



House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 29th, 2025

10:00am – 11:00am

205 Ryan Office Building

Call to Order

Roll Call

HR 66 ; PN 544 (Pielli) – A Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report on wild native terrestrial invertebrate management.

Amendment A02024 (Pielli) – Updates study requirements.

HR 352 ; PN 2490 (Ciresi) – A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on litter law enforcement and provide recommendations.

HB 1116 ; PN 1328 (Pugh) – An Act providing for duty of Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study on PFAS chemicals in biosolids.

Any other business before the committee

Adjournment



Environmental & Natural Resource Protection *Committee*

State Representative Greg Vitali
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 12/10/2025

TO: House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee Members

FROM: Representative Greg Vitali, Majority Chairman
House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee

RE: Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee Voting Meeting –
Wednesday, December 17th, 2025

Dear House Environmental Committee Members and Staff,

The House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee will hold a voting meeting on **Wednesday, December 17th, 2025, at 10:00am in 205 Ryan Office Building.**

The purpose of this voting meeting will be to consider the following legislation and any other business that may come before the committee.

- **[HB 1116 ; PN 1328 \(Pugh\)](#)** – Requires the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a study on PFAS chemicals in biosolids.
- **[HR 66 ; PN 544 \(Pielli\)](#)** - Directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and issue a report on wild native terrestrial invertebrate management.
- **[HR 352 ; PN 2490 \(Ciresi\)](#)** – Directs the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on litter law enforcement and provide recommendations.

Please contact Hayley Shupe at 717-787-7647 or hshupe@pahouse.net with any questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please submit an Official Vote by Designation Form prior to the start of the meeting.

Thank you,

GV/hs

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1116 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY PUGH, PICKETT, MIHALEK, FLICK, RYNCAVAGE, RADER,
WATRO, RIVERA, STEHR AND WALSH, APRIL 3, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE
PROTECTION, APRIL 3, 2025

AN ACT

1 Providing for duty of Department of Environmental Protection to
2 conduct a study on PFAS chemicals in biosolids.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Study of PFAS
7 Chemicals in Biosolids Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Biosolid." As follows:

13 (1) Liquid or solid sludge or other residue from a
14 municipal sewage collection and treatment system or from
15 septic and holding tank pumpings from a commercial,
16 institutional or residential establishment. The term includes
17 a material derived from sewage sludge.

(2) The term does not include any of the following:

(i) Ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator.

(ii) Grit and screenings generated during the preliminary treatment of sewage sludge at a municipal sewage collection and treatment system.

(iii) Grit, screenings and nonorganic objects from septic and holding tank pumpings.

"Department." The Department of Environmental Protection of the Commonwealth.

"PFAS chemical." A fluorinated organic chemical that contains any member of the class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. The term includes any of the following:

(1) Perfluorooctanoic acid.

(2) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid.

(3) Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid.

(4) Perfluorononanoic acid.

(5) Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid.

(6) Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid.

Section 3. Duty of department to conduct study on PFAS chemicals in biosolids.

(a) Study.--The department shall conduct a study on PFAS chemicals in biosolids that are authorized by the department for use in this Commonwealth. The department shall include all of the following in the study:

(1) A testing of the concentrations of PFAS chemicals in biosolids used for land application on farmland.

(2) A testing and comparison of the concentrations of

1 PFAS chemicals in the soil and water on and near farmland
2 where biosolids are land applied and the concentrations of
3 PFAS chemicals in the soil and water on and near farmland
4 where no biosolids are land applied.

5 (3) An analysis of the source of the biosolids used for
6 land application on the farmland specified under paragraphs
7 (1) and (2).

8 (4) An analysis of the potential pathways for
9 contamination of the food supply for humans with PFAS
10 chemicals resulting from the land application of biosolids,
11 which shall include an examination of all of the following:

12 (i) The uptake for PFAS chemicals on crops grown on
13 fields where biosolids are land applied and grown for
14 human or animal consumption.

15 (ii) An examination of PFAS chemicals in the blood
16 of livestock and poultry fed with crops grown on farmland
17 on which biosolids are land applied.

18 (iii) An examination of PFAS chemicals in the milk
19 produced by livestock fed with crops grown on farmland on
20 which biosolids are land applied.

21 (5) An examination and cost analysis of different
22 testing methods for concentrations of PFAS chemicals in
23 biosolids.

24 (6) An examination and cost analysis of different
25 treatment methods for reducing the concentrations of PFAS
26 chemicals in biosolids.

27 (7) An examination of the laws and regulations of other
28 states regarding requirements for testing or treatment for
29 PFAS chemicals in land-applied biosolids.

30 (b) Coordination.--The department shall coordinate with the

1 Department of Agriculture, the State Conservation Commission and
2 institutions of higher education as necessary to complete the
3 study under subsection (a).

4 Section 4. Report on study.

5 No later than 180 days after the effective date of this
6 section, the department shall:

7 (1) Present a report detailing the results of the study
8 under section 3(a) to:

9 (i) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
10 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate.

11 (ii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
12 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the House of
13 Representatives.

14 (iii) The chairperson and minority chairperson of
15 the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee of the
16 Senate.

17 (iv) The chairperson and minority chairperson of the
18 Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee
19 of the House of Representatives.

20 (2) Make the report available on the department's
21 publicly accessible Internet website.

22 Section 5. Effective date.

23 This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1116 PN1238	Prepared By:	Andrew McMenamin (717) 783-4043,6941
Committee:	Environmental & Natural Resource Protection	Executive Director:	Evan Franzese
Sponsor:	Pugh, Brenda		
Date:	4/24/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Requires DEP to conduct a study on PFAS chemicals in biosolids.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HB 1116 establishes the Study of PFAS Chemicals in Biosolids Act by requiring DEP to conduct a study on PFAS chemicals in biosolids. DEP shall coordinate with the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA), the State Conservation Commission (SCC), and higher education institutes to complete the study.

Study Requirements

The study shall include the following:

- A testing of the concentrations of PFAS chemicals in biosolids used for land application on farmland.
- A testing and comparison of the concentrations of PFAS chemicals in the soil and water on farmland where biosolids are applied and on farmland where biosolids are not applied.
- An analysis of the source of the biosolids used for land application on the farmland.
- An analysis of the potential pathways for contamination of food supplies with PFAS chemicals.
- An examination and cost analysis of different testing methods for concentrations of PFAS chemicals in biosolids.
- An examination and cost analysis of different treatment methods for reducing the concentrations of PFAS chemicals in biosolids.
- An examination of the laws and regulations of other states regarding testing or treatment for PFAS chemicals in biosolids.

Reporting Requirements

Within 180 days, DEP shall publicize the report on the DEP website and shall present the report to the following:

- The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.
- The chairperson and minority chairperson of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee.
- The chairperson and minority chairperson of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee.
- The chairperson and minority chairperson of the House Environmental and Natural Resource Protection Committee.

Effective Date:

60 days

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. 66 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY PIELLI, SANCHEZ, VITALI, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS,
HOHENSTEIN, OTTEN, ISAACSON, D. WILLIAMS, MADDEN, HOWARD,
PROBST AND STEELE, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE
PROTECTION, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, in
2 consultation with taxonomists, biologists and other
3 interested persons, to conduct a study and issue a report on
4 wild native terrestrial invertebrate management.

5 WHEREAS, Invertebrates such as butterflies, worms, bees and
6 beetles are integral to our environment and play vital roles in
7 maintaining healthy ecosystems, but they are often imperiled by
8 human activity; and

9 WHEREAS, Section 27 of Article I of the Constitution of
10 Pennsylvania, the Environmental Rights Amendment, provides that
11 "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the
12 preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic
13 values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural
14 resources are the common property of all the people, including
15 generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the
16 Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of
17 all the people"; and

18 WHEREAS, The Conservation and Natural Resources Act of 1995

1 assigns the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
2 (DCNR) the power and duty "To undertake, conduct and maintain
3 the organization of a thorough and extended survey of this
4 Commonwealth for the purpose of inventory, survey and
5 elucidation of the ecological resources of this Commonwealth, to
6 gather and digest information from sources within and outside
7 this Commonwealth and to put the results of the survey into a
8 form convenient for reference. The ecological survey should
9 identify the significant natural features of this Commonwealth
10 and the species which comprise these features"; and

11 WHEREAS, Understanding the status of insect conservation in
12 this Commonwealth requires consideration of all relevant data,
13 including from Federal and State agencies and surrounding
14 states, nonprofit organizations and universities; and

15 WHEREAS, DCNR provides coordination for terrestrial
16 invertebrates through the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity
17 Inventory process; and

18 WHEREAS, DCNR has adopted and is implementing the Bureau of
19 Forestry Native Pollinator Conservation Plan; and

20 WHEREAS, DCNR is responsible for maintaining lists of
21 threatened and endangered species of wild native plants; and

22 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) is
23 responsible for maintaining lists of threatened and endangered
24 species of wild mammals and wild birds; and

25 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is
26 responsible for maintaining lists of threatened and endangered
27 species of fish, reptiles, amphibians and aquatic
28 macroinvertebrates such as mayflies and stoneflies; and

29 WHEREAS, PGC and PFBC publish a collaborative Pennsylvania
30 State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) every 10 years as a proactive

conservation effort to prevent Species of Greatest Conservation
Need from requiring protection under the Federal Endangered
Species Act; and

WHEREAS, The 2015-2025 SWAP identifies 238 species of
terrestrial invertebrates as Species of Greatest Conservation
Need, including bees, butterflies, moths and spiders, as well as
the conservation status, threats, research and monitoring needs
and priority conservation actions for these species; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has adopted and is
implementing a Pollinator Habitat Plan; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Agriculture addresses managed
agricultural pollinators and is a stakeholder regarding native
terrestrial invertebrate conservation in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Environmental Protection addresses
arthropod disease vectors as part of their Vector Management
program; and

WHEREAS, There are multiple sources of terrestrial
invertebrate data, including sampling and monitoring efforts for
invasive species, academic research programs, Pennsylvania
Natural Heritage Program projects, museum records and community
science projects; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Agriculture manages invasive
insect species to include the monitoring and sampling efforts;
and

WHEREAS, There are standardized methods for ranking species
regarding their conservation status; and

WHEREAS, Collaboration between State agencies can enhance the
conservation efforts of the agency responsible for native
terrestrial invertebrates; and

WHEREAS, Agency budget requests to address resource adequacy

1 are addressed in Manual 110.01 (Budget Instructions); and

2 WHEREAS, Federal Government programs are available to assist
3 state agencies with threatened and endangered species
4 conservation; and

5 WHEREAS, Populations and habitats of terrestrial
6 invertebrates, even those that have been identified as Species
7 of Greatest Conservation Need, have not been monitored over long
8 periods or across a large scale in this Commonwealth; therefore
9 be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
11 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, in consultation with
12 taxonomists, biologists and other interested persons, to conduct
13 a study and issue a report on wild native terrestrial
14 invertebrate management; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
16 study include, at a minimum, all of the following:

17 (1) The evaluation of the Conservation and Natural
18 Resources Act of 1995 and other existing Commonwealth laws to
19 clarify existing agency responsibilities regarding wild
20 native terrestrial invertebrates.

21 (2) The assessment and review of other states' natural
22 heritage programs regarding wild native terrestrial
23 invertebrates, classification processes, levels of
24 protection, permitting procedures and other regulatory
25 processes.

26 (3) The evaluation of the importance and value of
27 regulating these species related to biodiversity, human
28 health, agriculture, medicinal research and development and
29 economic impact.

30 (4) The assessment of staffing, resources and funding

1 recommended for jurisdictional authority of wild native
2 terrestrial invertebrates based on other states' natural
3 heritage programs in the northeastern United States;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
6 report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
7 no later than 180 days after the adoption of this resolution.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0066 PN0544	Prepared By:	Andrew McMenamin (717) 783-4043,6941
Committee:	Environmental & Natural Resource Protection	Executive Director:	Evan Franzese
Sponsor:	Pielli, Christopher		
Date:	2/11/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to conduct a study and issue a report on wild native terrestrial invertebrate management.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HR 66 directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to conduct a study and issue a report on wild native terrestrial invertebrate management.

The study shall be conducted in consultation with taxonomists and biologists, and shall include the following:

- The evaluation of Act 18 of 1995 (Conservation and Natural Resources Act) and other Commonwealth laws to clarify existing agency responsibilities regarding wild native terrestrial invertebrates.
- The assessment and review of other states' natural heritage programs regarding wild native terrestrial invertebrates.
- The evaluation of the importance of regulating these species related to biodiversity, human health, agriculture, medicinal research and development, and economic impact.
- The assessment of staffing, resources, and funding recommended for jurisdictional authority.

LBFC shall present the study to the General Assembly within 180 days.

Effective Date:

Immediately

G. Relevant Existing Laws

State Level

Native insects are not covered by existing statutes related to endangered species at the state level. Currently, DCNR has the ability to classify native plants as threatened or endangered, and the Game Commission and Fish & Boat Commission have the ability to classify native fish, birds, and mammals:

- The Wild Resources Conservation Act (Act 170 of 1982) provides for the management of wild plants, which is regulated under Chapter 45 (Conservation of Pennsylvania Native Wild Plants), Title 17 (Conservation & Natural Resources), of the PA Code. Wild plant is defined to mean "any and all naturally occurring native flora, except those commonly considered an agricultural commodity, including green and nongreen species or subspecies or any part, product, seed or offspring thereof."
- Section 2305 (Threatened and Endangered Species), Title 30 (Fish), gives the PA Fish and Boat Commission the authority to list fish species as threatened or endangered.

- Section 2167 (Endangered or Threatened Species), Title 34 (Game), gives the PA Game Commission to list wild bird and wild animal (defined as mammals) species as threatened or endangered. Title 34 defines wild animal to mean "all mammals other than domestic animals as defined in 1 Pa.C.S. § 1991 (relating to definitions). The term shall not include a species or variation of swine, pig or boar, held in captivity."

Federal Level

At the federal level, endangered species are provided for under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

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

HR 66 was previously introduced as HR 565 during the 2023-2024 Legislative Session.

HR 565 was referred to the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee on October 21, 2024, but received no further consideration.

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 66

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 544

1 Amend Resolution, page 1, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

2 WHEREAS, Native invertebrates also play a critical role in
3 agriculture, pollinating crops, controlling pests and regulating
4 soil health, and insect pollination contributes more than \$250
5 million in economic value to agricultural producers in this
6 Commonwealth; and

7 Amend Resolution, page 4, lines 26 through 30, by striking
8 out all of lines 26 through 29 and "(4)" in line 30 and
9 inserting

10 (3)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 66 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY PIELLI, SANCHEZ, VITALI, GIRAL, HILL-EVANS,
HOHENSTEIN, OTTEN, ISAACSON, D. WILLIAMS, MADDEN, HOWARD,
PROBST AND STEELE, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE
PROTECTION, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

A RESOLUTION

Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, in
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interested persons, to conduct a study and issue a report on
wild native terrestrial invertebrate management.

WHEREAS, Invertebrates such as butterflies, worms, bees and
beetles are integral to our environment and play vital roles in
maintaining healthy ecosystems, but they are often imperiled by
human activity; and

WHEREAS, Native invertebrates also play a critical role in
agriculture, pollinating crops, controlling pests and regulating
soil health, and insect pollination contributes more than \$250
million in economic value to agricultural producers in this
Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, Section 27 of Article I of the Constitution of
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"The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the
preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic
values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural

A02024 Amendment in Context

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2 generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the
3 Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of
4 all the people"; and

5 WHEREAS, The Conservation and Natural Resources Act of 1995
6 assigns the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
7 (DCNR) the power and duty "To undertake, conduct and maintain
8 the organization of a thorough and extended survey of this
9 Commonwealth for the purpose of inventory, survey and
10 elucidation of the ecological resources of this Commonwealth, to
11 gather and digest information from sources within and outside
12 this Commonwealth and to put the results of the survey into a
13 form convenient for reference. The ecological survey should
14 identify the significant natural features of this Commonwealth
15 and the species which comprise these features"; and

16 WHEREAS, Understanding the status of insect conservation in
17 this Commonwealth requires consideration of all relevant data,
18 including from Federal and State agencies and surrounding
19 states, nonprofit organizations and universities; and

20 WHEREAS, DCNR provides coordination for terrestrial
21 invertebrates through the Pennsylvania Natural Diversity
22 Inventory process; and

23 WHEREAS, DCNR has adopted and is implementing the Bureau of
24 Forestry Native Pollinator Conservation Plan; and

25 WHEREAS, DCNR is responsible for maintaining lists of
26 threatened and endangered species of wild native plants; and

27 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) is
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2 species of fish, reptiles, amphibians and aquatic
3 macroinvertebrates such as mayflies and stoneflies; and

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5 State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) every 10 years as a proactive
6 conservation effort to prevent Species of Greatest Conservation
7 Need from requiring protection under the Federal Endangered
8 Species Act; and

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17 agricultural pollinators and is a stakeholder regarding native
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20 arthropod disease vectors as part of their Vector Management
21 program; and

22 WHEREAS, There are multiple sources of terrestrial
23 invertebrate data, including sampling and monitoring efforts for
24 invasive species, academic research programs, Pennsylvania
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26 science projects; and

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28 insect species to include the monitoring and sampling efforts;
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A02024 Amendment in Context

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3 conservation efforts of the agency responsible for native
4 terrestrial invertebrates; and

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6 are addressed in Manual 110.01 (Budget Instructions); and

7 WHEREAS, Federal Government programs are available to assist
8 state agencies with threatened and endangered species
9 conservation; and

10 WHEREAS, Populations and habitats of terrestrial
11 invertebrates, even those that have been identified as Species
12 of Greatest Conservation Need, have not been monitored over long
13 periods or across a large scale in this Commonwealth; therefore
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
16 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee, in consultation with
17 taxonomists, biologists and other interested persons, to conduct
18 a study and issue a report on wild native terrestrial
19 invertebrate management; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
21 study include, at a minimum, all of the following:

22 (1) The evaluation of the Conservation and Natural
23 Resources Act of 1995 and other existing Commonwealth laws to
24 clarify existing agency responsibilities regarding wild
25 native terrestrial invertebrates.

26 (2) The assessment and review of other states' natural
27 heritage programs regarding wild native terrestrial
28 invertebrates, classification processes, levels of
29 protection, permitting procedures and other regulatory
30 processes.

A02024 Amendment in Context

~~(3) The evaluation of the importance and value of regulating these species related to biodiversity, human health, agriculture, medicinal research and development and economic impact.~~

~~(4)~~ (3) The assessment of staffing, resources and funding recommended for jurisdictional authority of wild native terrestrial invertebrates based on other states' natural heritage programs in the northeastern United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly no later than 180 days after the adoption of this resolution.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 352 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY CIRESI, CONKLIN, HILL-EVANS, WAXMAN, HOWARD,
GUZMAN, FREEMAN, M. MACKENZIE, VENKAT, HOHENSTEIN, McANDREW,
SANCHEZ AND GREEN, OCTOBER 21, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE
PROTECTION, OCTOBER 21, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 study on litter law enforcement and provide recommendations.

3 WHEREAS, Litter has a range of harmful effects, harming
4 wildlife and the environment, threatening public health and
5 reducing quality of life and community appearance; and

6 WHEREAS, Litter cleanup, prevention and mitigation is
7 expensive for the Commonwealth, costing State agencies and local
8 governments tens of millions of dollars each year; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Litter Research Study concluded
10 that there were more than half a billion pieces of litter on
11 Pennsylvania roadways; and

12 WHEREAS, That study conducted a public attitudes survey that
13 found that more than 90% of Pennsylvanians reported that litter
14 is a problem, however most also find it unlikely for someone to
15 be caught or fined because of littering; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Litter Research Study recommended
17 evaluating the effectiveness of ordinances, laws and statutes as

1 they relate to reducing litter, as well as why current litter
2 regulations are not being enforced; and

3 WHEREAS, The subsequent Pennsylvania Litter Action Plan
4 called on the General Assembly to review and update
5 Pennsylvania's litter laws to ensure prevention and enforcement;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
8 State Government Commission to conduct a study of the
9 effectiveness and enforcement of litter laws and regulations and
10 provide recommendations; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission's study
12 on litter law enforcement, at a minimum, include the following:

13 (1) A review and analysis of the effectiveness of the
14 current ordinances, laws and statutes that relate to reducing
15 litter in Pennsylvania.

16 (2) A review and analysis of the challenges that exist
17 in enforcing existing litter-related laws and regulations.

18 (3) A review of community service requirements imposed
19 as penalties for littering and related offenses and the
20 extent to which litter cleanup is being required and
21 performed as part of community service sentencing.

22 (4) A review of litter-related policies, strategies,
23 laws and regulations in other states in the nation, including
24 the enforcement, penalties and relevant funding mechanisms.

25 (5) Policy and legislative recommendations that would
26 improve the enforcement of litter-related laws and
27 regulations.

28 (6) Recommendations for improvements in the coordination
29 and availability of community service programs engaged in
30 litter cleanup.

1 (7) Recommendations for funding sources that could be
2 used to support programs for litter education, mitigation,
3 prevention and cleanup.

4 (8) Any other matter deemed appropriate by the Joint
5 State Government Commission;

6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission be
8 authorized to consult with other states and organizations that
9 have knowledge of relevant issues; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission consult
11 with:

12 (1) relevant State agencies;

13 (2) nonprofit organizations involved in litter
14 education, prevention and cleanup;

15 (3) local governments; and

16 (4) individuals involved in the enforcement of litter-
17 related laws, including law enforcement officers, prosecutors
18 and judges when conducting their study;

19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission present
21 its report to the House of Representatives no later than 12
22 months after the adoption of this resolution.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HR0352 PN2490	Prepared By:	Andrew McMenamin (717) 783-4043,6941
Committee:	Environmental & Natural Resource Protection	Executive Director:	Evan Franzese
Sponsor:	Ciresi, Joseph		
Date:	10/22/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Directs the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a study on the effectiveness and enforcement of litter laws.

C. Analysis of the Bill

HR 352 directs the Joint State Government Commission (JSGC) to conduct a study on the effectiveness and enforcement of litter laws and regulations, and provide recommendations. JSGC shall present its report to the House of Representatives within 12 months.

The study shall include:

- A review and analysis of the effectiveness of the current ordinances, laws and statutes.
- A review and analysis of existing enforcement challenges.
- A review of community service requirements imposed as penalties for littering and related offenses.
- A review of litter-related policies, strategies, laws and regulations in other states in the U.S.
- Policy and legislative recommendations that would improve the enforcement.
- Recommendations for improvements of community service programs.
- Recommendations for funding sources.

JSGC shall consult with the following:

- other states
- relevant State agencies,
- nonprofit organizations involved in litter education, prevention and cleanup,
- local governments, and
- individuals involved in the enforcement of litter-related laws.

Effective Date:

Immediately

G. Relevant Existing Laws

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

N/A

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