



HOUSE HEALTH COMMITTEE

VOTING MEETING

Wednesday, June 24th, 2026

10:15am

Room 60, East Wing

Harrisburg, PA

1. Call to Order

2. Attendance

3. **HR570 PN3623 (Mayes)**

A Resolution recognizing the week of August 2 through 8, 2026, as "National Health Center Week" in Pennsylvania.

HR571 PN3654 (Mayes)

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2026 as "Baby Safety Month" in Pennsylvania.

HR572 PN3655 (Rusnock)

A Resolution recognizing June 27, 2026, as "PTSD Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

HR573 PN3656 (Mayes)

A Resolution recognizing the month of August 2026 as "National Breastfeeding Month" in Pennsylvania.

HR574 PN3657 (Mayes)

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 14 through 20, 2026, as "Birth Center Week" in Pennsylvania

HR575 PN3658 (McNeill)

A Resolution designating the month of September 2026 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

HR577 PN3659 (Curry)

A Resolution recognizing the month of September 2026 as "Newborn Screening Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

HR578 PN3660 (Curry)

A Resolution recognizing the week of September 12 through 18, 2026, as "Neonatal Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

4. Any other business that may come before the committee.

5. Adjournment

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No: HR0570 PN3623
Committee: Health
Sponsor: Mayes, Latasha
Date: 6/12/2026

Prepared By: Abigail Bergson-Conklin
(717) 705-1875
Executive Director: Erika Fricke

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the week of August 2nd through 8th, 2026 as "National Health Center Week."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Community health centers are clinics that serve uninsured and underinsured people through low-cost health care. Across the country, community health centers create more than 300,000 jobs, pay more than \$2 billion in taxes annually, and save billions in Medicaid costs. In Pennsylvania, approximately 1 million Pennsylvanians, or 1 in 13, visit a community health center each year. This number is even higher in rural areas, with 1 in 3 people reporting use of a community health center. The theme of "Building Innovative Care Where It Matters Most" recognizes and celebrates the creativity and innovation of health centers.

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G. Relevant Existing Laws

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 570 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY MAYES, KHAN, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, RIVERA, SANCHEZ
AND D. WILLIAMS, JUNE 15, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 16, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of August 2 through 8, 2026, as "National
2 Health Center Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Community health centers are clinics that serve
4 uninsured and underinsured people through low-cost health care,
5 especially primary care, and reduce barriers to that care, such
6 as travel and language; and

7 WHEREAS, Community health centers include federally qualified
8 health centers, look-alike clinics, rural health clinics and
9 other similar providers; and

10 WHEREAS, Originally called neighborhood health centers,
11 community health centers were first created in 1965; and

12 WHEREAS, Today, community health centers still play an
13 essential role in delivering affordable health care to low-
14 income families and those who live in areas that are health care
15 deserts; and

16 WHEREAS, Across the country, community health centers create
17 more than 300,000 jobs, pay more than \$2 billion in taxes
18 annually, and save billions in Medicaid costs; and

1 WHEREAS, Approximately 1 million Pennsylvanians, or 1 in 13,
2 visit a community health center each year; and

3 WHEREAS, One in three people in rural areas in the United
4 States utilizes a community health center; and

5 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth operates a network of 59 state
6 health centers that also serve communities in similar ways to
7 independent community health centers; and

8 WHEREAS, Providing access to affordable, high-quality health
9 care across this Commonwealth makes our communities stronger;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The theme for National Health Center Week this year
12 is "Building Innovative Care Where It Matters Most," which
13 celebrates how community health centers use creativity and
14 commitment to advance innovative solutions that meet patients
15 where they are and improve primary care delivery, access and
16 outcomes nationwide; and

17 WHEREAS, The health care professionals and staff at community
18 health centers deserve recognition for their essential role in
19 keeping Pennsylvanians healthy; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
21 week of August 2 through 8, 2026, as "National Health Center
22 Week" in Pennsylvania.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No:	HR0571 PN3654	Prepared By:	Abigail Bergson-Conklin (717) 705-1875
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Mayes, Latasha		
Date:	6/17/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the month of September 2026 as "Baby Safety Month in Pennsylvania."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Children deserve safe living environments where they can play, learn and grow. Making decisions about food, living environment, toys and other hazards can be an overwhelming process for parents, but when they empowered with clear information and knowledge about how to protect their baby, they can make informed choices. Using a properly assembled crib, bassinet, or cradle is an important way to make sure that a baby sleeps in a safe environment and is the foundation of good infant sleep practices. Parents should pay close attention to age ratings on products and should always ensure that a child is under adult supervisions.

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G. Relevant Existing Laws

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 571 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY MAYES, CURRY, TIBURCIO, McNEILL, GUZMAN, RIVERA,
HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, WARREN, MERSKI, PIELLI, E. NELSON,
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, STEELE, GALLAGHER, MADDEN, CIRESI AND
FLEMING, JUNE 18, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2026 as "Baby Safety Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Children deserve safe living environments where they
4 can play, learn and grow; and

5 WHEREAS, Making decisions about food, living environment,
6 toys and other hazards can be an overwhelming process for
7 parents; and

8 WHEREAS, When parents are empowered with clear information
9 and knowledge about how to protect their baby, they can make
10 informed choices; and

11 WHEREAS, Many changes to promote the safety of a baby require
12 minimal effort to eliminate hazards; and

13 WHEREAS, Using a crib, bassinet or cradle that has been
14 properly assembled according to instructions is an important way
15 to make sure that a baby sleeps in a safe environment and is the
16 foundation of good infant sleep practices; and

17 WHEREAS, Parents should pay close attention to the age

1 ratings for products so that they can choose items that meet
2 their children's developmental needs; and

3 WHEREAS, No matter the products employed, supervision from an
4 adult is essential to making sure that a child is safe; and

5 WHEREAS, Bringing attention to the ways parents across this
6 Commonwealth can keep their babies safe could help prevent
7 tragedy; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1983, the Juvenile Products Manufacturers
9 Association began an annual awareness campaign related to child
10 health, beginning with Expectant Mother's Day in 1983; and

11 WHEREAS, The organization is now called the Baby Safety
12 Alliance, and beginning in 1991, September has been designated
13 as "Baby Safety Month"; and

14 WHEREAS, "Baby Safety Month" offers us the opportunity to
15 bring attention to ways that parents can protect the safety of
16 their children; and

17 WHEREAS, Every child deserves a safe, healthy and vibrant
18 childhood; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
20 month of September 2026 as "Baby Safety Month" in Pennsylvania;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage all
23 parents to take action to protect babies from hazards.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0572 PN3655	Prepared By:	Abigail Bergson-Conklin (717) 705-1875
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Rusnock, Jacklyn		
Date:	6/23/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes June 27, 2026, as "PTSD Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), also known as post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI), is a mental health condition that can occur in individuals who have experienced or witnessed traumatic events. Symptoms can appear months or even years after the trauma, and may include flashbacks, nightmares, insomnia, severe anxiety, and uncontrollable thoughts. Approximately 70% of adults in the U.S. have experienced a traumatic event at least once in their lives, and approximately 20% of those adults develop PTSD. This equates to approximately 12 million adults in any given year in the U.S. that have PTSD. People with PTSD often experience co-occurring conditions, including depression, substance use disorder, memory problems and other physical or mental health conditions. PTSD occurs more frequently in veterans, first responders, women, individuals with low income, people who are unmarried, and socially isolated individuals. Treatments include talk therapy and medication, but only around 50% of individuals with PTSD seek treatment.

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G. Relevant Existing Laws

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 572 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY RUSNOCK, PIELLI, VENKAT, DOUGHERTY, HOWARD,
ZIMMERMAN, RIVERA, STEELE, GALLAGHER, JAMES, DEASY AND
SANCHEZ, JUNE 18, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing June 27, 2026, as "PTSD Awareness Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, is a mental
4 health condition that can occur in individuals who have
5 experienced or witnessed a traumatic event or a series of
6 traumatic events; and

7 WHEREAS, PTSD is often associated with combat veterans,
8 though it can affect an individual of any age; and

9 WHEREAS, PTSD is also referred to as post-traumatic stress
10 injury, or PTSI, to signal its treatability; and

11 WHEREAS, Symptoms of PTSD may appear in the months or years
12 following trauma and may include flashbacks, nightmares,
13 insomnia, severe anxiety and uncontrollable thoughts about the
14 traumatic event; and

15 WHEREAS, Approximately 70% of adults in the United States
16 have experienced a traumatic event at least once in their lives
17 and approximately 20% of those adults develop PTSD; and

1 WHEREAS, Individuals with PTSD often experience co-occurring
2 conditions, including depression, substance use disorder, memory
3 problems and other physical or mental health conditions; and

4 WHEREAS, In the United States, approximately 12 million
5 adults have PTSD in any given year; and

6 WHEREAS, PTSD occurs twice as frequently in women as in men
7 and at higher rates among individuals who are poor, unmarried or
8 socially isolated; and

9 WHEREAS, Records of PTSD symptoms in the United States date
10 back to the early 19th century among civilians involved in
11 catastrophic events and soldiers who fought in the American
12 Civil War; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1980, the American Psychiatric Association added
14 PTSD to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental
15 Disorders based on research involving Vietnam War veterans,
16 Holocaust survivors and sexual trauma victims; and

17 WHEREAS, Described early on as "shell shock" among veterans,
18 PTSD remains more common among veterans than civilians,
19 particularly among service members who were deployed; and

20 WHEREAS, First responders, including firefighters, police
21 officers, emergency medical services providers and
22 telecommunicators, experience increased rates of PTSD, which
23 affects nearly one in seven first responders; and

24 WHEREAS, Treatments for PTSD, including talk therapy and
25 medication, are available, though only approximately one-half of
26 individuals with PTSD seek treatment; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize June
28 27, 2026, as "PTSD Awareness Day" in Pennsylvania to raise
29 awareness of PTSD and reduce the stigma associated with PTSD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0573 PN3656	Prepared By:	Abigail Bergson-Conklin (717) 705-1875
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Mayes, Latasha		
Date:	6/17/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the month of August 2026 as "National Breastfeeding Month" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

The CDC notes that breast milk is the best source of nutrients for most babies, and multiple organizations, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the World Health Organization and Dietary Guidelines for Americans, recommend feeding and infant exclusively through breastfeeding for the first six months of an infant's life. Breastfeeding provides numerous benefits for a mother, reducing the risk of certain cancers, diabetes and high blood pressure. For infants, breast milk provides antibodies and reduces the risk of serious illness, chronic conditions, and may also provide some protection against sudden infant death syndrome. Parents who struggle with breastfeeding can consult lactation consultants and pediatricians.

Breastfeeding can be done anywhere, and the Freedom to Breastfeed Act prohibits the act of breastfeeding from being considered indecent exposure, open lewdness, obscene or sexual conduct or a nuisance in Pennsylvania. Private health insurers subject to rules under the Affordable Care Act are required to provide coverage to lactation support, breastfeeding equipment, supplies and counseling before and after birth.

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G. Relevant Existing Laws

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 573 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY MAYES, O'MARA, RIVERA, PIELLI, VENKAT, WAXMAN,
HOHENSTEIN, SANCHEZ, STEELE, GUZMAN, D. WILLIAMS, WARREN AND
CIRESI, JUNE 18, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of August 2026 as "National Breastfeeding
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention note
4 that breast milk is the best source of nutrients for most
5 babies; and

6 WHEREAS, Multiple organizations, including the American
7 Academy of Pediatrics, the World Health Organization and Dietary
8 Guidelines for Americans, recommend feeding an infant
9 exclusively through breastfeeding for the first six months of an
10 infant's life; and

11 WHEREAS, The energy and nutrient needs of an infant may be
12 met exclusively through breast milk during the first few months
13 of life; and

14 WHEREAS, Breast milk continues to support a child's
15 nutritional needs throughout the first and second years of life;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Breastfeeding provides numerous benefits for a

1 mother, reducing the risk of certain cancers, diabetes and high
2 blood pressure; and

3 WHEREAS, For an infant, breast milk provides antibodies and
4 reduces the risk of serious illnesses and chronic conditions;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Breast milk may also provide some protection against
7 sudden infant death syndrome; and

8 WHEREAS, Some parents may experience challenges with
9 breastfeeding such as latching problems, milk supply issues or
10 nursing strikes; and

11 WHEREAS, Lactation consultants and pediatricians can provide
12 assistance to families who are struggling with breastfeeding;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Services and supports for mothers who are
15 breastfeeding are also crucially important; and

16 WHEREAS, As breastfeeding can be done anywhere, the Freedom
17 to Breastfeed Act prohibits the act of breastfeeding from being
18 considered indecent exposure, open lewdness, obscene or sexual
19 conduct or a nuisance in Pennsylvania; and

20 WHEREAS, Private health insurers subject to rules under the
21 Affordable Care Act are required to provide coverage to
22 lactation support, breastfeeding equipment, supplies and
23 counseling, both before and after birth; and

24 WHEREAS, The month of August is recognized as "National
25 Breastfeeding Month" to highlight the importance and benefits of
26 breastfeeding; and

27 WHEREAS, Recognizing "National Breastfeeding Month" provides
28 an opportunity for the Commonwealth to bring awareness to
29 breastfeeding and the services available to support each family
30 during their unique breastfeeding journey; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
2 month of August 2026 as "National Breastfeeding Month" in
3 Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0574 PN3657	Prepared By:	Abigail Bergson-Conklin (717) 705-1875
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Mayes, Latasha		
Date:	6/11/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes September 14 through 20, 2026 as "Birth Center Week."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Recognizes the care and services that birth centers provide. Birth Center Equity, an organization dedicated to expanding access to birth centers nationally, already recognizes this week. According to March of Dimes in 2025, more than 2.3 million women of childbearing age lived in a maternal healthcare desert, and rates of maternal mortality and morbidity are growing. Community birth centers provide substantial care, including risk assessments and medical history evaluation, supportive birthing techniques, a home-like atmosphere, family-centered care, and post-pregnancy care services for mothers and newborns. These birth centers have been especially impactful on communities of color, counties with high maternal and infant mortality rates, and areas facing healthcare closures.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 574 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY MAYES, ABNEY, HOHENSTEIN, KHAN, GUZMAN, WAXMAN,
CAUSER, SHUSTERMAN, D. WILLIAMS, MERSKI, RIVERA, E. NELSON,
CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, STEELE, MADDEN AND CIRESI, JUNE 18, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 14 through 20, 2026, as "Birth
2 Center Week" in Pennsylvania to celebrate the dedication that
3 birth centers have made to providing a healthy, positive and
4 safe experience for both mothers and newborns.

5 WHEREAS, According to the March of Dimes in 2025, more than
6 2.3 million women of childbearing age lived in a maternal health
7 care desert; and

8 WHEREAS, Maternity care deserts limit access to timely and
9 proper obstetric and prenatal care; and

10 WHEREAS, As the rates of maternal mortality and morbidity
11 grow, increasing access to maternal health care is imperative;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Community birth centers provide a home-like
14 atmosphere where mothers can experience low risk and culturally
15 competent care from midwives; and

16 WHEREAS, Birth centers conduct risk assessments, evaluate
17 patients' medical history and follow strict eligibility
18 guidelines to determine how to properly care for each patient,

1 with centers transferring women with complications requiring
2 interventions to hospitals; and

3 WHEREAS, Birth centers provide mothers with constant
4 supportive birthing techniques and only intervene medically if
5 it is necessary; and

6 WHEREAS, Staff members at birth centers focus on family-
7 centered care and create a relaxing, safe environment while
8 mothers prepare for their birthing experience; and

9 WHEREAS, According to a study conducted by the American
10 Association of Birth Centers, mothers who give birth in a birth
11 center are less likely to have a cesarean section; and

12 WHEREAS, Additionally, studies indicate that 80% of women
13 giving birth could have a safe and low-risk birthing experience
14 at a birth center; and

15 WHEREAS, After delivery, staff members at birth centers
16 continue to provide care and postpregnancy-related services to
17 mothers and newborns; and

18 WHEREAS, Research indicates that giving birth at a birth
19 center can be more affordable than giving birth at a hospital;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
22 reported that giving birth at a birth center led to better birth
23 outcomes at a 21% lower cost; and

24 WHEREAS, Community birth centers provide substantial care to
25 communities of color, counties with high maternal and infant
26 mortality rates and areas facing health care facility closures;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, Birth Center Equity recognizes September 14 through
29 20, 2026, as "Birth Center Week"; therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the

1 week of September 14 through 20, 2026, as "Birth Center Week" in
2 Pennsylvania to raise awareness of the maternal health crisis
3 and to recognize the substantial impact birth centers have in
4 our communities.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0575 PN3658	Prepared By:	Abigail Bergson-Conklin (717) 705-1875
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	McNeill, Jeanne		
Date:	6/15/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Designates the month of September 2026 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month."

C. Analysis of the Bill

According to the Prostate Conditions Education Council, 1 in 8 American men will get prostate cancer and 1 in 41 men will die from prostate cancer. In Pennsylvania, The American Cancer Society estimated that more than 13,000 new cases of prostate cancer will have been diagnosed and 1,500 people will have died in 2025. Prostate cancer can be dormant in a person's body for up to 20 years without symptoms, increasing the chance that a person may be sick without the person's knowledge. For these reasons, the American Cancer Society recommends that men with an average risk of prostate cancer begin consultations with their healthcare provider about whether to be screened for prostate cancer at age 50 and men at high risk, or who have a first-degree relative diagnosed with prostate cancer at an early age, to begin consultations at age 45.

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G. Relevant Existing Laws

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E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

2023-2024 Legislative Session

- HR 531 (McNeil)
 - Referred to Health Committee 09/2024.
- HR 194 (McNeil)
 - Referred to Insurance Committee 08/2023.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 575 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, TIBURCIO, RIVERA, HARKINS, McANDREW,
MERSKI, DOUGHERTY, VENKAT, ANDERSON, HOWARD, GALLAGHER,
JAMES, DEASY, DIAMOND, CONKLIN, HOHENSTEIN AND SANCHEZ,
JUNE 18, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of September 2026 as "Prostate Cancer
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The prostate is a small gland found only in men and
4 located below the bladder; and

5 WHEREAS, In some cases, prostate cancer can make the prostate
6 enlarged; and

7 WHEREAS, Prostate Cancer Research, a nonprofit organization
8 under the National Cancer Research Institute, reports that the
9 risk of prostate cancer increases with age with most cases
10 diagnosed in men over 50 years of age; and

11 WHEREAS, According to the Prostate Conditions Education
12 Council, 1 in 8 American men will get prostate cancer and 1 in
13 41 men will die from prostate cancer; and

14 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimated that more than
15 13,000 new cases of prostate cancer will have been diagnosed in
16 2025 in Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimated that 1,500

1 Pennsylvanians will have died of prostate cancer in 2025; and
2 WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
3 describes symptoms of prostate cancer that include difficulty
4 starting urination, weak or interrupted flow of urine, trouble
5 emptying the bladder completely, pain or burning during
6 urination, blood in the urine and pain in the back, hips or
7 pelvis; and

8 WHEREAS, Prostate cancer can be dormant in a person's body
9 for up to 20 years without symptoms, increasing the chance that
10 a person may be sick without the person's knowledge; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recommends that men with
12 an average risk of prostate cancer consult with their health
13 care provider about whether to be screened for prostate cancer
14 at 50 years of age; and

15 WHEREAS, For men at a high risk of developing prostate cancer
16 and men who have a first-degree relative diagnosed with prostate
17 cancer at an early age, consultations with a health care
18 provider should begin at 45 years of age; and

19 WHEREAS, For men at even greater risk, including those with
20 more than one first-degree relative who had prostate cancer at
21 an early age, screening should begin at 40 years of age; and

22 WHEREAS, Men should consult with their physician about the
23 benefits of screening for prostate cancer; and

24 WHEREAS, There are two tests used by physicians to screen for
25 prostate cancer: a prostate-specific antigen test, which
26 measures the level of prostate-specific antigen in the blood,
27 and a digital rectal examination, which detects abnormalities of
28 the prostate; and

29 WHEREAS, If abnormalities are noted from either screening, a
30 biopsy may be recommended to assist in diagnosing potential

1 prostate cancer; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
3 month of September 2026 as "Prostate Cancer Awareness Month" in
4 Pennsylvania.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0577 PN3659	Prepared By:	Abigail Bergson-Conklin (717) 705-1875
Committee:	Health	Executive Director:	Erika Fricke
Sponsor:	Curry, Gina		
Date:	6/17/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the month of September 2026 as "Newborn Screening Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Newborn screening is the practice of screening every newborn prior to hospital discharge for certain harmful or potentially fatal conditions that are not otherwise apparent at birth, typically through a blood spot test, pulse oximetry test, and a hearing test. The Commonwealth's current newborn screening panel test includes 64 conditions. Every year nearly 4 million newborns in the United States undergo newborn screening and more than 125,000 newborns in Pennsylvania underwent newborn screening in 2023. One in 300 newborns in the U.S. are identified with a genetic disorder through screening that may have permanently impacted newborns and their families without intervention. Early detection of these conditions decreases morbidity and mortality.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 577 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY CURRY, KAZEEM, MADDEN, HOHENSTEIN, WAXMAN,
McNEILL, VENKAT, MERSKI, PIELLI, GUZMAN, STEELE, MAYES,
SANCHEZ, D. WILLIAMS, GALLAGHER AND CIRESI, JUNE 22, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of September 2026 as "Newborn Screening
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Newborn screening is the practice of screening every
4 newborn prior to hospital discharge for certain harmful or
5 potentially fatal conditions that are not otherwise apparent at
6 birth; and

7 WHEREAS, Early detection of these conditions in newborns
8 facilitates timely interventions that result in significant
9 decreases in morbidity, mortality and disability; and

10 WHEREAS, If abnormal results are detected in a newborn
11 screening test, families can seek further testing and follow-up
12 care and treatment if necessary; and

13 WHEREAS, Every year nearly 4 million newborns in the United
14 States undergo newborn screening; and

15 WHEREAS, More than 125,000 newborns in Pennsylvania underwent
16 newborn screening in 2023; and

17 WHEREAS, One in 300 newborns in the United States are

1 identified with a genetic disorder through screening that,
2 without intervention, may permanently impact newborns and their
3 families; and

4 WHEREAS, Newborn screening enables early detection and
5 treatment, promoting better health outcomes for children; and

6 WHEREAS, Newborn screening was named in the Centers for
7 Disease Control and Prevention's list of Ten Great Public Health
8 Achievements in the first 10 years of the 21st Century; and

9 WHEREAS, Newborn screening began in 1963 in the United States
10 with testing for phenylketonuria (PKU); and

11 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania began newborn screening with the act of
12 September 9, 1965 (P.L.497, No.251), known as the Newborn Child
13 Testing Act, which today mandates screening and follow-up
14 services for certain diseases listed in statute, along with
15 those added by the Newborn Screening and Follow-up Technical
16 Advisory Board and listed in the Recommended Uniform Screening
17 Panel by the United States Department of Health and Human
18 Services; and

19 WHEREAS, Infants in Pennsylvania are tested for metabolic,
20 endocrine and hemoglobin disorders, congenital heart disease and
21 hearing loss; and

22 WHEREAS, Newborn screening is generally comprised of a blood
23 spot screening test to detect certain rare health conditions, a
24 pulse oximetry screening test to identify heart defects and a
25 hearing test to measure hearing abilities; and

26 WHEREAS, Currently this Commonwealth's newborn screening
27 panel test includes 64 conditions; and

28 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's Newborn Screening and Follow-Up
29 Program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of
30 Health; and

1 WHEREAS, The Save Babies Through Screening Foundation and
2 partner groups started "Newborn Screening Awareness Month" in
3 2000 to recognize each September to promote awareness of newborn
4 screening and detectable diseases among new and expecting
5 parents, health care practitioners and the public; therefore be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
8 month of September 2026 as "Newborn Screening Awareness Month"
9 in Pennsylvania; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Commonwealth recognize the importance of
11 raising awareness of newborn screening and encouraging current
12 and future parents to educate themselves and take the necessary
13 steps to ensure the health of their children.

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS**

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A. Brief Concept

Recognizes the week of September 12 through 18, 2026, as "Neonatal Nurses Week."

C. Analysis of the Bill

Neonatal nurses provide care to infants with a wide range of health care conditions, including feeding, breathing and heart problems and birth defects. The work environment of neonatal nurses is often high stress and requires them to be trained to use devices including ventilators and infusion pumps specifically for infants. Neonatal nurses improve survival rates and neurological outcomes for infants as well as providing assistance to families in learning to care for their infants.

Effective Date:

N/A.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

N/A.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

N/A.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 578 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY CURRY, WAXMAN, MAYES, VENKAT, GUZMAN, McNEILL,
CONKLIN, SANCHEZ, HOHENSTEIN, SHUSTERMAN, D. WILLIAMS,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 22, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of September 12 through 18, 2026, as
2 "Neonatal Nurses Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses serve an especially vulnerable
4 population, newborn infants; and

5 WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses may need to provide care to infants
6 with a wide range of health care conditions, including feeding,
7 breathing and heart problems and birth defects; and

8 WHEREAS, Nurses in the neonatal intensive care unit provide
9 around-the-clock specialized care, often to sick or preterm
10 infants; and

11 WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses, including nurses in the neonatal
12 intensive care unit, are trained to work in a variety of high-
13 stress and sometimes high-acuity environments; and

14 WHEREAS, The environment of their work and their role in
15 providing care to infants with complex needs requires neonatal
16 nurses to be trained to use devices such as ventilators and
17 infusion pumps specifically for infants; and

1 WHEREAS, For infants under their care, neonatal nurses
2 conduct assessments, monitor vitals, provide feeding support and
3 administer medications when necessary; and

4 WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses work with providers in other
5 disciplines to coordinate infant care, advocate for their
6 patients and assist families in learning to care for their
7 infants upon discharge; and

8 WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses, and nurses working in the neonatal
9 intensive care unit, help families bond with their children
10 during a stressful and emotional time; and

11 WHEREAS, Their work as neonatal nurses improves survival
12 rates and neurological outcomes for infants; and

13 WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses perform lifesaving and life-changing
14 work every day to help ensure that infants can grow up to live
15 happy and healthy lives; and

16 WHEREAS, Neonatal nurses demonstrate outstanding skill and
17 professionalism while providing complex care to infants; and

18 WHEREAS, "Neonatal Nurses Week" is celebrated annually to
19 highlight the work and dedication of the nurses who provide care
20 to healthy infants and infants in the neonatal intensive care
21 unit; and

22 WHEREAS, "Neonatal Nurses Week" is an opportunity for the
23 House of Representatives to recognize and uplift the
24 contributions of neonatal nurses across this Commonwealth;
25 therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
27 week of September 12 through 18, 2026, as "Neonatal Nurses Week"
28 in Pennsylvania.