gregory	Masser	Sainato
Bizzarro	Greiner	Matzie	Samuelson
Boback	Grove	Mehaffie	Sankey
Bonner	Guent	Mentzer	Sappery
Borowicz	Guzman	Mercuri	Saylor
Bradford	Hamm	Merski	Schemel
Brooks	Harkins	Metcalfe	Schlossberg
Brown, R.	Heffley	Metzgar	Schmitt
Burns	Helm	Millard	Schroeder
Carroll	Hennessey	Miller, B.	Schweyer
Causar	Hershey	Mizgorski	Shusterman
Ciresi	Hickernell	Moul	Silvis
Conklin	Irvin	Mullery	Smith
Cook	James	Mullins	Snyder
Cox	Jones	Mustello	Sonney
Culver	Jozwiak	Neilson	Staats
Davanzo	Kail	Nelson, E.	Stambaugh
Davis, T.	Kaufman	O'Mara	Stephens
Day	Kauffman	O'Neal	Struzzi
Deasy	Keefer	Oberlander	Sturla
Delozier	Kerwin	Ortitay	Thomas
DeRosso	Klunk	Owlett	Tomlinson
DeLuca	Knowles	Pashinski	Toohil
Diamond	Kosierowski	Peifer	Topper
Dowling	Krueger	Pennycuick	Twardzik

Driscoll	Kulik	Pickett	Warner
Dunbar	Labs	Pisciottano	Warren
Ecker	Lawrence	Polinchock	Wentling
Emrick	Lewis	Puskaric	Wheeland
Farry	Longietti	Quinn	White
Fee	Mackenzie, M.	Rader	Williams, C.
Flood	Mackenzie, R.	Rapp	Williams, D.
Freeman	Madden	Rigby	Zimmerman
Fritz	Major	Roae	
Galloway	Mako	Rossi	Cutler,
Gaydos	Malagari	Rothman	Speaker
Gillen	Maloney		

NAYS—49

Benham	Evans	Kenyatta	Otten
Boyle	Fiedler	Kim	Parker
Briggs	Fitzgerald	Kinthead	Rabb
Brown, A.	Frankel	Kinsey	Rozzi
Bullock	Gainey	Kirkland	Sanchez
Burgos	Hanbidge	Krajewski	Sims
Cephas	Harris	Lee	Solomon
Cruz	Herrin	McClinton	Vitali
Daley	Hohenstein	McNeill	Webster
Davis, A.	Howard	Mihalek	Wheatley
Dawkins	Innamorato	Miller, D.	Young
DeLissio	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Zabel
Delloso			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The majority required by the Constitution having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

GUESTS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. Located in the gallery, the Chair is pleased to welcome Jacqueline Bieber and her husband, Charles. And with them are her mother, Kathy Kinderman, and her father, John Shatto. They are the guests of Representative Keefer. Welcome.

RESOLUTION

Ms. LABS called up **HR 139, PN 2116**, entitled:

A Concurrent Resolution extending in whole or approving the issuance of a new disaster emergency declaration in response to the aftereffects of Hurricane Ida.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

Ms. LABS offered the following amendment No. **A02266**:

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 1, by striking out "or approving the issuance of a new" and inserting the

Amend Resolution, page 1, line 2, by striking out "declaration" and inserting
declared on August 31, 2021,

Amend Resolution, page 2, line 19, by inserting after "Ida"
, except as terminated or extended, in whole or in part, by the
General Assembly

Amend Resolution, page 2, lines 20 through 30; page 3, lines 1 through 3; by striking out all of said lines on said pages
Amend Resolution, page 3, line 5, by striking out "Chief Clerk" and inserting
Secretary
Amend Resolution, page 3, line 9, by striking out "Chief Clerk" and inserting
Secretary
Amend Resolution, page 3, line 12, by striking out "§ 725(a)(4)" and inserting
§ 725(a)(4)
Amend Resolution, page 3, line 15, by striking out "and be retroactive to August 31, 2021"

On the question,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes Representative Labs.

Ms. LABS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

This is a technical amendment to clean up a few items in the resolution. First, it removes material that would have allowed this resolution to apply retroactively if the Governor's disaster declaration expires before we are able to get this resolution completed. Today is the last day of that declaration, and it is my understanding that once we pass this today, the Senate will take it up later today as well. So we will make the deadline. This amendment also has some additional technical fixes and cleanups. Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

Those in favor of the amendment will vote "aye"; those opposed, "no—"

POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER. I apologize. I will request to the gentleman from Delaware, please indicate to the Speaker sooner that you are seeking recognition. I apologize for missing you, as you had a crowd around you.

Mr. VITALI. A point of order. When I arose to the mike, there seems to be a problem with LDPC (Legislative Data Processing Center) and we do not have, I did not have language on my screen. I do not know if anybody has it now. I am seeing some other screens. I do not think we have access to this language as I look around right now.

The SPEAKER. Representative Vitali, we are verifying it, but we did pull it up this morning via LDP and it is there.

Mr. VITALI. I am looking at 10 screens right now where it is not.

The SPEAKER. Would the good gentleman approach the rostrum. I believe he might be using rolling session and we are using the actual LDP Web site, but if you could come up and confer with me on what system you are using, I will be happy to help you track down your issue.

If the good gentleman would go to the voting schedule, I believe that the members who are having difficulty might be on the portion of the program referred to as "rolling session," which automatically updates both the bills and the amendments; however, if you go directly to the voting calendar and click on the resolution and the corresponding amendment, it is there for the members to review.

It is my understanding that the Representatives now have access through the alternative method that we previously described.

On the question recurring,
Will the House agree to the amendment?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris, for verification of the vote board.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—200

Armanini	Freeman	Longiotti	Rigby
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Roae
Benninghoff	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rossi
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rothman
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rowe
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Rozzi
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Ryan
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Sainato
Boyle	Gregory	Markosek	Samuelson
Bradford	Greiner	Marshall	Sanchez
Briggs	Grove	Masser	Sankey
Brooks	Guenst	Matzie	Sappey
Brown, A.	Guzman	McClinton	Saylor
Brown, R.	Hamm	McNeill	Schemel
Bullock	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Schlossberg
Burgos	Harkins	Mentzer	Schmitt
Burns	Harris	Mercuri	Schroeder
Carroll	Heffley	Merski	Schweyer
Causer	Helm	Metcalfe	Shusterman
Cephas	Hennessey	Metzgar	Silvis
Ciresi	Herrin	Mihalek	Sims
Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Smith
Cook	Hickernell	Miller, B.	Snyder
Cox	Hohenstein	Miller, D.	Solomon
Cruz	Howard	Mizgorski	Sonney
Culver	Innamorato	Moul	Staats
Daley	Irvin	Mullery	Stambaugh
Davanzo	Isaacson	Mullins	Stephens
Davis, A.	James	Mustello	Struzzi
Davis, T.	Jones	Neilson	Sturla
Dawkins	Jozwiak	Nelson, E.	Thomas
Day	Kail	Nelson, N.	Tomlinson
Deasy	Kaufner	O'Mara	Toohil
DeLissio	Kauffman	O'Neal	Topper
Delloso	Keefer	Oberlander	Twardzik
Delozier	Kenyatta	Ortitay	Warner
DelRosso	Kerwin	Otten	Warren
DeLuca	Kim	Owlett	Webster
Diamond	Kinkead	Parker	Wentling
Dowling	Kinsey	Pashinski	Wheatley
Driscoll	Kirkland	Peifer	Wheeland
Dunbar	Klunk	Pennycuik	White
Ecker	Knowles	Pickett	Williams, C.
Emrick	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Williams, D.
Evans	Krajewski	Polinchock	Young
Farry	Krueger	Puskaric	Zabel
Fee	Kulik	Quinn	Zimmerman

Fiedler	Labs	Rabb	
Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Flood	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Frankel	Lewis		

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—1

Vitali

EXCUSED—0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the amendment was agreed to.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

The SPEAKER. On that question, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Labs, on the resolution as amended.

Ms. LABS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I appreciate the opportunity to ask for your support on HR 139, which would extend the disaster emergency declaration in the wake of the remnants of Hurricane Ida. On September 1, southeast Pennsylvania was hit by one of the hardest rainstorms in recent history. Before devastating the southeast, the storm dumped more than 5 inches of rain at Harrisburg International Airport, while Lancaster received more than 7 inches. Though we had a few days to prepare, no one could have anticipated the power of those torrential rains, nor could we prepare for the multiple tornadoes that cut through the southeast, tearing roofs off of homes and schools, uprooting trees, washing away roads and bridges, and displacing hundreds of residents and closing local businesses. The remnants of Hurricane Ida destroyed or damaged hundreds of homes in southeast Pennsylvania and caused more than \$100 million in damage.

The declaration of disaster emergency allowed Federal funding and made it easier for our districts and businesses to apply for aid. With the declaration of disaster emergency pending expiration, it is the legislature's responsibility to extend it to give residents and local businesses the time to assess and apply for all financial help they are entitled to.

I would also like to thank our first responders for their heroic acts and lifesaving efforts for our communities.

Thank you, and I ask for an affirmative vote for HR 139.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Stephens, on the resolution.

Mr. STEPHENS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, on September 1, an EF2 tornado carved its way, carved an 8-mile path, 8 miles by 400 yards wide, up through the heart of my legislative district and devastated the communities in Upper Dublin Township and Horsham Township. Since that time, our communities have been undergoing a massive cleanup and repair effort. To give you an idea of some of the devastation and destruction that we saw, we had an elementary school where the roof was removed and those students were unable to attend classes; a high school where the roof, again, was damaged, with students unable to attend in-person classes; a township building, a police station, and I cannot tell you the hundreds of homes that have experienced severe damage and devastation from this

tornado. Sadly, one of my constituents lost her life as a result of the tornado as well.

In the wake of all this carnage, though, we have seen tremendous humanity. Neighbors helping neighbors, families helping families, and the outpouring of support from even other communities outside those that were immediately affected has been really heartwarming and just remarkable. So I want to thank all the folks – the first responders who were there that night, all the public works employees who continue the cleanup efforts throughout Horsham Township and Upper Dublin Township, all the neighbors who stepped up, all the community members who stepped up delivering meals and pretzels and snacks and helping with chain saws and heavy equipment to try to remove trees from houses. It has really been a remarkable team effort down in the 151st Legislative District, which I am so proud to represent. So I am just here to say thank you to all of the folks who have helped.

Thanks to my good friend and colleague from Bucks County for offering this resolution so that we can continue to experience the aid that we need in our district to get our lives back in order. I would urge the members to cast an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Craig Williams, on the resolution.

Mr. C. WILLIAMS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Like many of us in the southeast, Delaware County and Chester County were pretty badly hit by the hurricane, the remnants of the hurricane. In Pocopson, for example – and I think these stories are very important to be told here in this chamber, because those of us across the State that were not impacted cannot understand how much these people lost in the southeast – in Pocopson, along the Brandywine river, there are foundations where we still have not found the homes. The homes floated downstream and are gone forever. Those families have lost everything. On the Pocopson side of the Brandywine river in my district, homes were lifted off their foundations, sent across the street, and sent into neighboring homes – dozens of homes that will have to be torn down and rebuilt.

In Chadds Ford, Delaware County – a flood in Chadds Ford is at 9 feet. Early on in the storm it got to 17 feet and crested at 21 feet. There were homes completely underwater. Elevated homes that are designed to withstand floods, the entire ground floor or elevated floor filled to the ceiling with water. If you have ever gone through any kind of water damage or fire damage, you know that everything it touches is destroyed. These families' homes and the businesses that are surrounding them are destroyed.

This last week we opened a disaster recovery center in Chadds Ford to serve both Chadds Ford and Pocopson. People from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the Small Business Administration have come around, come to that location from around the country with their expertise to bring us financial help to get those homes rebuilt and those businesses restarted. It is this disaster declaration that allows those efforts to continue in our two counties and in the other counties affected in Pennsylvania. I am so grateful for the gentlewoman from Bucks County for bringing this resolution, and to each and every one of you for coming back into session this week to pass this declaration so that we can bring much-needed help to our counties. Thank you very much.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Farry, on the resolution.

Mr. FARRY. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to speak here today on the events of the remnants of Hurricane Ida not just as a legislator, but as a first responder that was in the floodwaters that night. Thankfully, the damage to my district was pretty standard for any large hurricane or storm, but there were many harrowing events that went on throughout Bucks County and the southeast that night and the next day.

I would also like to recognize our National Guard. In a neighboring fire district to mine, the National Guard actually had to fly a helicopter from Fort Indiantown Gap to rescue one of the residents whose house was completely surrounded by floodwaters and none of the rescue boats could make it there due to the swift current.

In Representatives Staats' and Labs' districts in upper Bucks County, the devastation was extremely severe. Our resources and Bucks County's first responders were critically stressed that evening, and we had a few events where some of the worst things imaginable to first responders can happen, and that is when rescuers become victims. There is nothing a first responder wants to have happen worse than when you are trying to attempt a rescue and you yourself end up in peril and need to be rescued. Thankfully, all those first responders were able to return home to their families that night, but there were certainly several close calls.

A lot of this is tied to some legislation that we really hear on the news when these storms are coming, but unfortunately, not all of our residents heed, and that was legislation that Todd Stephens, Representative Stephens had passed, which was "turn around don't drown." It is not just a catchy saying; it is real and it is true. I had firsthand accounts of being on scenes where we literally had residents drive into floodwaters and need to be rescued. Not only are they putting themselves in harm's way, but they are also putting those first responders in harm's way and diverting critical resources that could be needed to help other residents. Please heed those warnings, pay attention to the weather reports, and please, please stay home and never drive into floodwaters.

Our thoughts are with the families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts are with those that lost their homes and businesses. I want to once again thank all our first responders, not just for the time and effort they put in – and many of them were volunteer first responders – but also for the heroics they displayed that night and the following morning. I want to commend Representative Labs for leading on this issue, and also ask for an affirmative vote.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

On the question recurring,

Will the House adopt the resolution as amended?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman, Representative Oberlander.

Ms. OBERLANDER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the lady and recognizes the gentleman, Representative Harris.

Mr. HARRIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The electronic board is accurate.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—201

Armanini	Freeman	Longietti	Roae
Benham	Fritz	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gainey	Mackenzie, R.	Rothman
Bernstine	Galloway	Madden	Rowe
Bizzarro	Gaydos	Major	Rozzi
Boback	Gillen	Mako	Ryan
Bonner	Gillespie	Malagari	Sainato
Borowicz	Gleim	Maloney	Samuelson
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Conklin	Hershey	Millard	Snyder
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Fiedler	Labs	Rabb	
Fitzgerald	Lawrence	Rader	Cutler,
Flood	Lee	Rapp	Speaker
Frankel	Lewis	Rigby	

NAYS—0

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The majority having voted in the affirmative, the question was determined in the affirmative and the resolution as amended was adopted.

BILL SIGNED BY SPEAKER

Bill numbered and entitled as follows having been prepared for presentation to the Governor, and the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HB 184, PN 1884

An Act amending Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in criminal homicide, further providing for the offense of causing or aiding suicide; and, in depositions and witnesses, further providing for definitions.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

BILL ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 1660, PN 1882**, entitled:

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in duties and powers of boards of school directors, further providing for temporary emergency provisions.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

The SPEAKER. It is the Chair's understanding that the prime sponsor as well as Representative Bradford have withdrawn all of their amendments.

The Chair thanks both gentlemen.

On the question recurring,

Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

Bill was agreed to.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED AND REFERRED

No. 1419 By Representatives JONES, CEPHAS, T. DAVIS, MIZGORSKI, SHUSTERMAN, DALEY, KINSEY, KRAJEWSKI, McNEILL, RYAN, HILL-EVANS, HOHENSTEIN, FREEMAN, INNAMORATO, ISAACSON, MALAGARI, SANCHEZ, SIMS, GUZMAN, WEBSTER, LEE, HOWARD, BROOKS, WARREN, SOLOMON, D. MILLER, KINKEAD, HANBIDGE, YOUNG, KIM, N. NELSON, HELM, SCHWEYER, FITZGERALD, KEEFER, BOBACK, PENNYCUICK, OTTEN, BULLOCK, GUENST, A. BROWN, FIEDLER, McCLINTON, GILLEN, FLOOD, KENYATTA, SCHMITT, BURGOS, PARKER and MERSKI

An Act amending Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general administration, further providing for State recording system for application of restraints to pregnant prisoners or detainees; and, in miscellaneous provisions, providing for restrictive housing prohibited for pregnant or postpartum inmates and detainees, for cavity search and inspection restrictions, for training and education requirement, for family consideration in placement and visitation, for feminine hygiene and incontinence products and for postpartum recovery.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 21, 2021.

No. 1887 By Representatives LEWIS DELROSSO, WHEATLEY, HILL-EVANS, ROTHMAN, SHUSTERMAN, KINSEY, KAIL, MERSKI, BOBACK, MIZGORSKI and WEBSTER

An Act amending Titles 51 (Military Affairs) and 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in veteran-owned small businesses, further providing for definitions, for regulations, for participation goal, for duties of Department of General Services and for bonding and progress payments, providing for request for a full or partial waiver and good-faith efforts, further providing for reports and providing for disparity study; in small and disadvantaged businesses, further providing for heading of chapter, for policy and for definitions, providing for Small and Diverse Business Program and for nonapplicability, further providing for regulations and for duties of department, providing for request for a full or partial waiver and good-faith efforts, further providing for bonding and progress payments and for report to General Assembly, providing for aspirational target, for disparity study and for program review and expiration; and providing for Program for Construction and Design Professional Services.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2021.

No. 1888 By Representatives RABB, N. NELSON, HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, T. DAVIS, CIRESI, SIMS, LEE, PARKER, SCHLOSSBERG, OTTEN and SANCHEZ

An Act amending Title 46 (Legislature) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for demographic impact statements in consideration of legislation relating to crimes, offenses and sentencing.

Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY, September 21, 2021.

No. 1889 By Representatives ROZZI, N. NELSON, D. WILLIAMS, DELLOSO, NEILSON, CIRESI and WARREN

An Act amending Title 11 (Cities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in council, further providing for oath of council members, quorum and rules and for meetings of council, notice and participation by telecommunication device.

Referred to Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2021.

No. 1890 By Representatives GILLEN, ZABEL, KULIK, STAATS, JAMES, NEILSON, RYAN, CIRESI and JOZWIAK

An Act amending Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in incapacitated persons, further providing for petition and hearing and independent evaluation.

Referred to Committee on AGING AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES, September 21, 2021.

No. 1891 By Representatives KAUFFMAN, MILLARD, RYAN, ZIMMERMAN, ECKER, GREINER, KNOWLES, HELM, PICKETT, B. MILLER and JOZWIAK

An Act amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, further providing for definitions.

Referred to Committee on CONSUMER AFFAIRS, September 21, 2021.

No. 1892 By Representatives SONNEY, CIRESI, SCHLEGEL CULVER, MILLARD, PICKETT, SCHLOSSBERG, SNYDER and STAATS

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in charter schools, further providing for funding for charter schools.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, September 21, 2021.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, there will be no further floor votes this afternoon, however, we will be keeping the desk open to sign the resolution once it returns from the Senate.

BILLS RECOMMITTED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that the following bills be recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations:

HB 1660;
HB 1774;
HB 1849; and
HB 1861.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that SB 397 and SB 398 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILLS REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that the following bills be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar:

HB 512;
HB 1059;
HB 1230; and
HB 1303.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILLS TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that the following bills be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar:

HB 512;
HB 1059;
HB 1230; and
HB 1303.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILLS ON SECOND CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 659**, **PN 1536**, entitled:

An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, repealing provisions relating to firearms not to be carried without a license, providing for license not required, repealing provisions relating to carrying firearms on public streets or public property in Philadelphia, providing for sportsman's firearm permit, further providing for licenses and repealing provisions relating to proof of license and exception.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 659 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 659 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

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The House proceeded to second consideration of **HB 71**, **PN 47**, entitled:

A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in taxation and finance, providing for spending limitations on the Commonwealth.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on second consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 71 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 71 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILL ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

The House proceeded to third consideration of **HB 681**, **PN 1187**, entitled:

An Act prohibiting enforcement of covenants not to compete in health care practitioner employment agreements.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the bill on third consideration?

BILL TABLED

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 681 be removed from the active calendar and placed on the tabled calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

BILL REMOVED FROM TABLE

The SPEAKER. The majority leader moves that HB 681 be removed from the tabled calendar and placed on the active calendar.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members, we will be recessing until the call of the Chair, and I will send out an announcement prior to our return, to sign the resolution that we just sent to the Senate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. This House will stand in recess until the call of the Chair.

AFTER RECESS

The SPEAKER. The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

SENATE MESSAGE**HOUSE RESOLUTION
CONCURRED IN BY SENATE**

The clerk of the Senate, being introduced, informed that the Senate has concurred in **HR 139, PN 2150**.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
SIGNED BY SPEAKER**

Resolution numbered and entitled, the same being correct, the title was publicly read as follows:

HR 139, PN 2150

A Concurrent Resolution extending in whole the disaster emergency declared on August 31, 2021, in response to the aftereffects of Hurricane Ida.

Whereupon, the Speaker, in the presence of the House, signed the same.

**HOUSE BILLS
INTRODUCED AND REFERRED**

No. 1893 By Representatives STAATS, KAUFFMAN, RYAN, HAMM, JAMES, R. BROWN, GILLEN, GROVE and BERNSTINE

An Act amending the act of April 23, 1956 (1955 P.L.1510, No.500), known as the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, further providing for confidentiality of reports and records.

Referred to Committee on STATE GOVERNMENT, September 21, 2021.

No. 1894 By Representatives MOUL, GILLESPIE, JAMES, R. MACKENZIE, PEIFER, R. BROWN, ZIMMERMAN and JOZWIAK

An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for dates and times of school terms and sessions and commencement.

Referred to Committee on EDUCATION, September 21, 2021.

No. 1895 By Representatives CIRESI, KINSEY, MADDEN, McNEILL, SANCHEZ, DELLOSO, T. DAVIS, GILLEN, MALAGARI, DRISCOLL, KERWIN, HOWARD, PISCIOTTANO, M. MACKENZIE, SHUSTERMAN, FITZGERALD and HILL-EVANS

An Act amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in fees, further providing for exemption of persons, entities and vehicles from fees.

Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION, September 21, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. For the information of the members of the Education Committee, we have been notified that the Education Committee meeting will be held tomorrow morning. Members of that committee should please monitor their e-mail for location and time of that meeting.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED OVER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, all remaining bills and resolutions on today's calendar will be passed over. The Chair hears no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER. The Speaker is in receipt of a motion made by Representative Labs that this House do now adjourn until Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 10 a.m., e.d.t., unless sooner recalled by the Speaker.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to, and at 5:12 p.m., e.d.t., the House adjourned.