

House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee

Meeting Agenda
April 28, 2026
10:00 AM
523 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll Call

HB 306 PN 0259 (Cepeda-Freytiz) - UC Inspection Record Transparency – eliminates Statutory obstacles to better enable federal or state agencies, including the NTSB, to properly investigate any incident involving a Pennsylvania public utility company.

Amendment A-02504 This amendment replaces the language in the underlying bill with language that permits the PUC to release information to federal authorities during a mass casualty investigation.

HB 2145 PN 2770 (Scott) - Banning PFAS in certain consumer products - prohibit the use of PFAS in cosmetics, dental floss, juvenile products, and menstrual products.

SB 992 PN 1286 (Brooks) - Prohibiting Telemarketers from spoofing phone numbers and prohibits telemarketers from making “robocalls” after 8pm in the recipient's time zone.

Amendment A-02964 Additionally, this amendment clarifies specific terms to be used by recipients of telemarketing text messages to stop receiving those messages.

HR 152 – (Kephart) - April 18 is designated as Utility Line worker Day in Pa.

Amendment A02876 (Metzgar) To HR152 PN 1182 – changes the date in the resolution to 2026.

HR 361 – (Matzie) - Calls for the Joint State Government Commission to do a study of the costs and benefits of staying in PJM.

Any Other Business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 306 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, McANDREW, CIRESI,
HOHENSTEIN, KHAN, DONAHUE, FREEMAN, HILL-EVANS, OTTEN,
KENYATTA, BURGOS, GREEN, PIELLI, KAZEEM AND STEELE,
JANUARY 23, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, JANUARY 23, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1435, No.156),
2 entitled "An act relating to confidential security
3 information of public utilities; and imposing penalties,"
4 further providing for procedures for submitting, challenging
5 and protecting confidential security information.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of November 29, 2006
9 (P.L.1435, No.156), known as the Public Utility Confidential
10 Security Information Disclosure Protection Act, is amended by
11 adding a subsection to read:

12 Section 3. Procedures for submitting, challenging and
13 protecting confidential security information.

14 * * *

15 (f) Exception for governmental agency.--

16 (1) A public utility shall make available a public
17 utility record or emergency response under 66 Pa.C.S. § 1512
18 (relating to emergency response plans), regardless of whether

1 the record or emergency response contains confidential
2 security information if:

3 (i) requested by a Federal or State agency or
4 governmental body, including the National Transportation
5 Safety Board; and

6 (ii) there are reasonable grounds to believe that a
7 public utility facility may cause or has resulted in a
8 safety risk, including harm to any person or mass
9 destruction.

10 (2) A Federal or State agency or governmental body,
11 including the National Transportation Safety Board, acquiring
12 a public utility record or emergency response is not subject
13 to subsection (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e). Release or
14 disclosure of all or a portion of the utility record or
15 emergency response does not:

16 (i) constitute prohibited disclosure under section
17 5(a); and

18 (ii) cause the public utility record or emergency
19 response to become a public record subject to inspection
20 and duplication under the act of February 14, 2008
21 (P.L.6, No.3), known as the Right-to-Know Law.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 306

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 259

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 18; page 2, lines 1
2 through 22; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
3 inserting

4 Amending the act of November 29, 2006 (P.L.1435, No.156),
5 entitled "An act relating to confidential security
6 information of public utilities; and imposing penalties,"
7 further providing for definitions, for prohibition and for
8 penalties.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby
10 enacts as follows:

11 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of November 29, 2006
12 (P.L.1435, No.156), known as the Public Utility Confidential
13 Security Information Disclosure Protection Act, is amended by
14 adding a definition to read:

15 Section 2. Definitions.

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

19 * * *

20 "Federal agency." The National Transportation and Safety
21 Board, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Pipeline and
22 Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of the United States
23 Department of Transportation and any other department, agency or
24 instrumentality of the Federal Government.

25 * * *

26 Section 2. Sections 5 and 6 of the act are amended to read:

27 Section 5. Prohibition.

28 (a) General rule.--An agency [shall] may not release,
29 publish or otherwise disclose a public utility record or portion
30 thereof which contains confidential security information, unless
31 required to do so by a subpoena issued against the agency by a
32 court of this Commonwealth having competent jurisdiction over a
33 civil or criminal matter and in accordance with the provisions
34 of this act.

35 (b) Exception for construction, renovation or remodeling
36 work on any public building or project.--

37 (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), an agency may, after

1 notification and consultation with the public utility,
2 disclose a public utility record or portion thereof which
3 contains confidential security information, in accordance
4 with the provisions of this act, that is necessary for
5 construction, renovation or remodeling work on any public
6 building or project.

7 (2) Release or disclosure of such records or portions
8 thereof [for these purposes] under paragraph (1) does not
9 constitute prohibited disclosure under subsection (a) and
10 does not result in such records or portions thereof becoming
11 public records subject to [the provisions of the act of June
12 21, 1957 (P.L.390, No.212), referred to] inspection and
13 duplication under the act of February 14, 2008 (P.L.6, No.3),
14 known as the Right-to-Know Law.

15 (c) Exception for requests by a Federal agency.--

16 (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), an agency may
17 release and disclose a public utility record or portion
18 thereof which contains confidential security information to a
19 Federal agency, upon its request, if:

20 (i) the Federal agency has subject matter
21 jurisdiction to investigate an incident causing mass
22 destruction;

23 (ii) the Federal agency has reasonable grounds to
24 believe during its investigation that a public utility
25 facility may cause or has resulted in a safety risk,
26 including harm to any person or mass destruction; and

27 (iii) releasing the confidential security
28 information would assist the Federal agency in its
29 investigation.

30 (2) Release or disclosure of all or a portion of the
31 public utility record to the Federal agency under paragraph
32 (1) does not violate section 6 or cause the public utility
33 record to become a public record subject to inspection and
34 duplication under the Right-to-Know Law.

35 Section 6. Penalties.

36 A public official or public employee [who acquires a public
37 utility record or portions thereof which contain confidential
38 security information or any reproduction of a public utility
39 record or portion thereof which contains confidential security
40 information and who knowingly or recklessly releases, publishes
41 or otherwise discloses a public utility record or portion
42 thereof which contains confidential security information or any
43 reproduction of a public utility record or portion thereof which
44 contains confidential security information] of an agency who
45 violates section 5(a) commits a misdemeanor of the second degree
46 subject to prosecution by the Attorney General and shall, upon
47 conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$5,000
48 plus costs of prosecution or to a term of imprisonment not to
49 exceed one year, or both, and shall be removed from office or
50 agency employment.

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2145 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY SCOTT, MIHALEK, KHAN, MUNROE, SANCHEZ, STEELE,
BRENNAN, McNEILL, PIELLI, RABB, PROBST, HILL-EVANS, WAXMAN,
DONAHUE, HANBIDGE, HOHENSTEIN, MERSKI, GUENST, SHUSTERMAN,
RIVERA, D. WILLIAMS, BELLMON, O'MARA, VITALI, CURRY, BOYD,
CIRESI, SALISBURY, DOUGHERTY, BOROWSKI, GREEN AND MALAGARI,
JANUARY 15, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, JANUARY 15, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 12 (Commerce and Trade) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for consumer protection and
3 prohibiting the use of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl
4 substances in certain products; imposing powers and duties on
5 the Department of Environmental Protection; and imposing
6 penalties.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Title 12 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
10 Statutes is amended by adding a part to read:

11 PART VI

12 CONSUMER PROTECTION

13 Chapter

14 71. PFAS Chemicals

15 CHAPTER 71

16 PFAS CHEMICALS

17 Subchapter

1 A. General Provisions

2 B. Administration and Enforcement

3 SUBCHAPTER A

4 GENERAL PROVISIONS

5 Sec.

6 7101. Scope of chapter.

7 7102. Definitions.

8 § 7101. Scope of chapter.

9 This chapter relates to the prohibition of PFAS chemicals in
10 certain products.

11 § 7102. Definitions.

12 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
13 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
14 context clearly indicates otherwise:

15 "Adult mattress." A mattress other than a crib mattress or
16 toddler mattress.

17 "Cosmetic." As defined in section 2 of the act of April 14,
18 1972 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
19 Device and Cosmetic Act.

20 "Covered product." Any of the following:

21 (1) A cosmetic.

22 (2) Dental floss.

23 (3) A juvenile product.

24 (4) A menstrual product.

25 "Dental floss." A waxed or unwaxed thread used to remove
26 food particles and plaque from between the teeth and under the
27 gums.

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

30 "Intentionally added PFAS chemical." Any of the following:

1 (1) A PFAS chemical that is added to a product, or a
2 component of a product, and has a functional or technical
3 effect on the product. The term includes the components of a
4 PFAS chemical and a PFAS chemical that is the intentional
5 product of an added chemical.

6 (2) A PFAS chemical that is used or produced during the
7 manufacture or processing of a product and introduced into or
8 onto the product. The term includes any source of a PFAS
9 chemical that is reasonably known to be present, including
10 the use of a processing agent, a mold release agent or
11 fluorination.

12 "Juvenile product." As follows:

13 (1) A product that is designed for use by an infant or
14 child under 12 years of age.

15 (2) The term includes a baby or toddler foam pillow,
16 bassinet, bedside sleeper, booster seat, changing pad, child
17 restraint system for use in motor vehicles or aircraft, co-
18 sleeper, crib mattress, floor playmat, highchair, highchair
19 pad, infant bouncer, infant carrier, infant seat, infant
20 sleep positioner, infant swing, infant travel bed, infant
21 walker, nap cot, nursing pad, nursing pillow, playmat,
22 playpen, play yard, polyurethane foam mat, pad or pillow,
23 portable foam nap mat, portable infant sleeper, portable
24 hook-on chair, soft-sided portable crib, stroller or toddler
25 mattress.

26 (3) The term does not include:

27 (i) An electronic product, including a personal
28 computer, audio and video equipment, calculator, wireless
29 phone, game console, handheld device incorporating a
30 video screen or any associated peripheral such as a

1 mouse, keyboard, power supply unit or power cord.

2 (ii) An all-terrain vehicle or ATV as defined in 75
3 Pa.C.S. § 7702 (relating to definitions).

4 (iii) A dirt bike as defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 3722
5 (relating to off-road vehicles in urban municipalities).

6 (iv) A pedalcycle with electric assist as defined in
7 75 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions).

8 (v) A snowmobile as defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 7702.

9 (vi) A medical device.

10 (vii) An adult mattress.

11 "Manufacturer." As follows:

12 (1) A person that manufactures a product or whose brand
13 name is affixed to a product.

14 (2) In the case of a product imported into the United
15 States, the term includes the importer or first domestic
16 distributor of the product if the person that manufactured or
17 assembled the product or whose brand name is affixed to the
18 product does not have a presence in the United States.

19 "Medical device." As the term "device" is defined in 21
20 U.S.C. § 321(h) (relating to definitions; generally).

21 "Menstrual product." As follows:

22 (1) A product that is used to collect menstruation and
23 vaginal discharge.

24 (2) The term includes a tampon, pad, sponge,
25 menstruation underwear, disk or menstrual cup, whether
26 disposable or reusable.

27 "PFAS chemical." A substance that contains a member of the
28 class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one
29 fully fluorinated carbon atom, including perfluoroalkyl and
30 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

1 "Product." As follows:

2 (1) An item that is manufactured, assembled, packaged or
3 otherwise prepared for sale to consumers, including the
4 item's product components, sold or distributed for personal,
5 residential, commercial or industrial use, including for use
6 in making other products.

7 (2) The term does not include:

8 (i) A used product that is offered for sale or
9 resale.

10 (ii) A pharmaceutical that has been approved by the
11 United States Food and Drug Administration under section
12 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
13 U.S.C. § 355).

14 (iii) A medical device that has been approved by the
15 United States Food and Drug Administration under section
16 515 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21
17 U.S.C. § 360e) or cleared under section 510(k) of the
18 Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. §
19 360(k)).

20 (iv) A product for which Federal law governs the
21 presence of PFAS chemicals in the product in a manner
22 that preempts state authority.

23 "Product component." An identifiable component of a product,
24 regardless of whether the manufacturer of the product is the
25 manufacturer of the component.

26 SUBCHAPTER B

27 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

28 Sec.

29 7111. Prohibition of PFAS chemicals for covered products.

30 7112. Enforcement of prohibition.

1 7113. Penalties.

2 7114. Rules and regulations.

3 § 7111. Prohibition of PFAS chemicals for covered products.

4 (a) Covered products generally.--Beginning January 1, 2028,
5 a person may not manufacture, sell or offer for sale in this
6 Commonwealth, a covered product that contains an intentionally
7 added PFAS chemical.

8 (b) Certificate of compliance.--

9 (1) A manufacturer of a covered product shall provide
10 persons who offer the covered product for sale in this
11 Commonwealth with a certificate of compliance stating that
12 the covered product is in compliance with the requirements of
13 this chapter and does not contain an intentionally added PFAS
14 chemical.

15 (2) A certificate of compliance under this subsection:

16 (i) Shall be signed by an authorized official of the
17 manufacturer.

18 (ii) May be provided electronically.

19 (3) A distributor or retailer of a covered product, if
20 not also the manufacturer of the covered product, is not in
21 violation of this chapter if the distributor or retailer
22 relied in good faith on the certificate of compliance
23 provided by the manufacturer under this subsection.

24 (c) Noncompliance notification.--

25 (1) No later than July 1, 2027, the manufacturer of a
26 covered product or product component containing an
27 intentionally added PFAS chemical that is sold, offered for
28 sale, distributed or offered for promotional purposes in or
29 imported into this Commonwealth shall notify each vendor,
30 purveyor or supplier of the covered product or product

1 component containing the intentionally added PFAS chemical
2 and its lack of compliance with law.

3 (2) The manufacturer shall obtain written confirmation
4 from each vendor, purveyor or supplier's owner or member of
5 senior management that the notification was received and
6 acknowledged.

7 (d) Applicability.--This section shall not apply to the sale
8 or resale of a used product.

9 § 7112. Enforcement of prohibition.

10 If the department has reason to believe that a covered
11 product contains an intentionally added PFAS chemical and is
12 being distributed, sold or offered for sale in violation of
13 section 7111(a) (relating to prohibition of PFAS chemicals for
14 covered products), the department may direct the manufacturer of
15 the product to, within 30 days of the discovery:

16 (1) provide the department with a statement attesting
17 that the covered product does not contain an intentionally
18 added PFAS chemical; or

19 (2) notify persons that sell the covered product in this
20 Commonwealth that the sale of the covered product is
21 prohibited in this Commonwealth and provide the department
22 with a list of the names and addresses of the persons
23 notified.

24 § 7113. Penalties.

25 A violation of this chapter constitutes an unfair method of
26 competition and unfair or deceptive act or practice within the
27 meaning of section 2(4) of the act of December 17, 1968
28 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and
29 Consumer Protection Law, and shall be subject to the enforcement
30 provisions, civil penalties and private rights of action

1 contained in that act.

2 § 7114. Rules and regulations.

3 The department shall adopt or promulgate rules or regulations
4 necessary to implement, administer and enforce this chapter.

5 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 992 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, MARTIN, BROWN, TARTAGLIONE, HUTCHINSON, HAYWOOD, COMITTA, BARTOLOTTA, FONTANA, LAUGHLIN, SANTARSIERO, COSTA, KANE, MILLER AND PISCIOTTANO, SEPTEMBER 5, 2025

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, OCTOBER 28, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), entitled
2 "An act providing for registration requirements for
3 telemarketers and for powers and duties of the Office of
4 Attorney General," further providing for definitions, for
5 registration requirement, for unlawful acts and penalties,
6 for blocking of caller identification and other telemarketing
7 screening products or services prohibited, for unwanted
8 telephone solicitation calls prohibited, for violations and
9 for investigation.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The definitions of "consumer goods and services,"
13 "do-not-call list, "list administrator," "robocall,"
14 "telemarketer," "telemarketing," "telemarketing business" and
15 "telephone solicitation call" in section 2 of the act of
16 December 4, 1996 (P.L.911, No.147), known as the Telemarketer
17 Registration Act, are amended and the section is amended by
18 adding definitions to read:

19 Section 2. Definitions.

20 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
21 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

2 * * *

3 "Consumer goods and services." Real or personal property or
4 services used for personal, family or household purposes,
5 including the rental of, or the investment in, property, goods
6 or services.

7 "Do-not-call list." A list of residential, business or
8 wireless telephone subscribers who have notified the list
9 administrator of their desire not to receive telephone
10 [solicitation calls] solicitations.

11 * * *

12 "List administrator." A nonprofit organization, as
13 designated by contract entered into by the Director of the
14 Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of Attorney General,
15 that accepts individual names, addresses and telephone numbers
16 of persons who do not wish to receive telephone [solicitation
17 calls] solicitations and that has been in existence for ten or
18 more years. In the event that the Federal Trade Commission
19 and/or Federal Communications Commission establish a unified
20 national No Call Registry for the purpose of providing consumers
21 with protection from receiving unwanted telephone [solicitation
22 calls] solicitations similar to the protection provided in this
23 act, then the Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in
24 the Office of Attorney General may enter into an agreement to
25 utilize the services of the administrator of any such national
26 No Call Registry in lieu of using any nonprofit organization.

27 * * *

28 "Prior express written consent." A written agreement
29 executed between a called party and a ~~specific and individual~~ <--
30 seller that authorizes the seller to initiate or cause to be

1 initiated a telephone solicitation to the called party,
2 including a robocall or text message. For purposes of this
3 definition, the agreement shall meet all of the following
4 criteria:

5 (1) Identifies the telephone number to which the called
6 party authorizes the calls or messages.

7 (2) Contains a clear and conspicuous disclosure that, by
8 executing the agreement, the called party consents to receive
9 telephone solicitations from the seller, including a robocall
10 or text message.

11 (3) States that the consent is not a condition of
12 purchasing property or consumer goods or services.

13 (4) Is signed ~~and dated~~ by the called party, which may <--
14 include an electronic or digital signature consistent with
15 the requirements under 15 U.S.C. Ch. 96 (relating to
16 electronic signatures in global and national commerce).

17 * * *

18 "Robocall." A telephone solicitation [call made to a large
19 number of people, using a computerized autodialer, to deliver a
20 prerecorded telemarketing message.] that uses an automated
21 dialing system to deliver prerecorded or artificial voice calls
22 or messages.

23 "Telemarketer." Any person or business which, in connection
24 with telemarketing, initiates or receives telephone calls [to or
25 from a consumer] or messages to or from a residential, business
26 or wireless telephone subscriber in this Commonwealth, or when
27 the person or business acting in connection with telemarketing
28 is located within this Commonwealth when such calls or messages
29 are initiated or received. [For purposes of registration under
30 section 3(a), "telemarketer" does not include any of the

1 following:

2 (1) A person or business soliciting sales through a
3 catalog which:

4 (i) Contains a written description or illustration
5 and price of each of the goods or services offered for
6 sale.

7 (ii) Includes the business address of the seller.

8 (iii) Includes at least 24 pages of written material
9 or illustration.

10 (iv) Is distributed in more than one state.

11 (v) Has been issued not less frequently than once a
12 year.

13 (vi) Has an annual circulation of not less than
14 250,000 consumers.

15 (2) A person or business soliciting without the intent
16 to complete and who does not complete the sales presentation
17 during the telephone solicitation, but completes the sales
18 presentation at a later face-to-face meeting between the
19 solicitor and the prospective purchaser, or who offers to
20 send the purchaser descriptive literature and does not
21 require payment prior to the purchaser's review of the
22 descriptive literature. However, if a seller, directly
23 following a telephone solicitation, causes an individual
24 whose primary purpose it is to go to the prospective
25 purchaser to collect the payment, this exemption does not
26 apply.

27 (3) A book, video or record club or contractual plan or
28 agreement:

29 (i) under which the seller provides the consumer
30 with a form which the consumer may use to instruct the

1 seller not to ship the offered merchandise;

2 (ii) which is regulated by the Federal Trade
3 Commission trade regulation concerning "use of negative
4 option plans by sellers in commerce"; or

5 (iii) which provides for the sale of books, records
6 or videos which are not covered under subparagraph (i) or
7 (ii), including continuity plans, subscription
8 arrangements, standing order arrangements, supplements
9 and series arrangements under which the seller
10 periodically ships merchandise to a consumer who has
11 consented in advance to receive such merchandise on a
12 periodic basis.

13 (4) A person or business conducting a business-to-
14 business sale where the selling business has been operating
15 continuously for at least three years under the same business
16 name and has at least 50% of its dollar volume consisting of
17 a repeat sales to existing businesses.

18 (5) A person or business engaged in a business or
19 occupation which is licensed by, certificated by or
20 registered with a Federal or Commonwealth agency while acting
21 within the scope of the business for which licensure,
22 certification or registration is required.

23 (6) Any of the following organizations unless a
24 professional fundraising counsel or a professional solicitor,
25 who is neither registered nor exempt from registration under
26 this act, is utilized:

27 (i) Educational institutions, the curricula of which
28 in whole or in part are registered with or approved by
29 the Department of Education, either directly or by
30 acceptance of accreditation by an accrediting body

1 recognized by the Department of Education, and any
2 auxiliary associations, foundations and support groups
3 which are directly responsible to educational
4 institutions.

5 (ii) Hospitals which are subject to regulation by
6 the Department of Health or the Department of Public
7 Welfare and the hospital foundation, if any, which is an
8 integral part thereof.

9 (iii) Public nonprofit library organizations which
10 receive financial aid from State and municipal
11 governments and file an annual fiscal report with the
12 State Library System.

13 (iv) Senior citizen centers and nursing homes which
14 are nonprofit and charitable and which have been granted
15 tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
16 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.).

17 (v) Bona fide parent/teacher associations or
18 parent/teacher organizations as recognized in a notarized
19 letter from the school district in which they are
20 located.

21 (vi) Any corporation established by an act of
22 Congress of the United States that is required by Federal
23 law to submit annual reports of its activities to
24 Congress containing itemized accounts of all receipts and
25 expenditures after being fully audited by the Department
26 of Defense.

27 (vii) Any charitable organization which receives
28 contributions of \$25,000 or less annually.

29 (7) A person or business soliciting business from
30 prospective purchasers who have previously purchased from the

1 business enterprise for which the person is calling where the
2 business enterprise has been operating continuously for at
3 least three years under the same business name.

4 (8) A person or business primarily soliciting the sale
5 of a newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general
6 circulation where the business which publishes the newspaper,
7 magazine or other periodical of general circulation has been
8 operating continuously for at least two years under the same
9 business name; the person soliciting is an employee of the
10 publisher or an employee of an agent of the publisher and the
11 person soliciting discloses the following during the initial
12 contact: the total costs to purchase, receive or use and the
13 quantity of the newspapers, magazines or other periodicals of
14 general circulation that are the subject of the sales offer.
15 For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "agent" means a
16 person or business which has entered into a written agreement
17 directly with the publisher.

18 (9) A person or business, or an agent of such person or
19 business, which has been operating for at least two years a
20 retail business establishment in this Commonwealth under the
21 same name as that used in connection with telemarketing and
22 both of the following occur on a continuing basis:

23 (i) Either products are displayed and offered for
24 sale or services are offered for sale and provided at the
25 business establishment.

26 (ii) A majority of the seller's business involves
27 buyers obtaining such products or services at the
28 seller's location. For the purposes of this paragraph,
29 the term "agent" means a person or business which has
30 entered into a written agreement directly with the retail

1 business establishment.

2 (10) Any person or business which has been providing
3 telemarketing services continuously for at least five years
4 under the same ownership and control and who derives 75% of
5 its gross telemarketing sales revenues from contracts with
6 persons or businesses exempted in this section.

7 (11) A person or business soliciting the sale of food or
8 produce if the solicitation is not intended to result and
9 does not result in a sale which costs the purchaser in excess
10 of \$500 where the person or business selling the food or
11 produce has been operating continuously for at least two
12 years under the same business name.

13 (12) An issuer or subsidiary of an issuer that has a
14 class of securities which is subject to section 12 of the
15 Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 881, 15 U.S.C. §
16 781) and which is either registered or exempt from
17 registration under paragraph A, B, C, E, F, G or H of
18 subsection (g) (2) of that section.]

19 "Telemarketing." A plan, program or campaign which is
20 conducted to induce the purchase of consumer goods or services
21 or to solicit contributions for any charitable purpose,
22 charitable promotion or for or on behalf of any charitable
23 organization by use of one or more telephones and which involves
24 more than one telephone solicitation call or message. For
25 purposes of this act, the terms "charitable purpose,"
26 "charitable promotion," "charitable organization," "professional
27 fundraising counsel," "professional solicitor" and
28 "solicitation" have the meanings as defined in the act of
29 December 19, 1990 (P.L.1200, No.202), known as the Solicitation
30 of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act.

1 "Telemarketing business." [A business entity that is or has
2 engaged in the business of telephone solicitations and employs
3 at least one telemarketer.] A person or business that is or has
4 engaged in the business of telemarketing.

5 ["Telephone solicitation call." A call made to a
6 residential, business or wireless telephone subscriber for the
7 purpose of soliciting the sale of any consumer goods or services
8 or for the purpose of obtaining information that will or may be
9 used for the direct solicitation of a sale of consumer goods or
10 services or an extension of credit for that purpose. The term
11 does not include a call made to a residential, business or
12 wireless telephone consumer:

13 (1) In response to an express request of the
14 residential, business or wireless telephone consumer.

15 (2) In reference to an existing debt, contract, payment
16 or performance.

17 (3) With whom the telemarketer has an established
18 business relationship within the past 12 months preceding the
19 call.

20 (4) On behalf of an organization granted tax-exempt
21 status under section 501(c)(3), (5) or (8) of the Internal
22 Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et
23 seq.) or a veterans organization chartered by the Congress of
24 the United States and or its duly appointed foundation.

25 (5) On behalf of a political candidate or a political
26 party.]

27 "Telephone solicitation." A telephone call, voicemail,
28 ringless voicemail or text message made to a residential,
29 business or wireless telephone subscriber for the purpose of
30 soliciting the sale of consumer goods or services, or for the

1 purpose of obtaining information that will or may be used for
2 the direct solicitation of the sale of consumer goods or
3 services or an extension of credit for that purpose. The term
4 does not include a call or message made to a residential,
5 business or wireless telephone subscriber:

6 (1) In response to the prior express written consent of
7 the subscriber.

8 (2) In reference to an existing debt, contract, payment
9 or performance.

10 (3) With whom the seller or telemarketer has an
11 established business relationship within the past 12 months
12 preceding the call.

13 (4) On behalf of an organization granted tax-exempt
14 status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), (5) or (8) (relating to
15 exemption from tax on corporations, certain trusts, etc.) or
16 a veterans organization chartered by the Congress of the
17 United States and its duly appointed foundation.

18 (5) On behalf of a political candidate or a political
19 party.

20 Section 2. Section 3(a) and (b) of the act are amended and
21 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:

22 Section 3. Registration requirement.

23 (a) [General rule] Requirement.--In addition to any other
24 requirements imposed by law, a telemarketer or the telemarketing
25 business which employs the telemarketer [is] shall be required
26 to register with the Office of Attorney General at least 30 days
27 prior to offering for sale consumer goods or services through
28 any medium. This section [will] shall not apply[, however, to
29 persons or businesses] to a person or business licensed by or
30 registered with a Federal or Commonwealth agency or to a person

1 or business specified under subsection (b.1). Notwithstanding
2 any other provision of this act, any business which provides
3 telemarketing services to other entities and has been under the
4 same ownership and control for less than five years shall
5 register under this section.

6 (b) Unlawful conduct.--It shall be unlawful for [any] a
7 telemarketer to initiate a telephone call [to or receive a
8 telephone call from a consumer in connection with the purchase
9 of consumer goods] or message to, or to receive a telephone call
10 or message from, a residential, business or wireless telephone
11 subscriber in this Commonwealth in connection with the purchase
12 of consumer goods or services unless the telemarketer or the
13 telemarketing business which employs the telemarketer is
14 registered with the Office of Attorney General.

15 (b.1) Exemptions from registration.--The following shall not
16 be required to register under this section:

17 (1) A person or business soliciting sales through a
18 catalog that meets all of the following criteria:

19 (i) Contains a written description or illustration
20 and the price of each good or service offered for sale.

21 (ii) Includes the business address of the seller.

22 (iii) Includes at least 24 pages of written material
23 or illustrations.

24 (iv) Is distributed in more than one state.

25 (v) Is issued at least once a year.

26 (vi) Has an annual circulation of not less than
27 250,000 consumers.

28 (2) A person or business soliciting without the intent
29 to complete, and that does not complete, the sales
30 presentation during the telephone solicitation, but completes

1 the sales presentation at a later face-to-face meeting with
2 the prospective purchaser, or offers to send descriptive
3 literature and does not require payment before the purchaser
4 reviews the literature. This paragraph shall not apply if,
5 directly after a telephone solicitation, the seller causes an
6 individual whose primary purpose is to collect payment to go
7 to the purchaser for that purpose.

8 (3) A book, video or record club or contractual plan or
9 agreement:

10 (i) under which the seller provides the purchaser
11 with a form the purchaser may use to instruct the seller
12 not to ship the offered merchandise;

13 (ii) that is regulated under the Federal Trade
14 Commission's trade regulation rule concerning the use of
15 negative option plans by sellers in commerce under 16 CFR
16 Pt. 425 (relating to rule concerning recurring
17 subscriptions and other negative option programs); or

18 (iii) that provides for the sale of books, records
19 or videos not covered under subparagraph (i) or (ii),
20 including continuity plans, subscription arrangements,
21 standing order arrangements, supplements and series
22 arrangements under which the seller periodically ships
23 merchandise to a purchaser who has consented in advance
24 to receive the merchandise on a periodic basis.

25 (4) A person or business conducting a
26 business-to-business sale if the selling business has
27 operated continuously for at least three years under the same
28 business name and at least 50% of its dollar volume consists
29 of repeat sales to existing businesses.

30 (5) A person or business engaged in a business or

1 occupation licensed by, certificated by or registered with a
2 Federal or Commonwealth agency while acting within the scope
3 of the business for which licensure, certification or
4 registration is required.

5 (6) Any of the following organizations unless a
6 professional fundraising counsel or professional solicitor
7 who is neither registered nor exempt from registration under
8 this act is used:

9 (i) An educational institution, the curriculum of
10 which, in whole or in part, is registered with or
11 approved by the Department of Education, either directly
12 or by acceptance of accreditation by an accrediting body
13 recognized by the Department of Education, and any
14 auxiliary association, foundation or support group
15 directly responsible to the educational institution.

16 (ii) A hospital subject to regulation by the
17 Department of Health or the Department of Human Services
18 and the hospital foundation, if any, that is an integral
19 part of the hospital.

20 (iii) A public nonprofit library organization that
21 receives financial aid from the Commonwealth or a
22 municipal government and files an annual fiscal report
23 with the State Library System.

24 (iv) A senior citizen center or nursing home that is
25 nonprofit and charitable and has been granted tax-exempt
26 status under 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3), (5) or (8) (relating
27 to exemption from tax on corporations, certain trusts,
28 etc.).

29 (v) A bona fide parent-teacher association or
30 parent-teacher organization recognized by the school

1 district in which it is located in a notarized letter.

2 (vi) A corporation established by an act of Congress
3 that is required by Federal law to submit annual reports
4 of its activities to the Congress of the United States,
5 including itemized accounts of all receipts and
6 expenditures, after being fully audited by the Department
7 of Defense.

8 (vii) A charitable organization receiving \$25,000 or
9 less in contributions annually.

10 (7) A person or business soliciting from prospective
11 purchasers who have previously purchased from the business
12 enterprise on whose behalf the person is calling, if the
13 business enterprise has operated continuously for at least
14 three years under the same business name.

15 (8) A person or business primarily soliciting the sale
16 of a newspaper, magazine or other periodical of general
17 circulation if the publishing business has operated
18 continuously for at least two years under the same business
19 name, the solicitor is an employee of the publisher or of an
20 agent of the publisher and the solicitor discloses during the
21 initial contact the total cost to purchase, receive or use
22 and the quantity of the newspapers, magazines or other
23 periodicals that are the subject of the sales offer. As used
24 in this paragraph, the term "agent" means a person or
25 business that has entered into a written agreement directly
26 with the publisher.

27 (9) A person or business, or an agent of the person or
28 business, that has operated a retail business establishment
29 in this Commonwealth for at least two years under the same
30 name used in connection with telemarketing if:

1 (i) products are displayed and offered for sale or
2 services are offered for sale and provided at the
3 business establishment; and

4 (ii) a majority of the seller's business involves
5 buyers obtaining products or services at the seller's
6 location. As used in this paragraph, the term "agent"
7 means a person or business that has entered into a
8 written agreement directly with the retail business
9 establishment.

10 (10) A person or business providing telemarketing
11 services continuously for at least five years under the same
12 ownership and control and deriving 75% of its gross
13 telemarketing sales revenue from contracts with persons or
14 businesses exempt under this section.

15 (11) A person or business soliciting the sale of food or
16 produce if the solicitation is not intended to result and
17 does not result in a sale costing the purchaser more than
18 \$500, and the person or business has operated continuously
19 for at least two years under the same business name.

20 (12) An issuer or subsidiary of an issuer that has a
21 class of securities subject to 15 U.S.C. § 781 (relating to
22 registration requirements for securities) and is registered
23 or exempt from registration under 15 U.S.C. § 781(g) (2) (A),
24 (B), (C), (E), (F), (G) or (H).

25 * * *

26 Section 3. Section 5(a) (1), (2), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9) and
27 (10) and (c) (1), (2), (3) and (4) of the act are amended and
28 subsection (a) is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

29 Section 5. Unlawful acts and penalties.

30 (a) Acts enumerated.--The following acts are prohibited:

1 (1) Conducting telemarketing [after 9 p.m. or before 8
2 a.m.] or otherwise initiating or causing to be initiated a
3 telephone solicitation on a Sunday or after 7 p.m. or before
4 9 a.m.

5 (2) Initiating [an outbound telephone call, including a
6 robocall, to a person when the person previously has stated
7 that the person does not wish to receive an outbound
8 telephone call made by or on behalf of the seller whose goods
9 or services are being offered.] or causing to be initiated an
10 outbound telephone solicitation, including a robocall, to a
11 residential, business or wireless subscriber when the
12 subscriber previously has stated that the subscriber does not
13 wish to receive a telephone solicitation made by or on behalf
14 of the seller or telemarketer. A seller or telemarketer
15 [will] shall not be liable for violating the provisions of
16 this paragraph if:

17 (i) [he] the seller or telemarketer has established
18 and implemented written procedures to comply with this
19 paragraph;

20 (ii) [he] the seller or telemarketer has trained his
21 personnel in the procedures;

22 (iii) the seller [or the telemarketer acting on
23 behalf of the seller] or telemarketer has maintained and
24 recorded lists of persons who may not be contacted; and

25 (iv) any subsequent call is the result of error.

26 * * *

27 (5) Failing to disclose promptly to any [consumer]
28 residential, business or wireless telephone subscriber during
29 the initial telephone contact the purpose of the call, the
30 name of the telemarketer or telemarketing business and, if

1 applicable, what the telemarketer or telemarketing business
2 is selling.

3 (6) In the case of prize promotions, failing to provide
4 the odds of winning, advising that no purchase or payment is
5 necessary to win and identifying restrictions or conditions
6 on obtaining a prize. In any prize promotion, if the odds are
7 not calculable in advance, the factors used in calculating
8 the odds must be disclosed. The no-purchase/no-payment method
9 of participating in the prize promotion with either
10 instructions on how to participate or an address or local or
11 toll-free telephone number to which customers may write or
12 call for information on how to participate shall be provided.
13 All material costs or conditions to receive or redeem a prize
14 that is the subject of the prize promotion must also be
15 provided. Disclosure under this paragraph must be made prior
16 to the customer's payment for the consumer goods or services
17 offered.

18 (7) Failing to reduce any sale of consumer goods or
19 services made during a [telemarketing call] telephone
20 solicitation to a written contract and obtaining the
21 consumer's signature on the written contract, except as
22 provided in subsection (d).

23 (8) Failing to end a [telemarketing solicitation call
24 when the consumer indicates he wants to end the call.]
25 telephone solicitation when a called party indicates the
26 called party wants to end the call or message.

27 (9) Engaging in any deceptive or abusive telemarketing
28 acts or practices in violation of 16 CFR 310 (relating to
29 telemarketing sales rule) [.] 47 U.S.C. § 227(e) (relating to
30 restrictions on use of telephone equipment) or any regulation

1 of the Federal Communications Commission relating to caller
2 identification requirements.

3 (10) [Making a telephone solicitation call] Initiating
4 or causing to be initiated a telephone solicitation or
5 message on a legal holiday.

6 (11) Initiating or causing to be initiated a robocall to
7 any residential, business or wireless telephone line without
8 the prior express written consent of a called party, unless
9 the call is initiated for emergency purposes or is otherwise
10 exempt under this act.

11 (12) Using or causing to be used any unfair or deceptive
12 act or practice in an effort to obtain a residential,
13 business or wireless subscriber's consent to receive
14 telephone solicitations or messages.

15 (13) Using or causing to be used any technology or any
16 synthetic or computer-generated messaging to defraud, deceive
17 or mislead a residential, business or wireless subscriber.

18 * * *

19 (c) Contract provisions.--A contract under subsection (a) (7)
20 shall contain the following information:

21 (1) The name, address and telephone number of the seller
22 and the telemarketer or telemarketing business.

23 (2) The total price of the consumer goods or services
24 purchased or rented.

25 (3) A detailed description of the consumer goods and
26 services purchased or rented which shall match the oral
27 description given in the [telemarketing] telephone
28 solicitation.

29 (4) Any oral or written representations made during the
30 [telemarketing] telephone solicitation.

1 * * *

2 Section 4. Sections 5.1, 5.2 heading, (a), (b), (e) (1) and
3 (2), (g), (h) and (1)(1)(i), (ii) and (iii) and (2), 6(b) and
4 (c) and 9(c) of the act are amended to read:

5 Section 5.1. Blocking of caller identification and other
6 telemarketing screening products or services
7 prohibited.

8 No telemarketer shall take any action with the primary
9 intent:

10 (1) to prevent the transmission of a telemarketer's name
11 or telephone number or to falsely identify the telemarketer's
12 name or telephone number to any recipient of a telephone
13 solicitation [call when the equipment or service used by the
14 telemarketer is capable of creating and transmitting the
15 telemarketer's name or telephone number]; or

16 (2) to circumvent, bypass or disable any product or
17 service used by the residential, wireless or business
18 telephone subscriber to screen telephone calls or messages.

19 Section 5.2. Unwanted telephone [solicitation calls]
20 solicitations prohibited.

21 (a) [General rule] Prohibition.--No telemarketer shall
22 initiate or cause to be initiated a telephone solicitation
23 [call] to a telephone number of a residential, wireless or
24 business telephone subscriber who does not wish to receive
25 telephone [solicitation calls] solicitations and has caused
26 [his] the subscriber's name, address and telephone number to be
27 enrolled on a do-not-call list maintained by the list
28 administrator. This prohibition shall be effective 30 days after
29 a quarterly do-not-call list is issued by the list administrator
30 which first contains a residential, wireless or business

1 telephone subscriber's name, address and residential, wireless
2 or business telephone number. In the event that the Federal
3 Trade Commission and/or the Federal Communications Commission
4 establish a national No Call Registry, the Director of the
5 Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of Attorney General
6 is authorized to release to the list administrator of such
7 national No Call Registry sufficient data to include all those
8 residential, wireless and business telephone subscribers
9 currently enrolled on the do-not-call list and any residential, wireless
10 wireless or business telephone subscribers who subsequently
11 enroll with the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of
12 Attorney General. Prior to releasing any such data to a national
13 No Call Registry, the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the
14 Office of Attorney General shall provide those residential, wireless
15 wireless and business telephone subscribers currently enrolled
16 with the opportunity to remove their information from the do-
17 not-call list.

18 (b) Listings.--Telemarketers making telephone [solicitation
19 calls] solicitations shall quarterly obtain listings of
20 residential, business and wireless telephone subscribers in this
21 Commonwealth who have arranged to have their names, addresses
22 and telephone numbers enrolled on the list administrator's do-
23 not-call list or shall utilize a service provider who has
24 quarterly obtained and will use such listings.

25 * * *

26 (e) Affirmative defense.--A telemarketer is not in violation
27 of this section if all of the following are satisfied:

28 (1) [He] The telemarketer has established and
29 implemented written procedures to comply with this section.

30 (2) [He] The telemarketer has trained [his] the

1 telemarketer's personnel in the procedures.

2 * * *

3 (g) Restrictions on use of do-not-call list.--No person or
4 business, telemarketer or otherwise shall use a list
5 administrator's do-not-call list for any purpose other than to
6 remove residential, business or wireless telephone subscribers
7 from telephone [sales call] solicitation lists.

8 (h) Disclosure to residential, business or wireless
9 telephone subscribers.--Each local exchange telephone company,
10 competitive local exchange telephone company, long-distance
11 interexchange carrier company, Internet service provider that
12 provides telephone service and affiliated companies providing
13 telecommunications billing service shall clearly notify its
14 residential, business or wireless telephone subscribers in this
15 Commonwealth of their ability to contact the list administrator
16 which accepts individual names, addresses and telephone numbers
17 of persons who do not wish to receive telephone [solicitation
18 calls] solicitations. The method of notification shall include,
19 but not be limited to, placing the notice in billing statements
20 mailed to residential, business and wireless subscribers and
21 publication of notice in the consumer information pages of a
22 local telephone directory of general circulation. The
23 notification shall specify the methods by which residential,
24 business and wireless subscribers may place their names on the
25 do-not-call list and how often renewal is necessary.

26 * * *

27 (l) Robocall requirements.--

28 (1) A telemarketer or telemarketing business that uses
29 robocalls:

30 (i) Shall establish a procedure, consistent with the

1 requirements under subparagraph (ii), for a called
2 [person] party to opt out of receiving future telephone
3 [solicitation calls] solicitations from that telemarketer
4 or telemarketing business and be immediately taken off
5 the telemarketer's call list.

6 (ii) Shall provide notice to a called number, at the
7 beginning of the call, stating how a called [person]
8 party can opt out of receiving future telephone
9 [solicitation calls] solicitations from that telemarketer
10 or telemarketing business. Immediate opt out shall be
11 available through an automated, interactive voice-
12 activated or key-press-activated opt-out mechanism for
13 the called [person] party to make a do-not-call request,
14 including brief explanatory instructions on how to use
15 the opt-out mechanism, within two seconds of disclosing
16 the name of the caller and the name of the person or
17 entity on whose behalf the call is being made. The called
18 [person] party shall be able to opt out throughout the
19 duration of the call.

20 (iii) May not require a called [person's] party's
21 written consent as a condition to opt out of future
22 telemarketing calls.

23 * * *

24 (2) When a robocall is left on an answering machine or a
25 voicemail service, the message must provide a toll-free
26 telephone number that enables the called [person] party to
27 call back at a later time and connect directly to the
28 automated, interactive voice-activated or key-press-activated
29 opt-out mechanism and automatically record the called
30 [person's] party's number to the do-not-call list of the

1 telemarketer or telemarketing business.

2 Section 6. Violations.

3 * * *

4 [(b) Second or subsequent offense.--Upon a second or
5 subsequent violation of this act, the Office of Attorney General
6 may seek revocation of registration or the right to conduct
7 telemarketing in this Commonwealth.]

8 (c) Procedure.--All actions of the Office of Attorney
9 General under this act shall be taken subject to the right of
10 notice, hearing and adjudication and the right of appeal
11 therefrom in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. (relating to
12 administrative law and procedure).]

13 Section 9. Investigation.

14 * * *

15 (c) Confidentiality.--Any testimony taken or material
16 produced shall be kept confidential by the Attorney General
17 except to the extent [he] the Attorney General may use
18 information in a judicial proceeding or if the disclosure is
19 authorized by the court for good cause shown or confidentiality
20 is waived by the person being investigated and by the person who
21 has testified, answered interrogatories or produced materials.

22 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 90 days.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 992

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 1286

1 Amend Bill, page 8, line 24, by striking out "telephone
2 solicitation call or message." and inserting
3 telephone [call.] solicitation.

4 Amend Bill, page 15, by inserting between lines 24 and 25
5 (13) A person or business who is not engaged in
6 telemarketing because the calls or messages initiated by the
7 person or business do not meet the requirements of telephone
8 solicitation.

9 Amend Bill, page 16, line 1, by inserting a bracket before
10 "Conducting"

11 Amend Bill, page 16, line 1, by striking out the bracket
12 before "after"

13 Amend Bill, page 16, line 2, by striking out "or otherwise
14 initiating" and inserting
15 Initiating

16 Amend Bill, page 16, line 14, by inserting after
17 "telemarketer."

18 For telephone solicitation text messages, the person may
19 state the intent to stop receiving telephone solicitation
20 text messages by responding "stop," "quit," "end," "revoke,"
21 "opt out," "cancel" or "unsubscribe" in reply to an incoming
22 text.

23 Amend Bill, page 18, lines 4 and 5, by striking out "or
24 message"

25 Amend Bill, page 18, line 14, by striking out "or messages"

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 152 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY KEPHART, FREEMAN, GILLEN, GREINER, KAUFFMAN,
McNEILL, MERSKI, NEILSON, PICKETT, PUGH, REICHARD, STAATS,
STAMBAUGH, VENKAT AND ZIMMERMAN, MARCH 31, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, MARCH 31, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 18, 2025, as "Lineworker Appreciation Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Electric energy in the United States is generated by
4 thousands of independently owned and operated power plants; and

5 WHEREAS, A complex electrical grid, consisting of more than 5
6 million miles of transmission and distribution lines, connects
7 all of these power plants to deliver energy to our homes,
8 businesses, hospitals, churches and schools; and

9 WHEREAS, Despite inclement weather, hurricanes, tornadoes and
10 other potential hazards, the nationwide electrical grid must be
11 maintained and operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365
12 days a year; and

13 WHEREAS, Approximately 115,000 skilled individuals known as
14 electrical lineworkers are employed by each independently owned
15 utility to carry out vital installation, operations and
16 maintenance services; and

17 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's skilled and dedicated lineworkers

1 have earned recognition for speed, accuracy and safety in
2 performing their very dangerous work; and

3 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives extends gratitude and
4 appreciation to the hardworking men and women who risk their
5 lives daily in this Commonwealth to ensure reliable delivery of
6 electric energy; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
8 18, 2025, as "Lineworker Appreciation Day" in Pennsylvania.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 152

Sponsor:

Printer's No. 1182

- 1 Amend Resolution, page 1, line 1, by striking out "2025" and
- 2 inserting
- 3 2026
- 4 Amend Resolution, page 2, line 8, by striking out "2025" and
- 5 inserting
- 6 2026

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 361 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY MATZIE, STEELE, FRANKEL, PIELLI, HILL-EVANS,
HARKINS, HADDOCK, MALAGARI, SANCHEZ, NEILSON, RIVERA, CEPEDA-
FREYITZ, DELLOSO, PARKER, GALLAGHER, DONAHUE, BOROWSKI,
CIRESI, KAUFFMAN AND REICHARD, OCTOBER 28, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, OCTOBER 28, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the
2 costs and benefits of continued membership in the PJM
3 Interconnection.

4 WHEREAS, The PJM Interconnection (PJM) plays a crucial role
5 in the reliable and affordable operation of the electric grid
6 and the wholesale electricity market as the Regional
7 Transmission Organization (RTO) in the Mid-Atlantic Region; and

8 WHEREAS, PJM operates the transmission system across
9 Pennsylvania, 12 other states and the District of Columbia, with
10 approximately 65 million customers, and manages an energy
11 marketplace which establishes the energy and capacity prices for
12 Pennsylvania residential, commercial and industrial customers;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has been a part of PJM since 1927, when
15 the intent of its original members was to pool generation
16 resources for the economic benefit of its members and the
17 public; and

1 WHEREAS, Resource adequacy by PJM has played a more
2 significant role for Pennsylvania since 1997, with the enactment
3 of the Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition
4 Act, which restructured the electric industry, removing
5 generation from jurisdiction under the Pennsylvania Public
6 Utility Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, Membership in PJM offered benefits such as enhanced
8 reliability and access to a broader electricity market, but also
9 potential impacts on electric rates and adequate generation
10 resources for this Commonwealth in the future; and

11 WHEREAS, Since joining PJM and through 2024, Pennsylvania
12 customers have enjoyed competitive energy prices and cost
13 savings from the PJM electricity market; and

14 WHEREAS, PJM conducts capacity auctions for the PJM planning
15 year that runs from June 1 to May 31 each year with the primary
16 objective of incentivizing power plant owners and operations to
17 develop, permit, construct and bring into operation new power
18 plants to meet the increasing electric demands of customers in
19 Pennsylvania and across PJM; and

20 WHEREAS, In July 2024, PJM conducted the capacity auction for
21 June 2025 through May 2026 planning year, which resulted in the
22 increase from \$29.50 per megawatt (MW) day, for the period June
23 2024 through May 2025, to \$270.35 per MW day, a 600% increase
24 from the prior year, effective June 2025 through May 2026, with
25 an estimated increase in prices paid by Pennsylvania customers
26 of \$2.2 billion in capacity market payments to the power plant
27 owners in PJM; and

28 WHEREAS, As a result of this PJM capacity market cost
29 increase to Pennsylvania customers, Governor Shapiro, in
30 December 2024, filed a complaint against PJM at the Federal

1 Energy Regulatory Commission, arguing that the capacity prices
2 were unjust and unreasonable; and

3 WHEREAS, In February 2025, Governor Shapiro and PJM entered
4 into a settlement agreement that created a floor price of \$175
5 per MW day and a ceiling price of approximately \$325 per MW day
6 for the next two capacity auctions of June 2026 through May 2027
7 and June 2027 through May 2028; and

8 WHEREAS, In July 2025, PJM conducted the capacity auction for
9 the June 2026 through May 2027 period and announced that the
10 prices cleared at the ceiling price of \$329.92 per MW day, a 22%
11 increase from the prior year, increasing costs to Pennsylvania
12 customers by an estimated additional \$538 million above the
13 estimated \$2.2 billion increase from the current period; and

14 WHEREAS, But for the ceiling price cap negotiated by Governor
15 Shapiro, the price would have cleared at \$388.57 per MW day and
16 cost Pennsylvania customers an estimated additional \$595
17 million; and

18 WHEREAS, The cumulative estimated increase in capacity costs
19 across the past two auctions is approximately \$4.9 billion; and

20 WHEREAS, In December 2025, PJM is scheduled to conduct the
21 next capacity auction for the June 2027 through May 2028 period,
22 which will be subject to the floor and ceiling prices estimated
23 to cost Pennsylvania customers between \$1.2 billion at the floor
24 and \$2.8 billion at the ceiling; and

25 WHEREAS, Compared to capacity prices in May 2025, by May
26 2028, Pennsylvania electric customers will have paid an
27 estimated additional \$6.1 billion to \$7.7 billion under the PJM
28 capacity market; therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
30 State Government Commission to undertake a comprehensive study

1 to evaluate the costs and benefits of this Commonwealth's future
2 membership in PJM; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the study objectives include the following:

4 (1) Assess the potential financial costs and reliability
5 risks associated with membership in PJM, including, but not
6 limited to:

7 (i) membership fees, administrative costs and other
8 costs paid to PJM;

9 (ii) costs and fees to exit PJM;

10 (iii) any potential increase in electricity rates;

11 (iv) impact of price volatility created by PJM
12 markets;

13 (v) potential costs and risks for Pennsylvania to
14 join a new RTO; and

15 (vi) increasing risk of blackouts for consumers and
16 businesses in the future.

17 (2) Analyze potential financial and reliability benefits
18 associated with membership in PJM, including, but not limited
19 to:

20 (i) adequate electric generation and transmission
21 infrastructure in the future and necessary reliability
22 improvements;

23 (ii) access to competitive electricity markets;

24 (iii) long-term cost savings for consumers;

25 (iv) economic development for this Commonwealth;

26 (v) reducing the risk of blackouts for consumers and
27 businesses in the future;

28 (vi) environmental benefits from renewable energy
29 integration;

30 (vii) maintaining Pennsylvania's position as a net

1 electricity exporter to other states; and
2 (viii) potential benefits for Pennsylvania to join a
3 new RTO.

4 (3) Evaluate the impact of PJM membership on various
5 stakeholders, including residential, commercial and
6 industrial customers;

7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the study be initiated within 30 days of the
9 adoption of this resolution, with a progress report submitted to
10 the General Assembly and made public within 90 days; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the final report be completed and published
13 within 180 days, permitting public participation, including:

14 (1) public hearings and forums;

15 (2) solicitation of written comments from stakeholders;
16 and

17 (3) availability of the study's findings on the
18 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's website;

19 and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the study require that all data, methodologies
21 and findings be made publicly accessible to ensure transparency
22 and foster informed public debate; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the final report include the following:

24 (1) detailed findings on the costs and benefits of PJM
25 membership;

26 (2) recommendations for action based on the study's
27 conclusions; and

28 (3) a summary of public input received during the study
29 process.