
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 858 Session of
2009

INTRODUCED BY FARNESE, FOLMER, RAFFERTY, FONTANA, ORIE AND
WAUGH, MAY 11, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
MAY 11, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for additional public meeting procedures.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Title 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
6 is amended by adding a section to read:

7 § 1202.2. Additional public meeting procedures.

8 In addition to the provisions of 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating
9 to open meetings), the board shall, prior to taking official
10 action, provide a reasonable opportunity at each advertised
11 regular meeting and advertised special or emergency meeting for
12 Commonwealth residents to comment on matters of concern or on
13 official action or deliberation on issues which are or may be
14 before the board. The board has the option to accept all public
15 comment at the beginning of the meeting. If the board determines
16 that there is not sufficient time at a meeting for residents of
17 the Commonwealth to comment, the board may defer the comment

1 period to the next regular meeting or to a special meeting
2 occurring in advance of the next regular meeting. The board may,
3 in its discretion, set reasonable time limits on an individual's
4 comments.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.