

House Transportation Committee Voting Meeting
Room 515 Irvis Office
Harrisburg, PA 17120
June 16, 2026
CALL OF THE CHAIR

Agenda

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 - **Amendment A03685 (Stambaugh)** – Permits emergency responders to operate UTVs, imposes safety requirements for emergency responder UTVs and increases the mileage limitation to 15 miles for emergency responder ATVs.
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 - **Amendment A03644 (Neilson)** – Inserts language allowing applicants to donate \$5 to the Shriners Hospitals for Children when electronically renewing a driver's license, ID card, or vehicle registration online through PennDOT's website, and makes other technical changes.
- **SB 481 (J. Ward)** – Allows for the transportation of milk on roadways during travel restrictions due to inclement weather or a declared emergency.
 - **Amendment A03643 (Neilson)** – Strikes out the entirety of the bill and inserts language increasing weight limits on certain combination vehicles transporting milk on roadways and on interstates.
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And any other business that comes before the Committee

Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2026
TO: House Transportation Committee Members
FROM: Representative Ed Neilson, Majority Chair
House Transportation Committee
RE: House Transportation Committee Voting Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at CALL OF THE CHAIR

The House Transportation Committee will meet on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the CALL OF THE CHAIR in Room 515 Irvis Office Building. The purpose of this meeting will be to consider the following legislation and any other business that may come before the committee:

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Please contact Kyle Wagonseller (717-982-1114) or Josiah Shelly (717-787-8592) with any questions. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please submit a Vote by Designation Form or Official Leave Request Form as applicable to your corresponding Committee Chair prior to the meeting.

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House Transportation Committee

Meeting Agenda

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Call to Order

Roll call

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Any other business

Adjournment

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB1296 PN1492	Prepared By:	Nathan Shultz (717) 787-9516
Committee:	Transportation	Executive Director:	Kyle Wagonseller
Sponsor:	Brown, Marla		
Date:	6/1/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Allows for applicants to contribute \$5 to the Fire Company Grant Program and Emergency Medical Services Grant Program when electronically renewing a driver's license, ID card or vehicle registration online through PennDOT's website.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This bill amends Title 75 (Vehicles) to allow applicants to contribute \$5 to the Fire Company Grant Program and Emergency Medical Services Program when electronically renewing a driver's license, ID card or vehicle registration online through PennDOT's website.

Creates Section 1324.1 (relating to contributions to the fire company grant program) requiring PennDOT to give the option for an applicant renewing a driver's license, ID card, or vehicle registration through PennDOT's website to contribute \$5 to the Fire Company Grant Program. This optional contribution would be in addition to the regular fees for a driver's license, ID card or registration.

PennDOT must report the contributions to the State Treasurer on an annual basis, who shall then transfer the amount collected from the Motor License Fund to a restricted account established under the General Fund. Money in the account would be appropriated on a continuing basis to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of making grants under the program.

Creates Section 1324.2 (relating to contributions to the emergency medical services grant program) to require PennDOT to give the option for an applicant renewing a driver's license, ID card, or vehicle registration through PennDOT's website to contribute \$5 to the Emergency Medical Services Grant Program. This optional contribution would be in addition to the regular fees for a driver's license, ID card or registration.

PennDOT must report the contributions to the State Treasurer on an annual basis, who shall then transfer the amount collected from the Motor License Fund to a restricted account established under the General Fund. Money in the account would be appropriated on a continuing basis to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the purpose of making grants under the program.

Effective Date:

60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 1320 (relating to contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund) of Title 75 (Vehicles) allows applicants for an original or renewed driver's license or identification card, or a renewed vehicle registration, the option to contribute \$5 to the Veterans' Trust Fund or contribute \$10 for a two year vehicle registration completed electronically. These contribution amounts are in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1321 (relating to contributions for pediatric cancer research) of Title 75 allows

applicants to make a contribution of \$5 to the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$5 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1322 (relating to contributions to Keystone Tree Restricted Account) of Title 75 allows applicants to make a contribution of \$3 to the Keystone Tree Restricted Account when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$3 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1323 (relating to contributions for breast cancer research) of Title 75 allows applicants to make a contribution of \$5 to the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$5 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1324 (relating to contributions for the prevention of child abuse and neglect) of Title 75 allows applicants the option to make a contribution of \$5 to the Children's Trust Fund when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$5 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 7813 (relating to award of grants) of Title 35 (Health and Safety) states that grants awarded under the Fire Company Grant Program may be used for:

- Construction and renovation of facilities.
- Purchase or repair of fixture and furnishings, office equipment and support services necessary to maintain or improve the capability of the company to provide fire, ambulance and rescue services.
- Repair of firefighting, ambulance or rescue equipment or purchase thereof.
- Debt reduction associated repair, construction, and purchase of necessary facilities, fixtures and equipment.
- Training and certification of members.
- Education of the general public regarding fire prevention and community risk reduction.
- Recruitment and retention.
- Revenue loss for grants issued in 2021 and 2022.

Section 7821 (relating to emergency medical services grant program) of Title 35 requires grants provided under the program to be used to improve and enhance the capabilities of EMS to provide ambulance, emergency medical, basic life support and advanced life support services.

Section 8621 (relating to the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund Contributions) of Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries), allows applicants for an original or renewed driver's license or identification card, or a renewed vehicle registration, the option to contribute \$3 to the Organ Donation Awareness Trust Fund. The \$3 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

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

No prior session information available.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1296 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY M. BROWN, COOK, PICKETT, ZIMMERMAN, BOROWSKI,
KAUFFMAN, KOZAK, RIVERA, ROWE AND GILLEN, APRIL 28, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 28, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for
3 contributions to the Fire Company Grant Program and for
4 contributions to the Emergency Medical Services Grant
5 Program.

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

8 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding sections to read:

10 § 1324.1. Contributions to the Fire Company Grant Program.

11 (a) Option.--The department shall provide for all of the
12 following:

13 (1) Ability of an applicant for an original or renewal
14 driver's license or identification card to make a
15 contribution of \$5 to the Fire Company Grant Program
16 established under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subch. B (relating to
17 Fire Company Grant Program).

18 (2) Ability of an applicant for a renewal vehicle
19 registration to make a contribution of \$5 to the Fire Company

1 Grant Program established under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subch. B.

2 (3) Ability of an applicant for a two-year vehicle
3 registration to make, on the department's publicly accessible
4 Internet website, a contribution of \$10 to the Fire Company
5 Grant Program established under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subch. B.

6 (b) Implementation.--

7 (1) A contribution under subsection (a) shall be added,
8 as appropriate, to the regular fee for:

9 (i) a renewal of a driver's license or
10 identification card; and

11 (ii) a renewal of a vehicle registration.

12 (2) One contribution under subsection (a) may be made
13 for:

14 (i) the issuance of renewal of a driver's license or
15 identification card; and

16 (ii) a renewal of a vehicle registration.

17 (c) Deposits.--The department shall determine annually the
18 total amount designated under this section and shall report the
19 amount to the State Treasurer who shall transfer the amount from
20 the Motor License Fund to the account established under
21 subsection (d).

22 (d) Restricted account.--

23 (1) A restricted account is established in the General
24 Fund. The money in the account is appropriated on a
25 continuing basis to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
26 Agency for the purpose of making grants under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch.
27 78 Subch. B.

28 (2) The account shall consist of money transferred under
29 subsection (c) and money appropriated or otherwise made
30 available to it.

1 § 1324.2. Contributions to the Emergency Medical Services Grant
2 Program.

3 (a) Option.--The department shall provide for all of the
4 following:

5 (1) Ability of an applicant for an original or renewal
6 driver's license or identification card to make a
7 contribution of \$5 to the Emergency Medical Services Grant
8 Program established under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 78 Subch. C
9 (relating to Emergency Medical Services Grant Program).

10 (2) Ability of an applicant for a renewal vehicle
11 registration to make a contribution of \$5 to the Emergency
12 Medical Services Grant Program established under 35 Pa.C.S.
13 Ch. 78 Subch. C.

14 (3) Ability of an applicant for a two-year vehicle
15 registration to make, on the department's publicly accessible
16 Internet website, a contribution of \$10 to the Emergency
17 Medical Services Grant Program established under 35 Pa.C.S.
18 Ch. 78 Subch. C.

19 (b) Implementation.--

20 (1) A contribution under subsection (a) shall be added,
21 as appropriate, to the regular fee for:

22 (i) a renewal of a driver's license or
23 identification card; and

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28 identification card; and

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30 (c) Deposits.--The department shall determine annually the

1 total amount designated under this section and shall report the
2 amount to the State Treasurer who shall transfer the amount from
3 the Motor License Fund to the account established under
4 subsection (d).

5 (d) Restricted account.--

6 (1) A restricted account is established in the General
7 Fund. The money in the account is appropriated on a
8 continuing basis to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management
9 Agency for the purpose of making grants under 35 Pa.C.S. Ch.
10 78 Subch. C.

11 (2) The account shall consist of money transferred under
12 subsection (c) and money appropriated or otherwise made
13 available to it.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2219 PN2913	Prepared By:	Jessica Sander (717) 783-0845
Committee:	Transportation	Executive Director:	Kyle Wagonseller
Sponsor:	McNeill, Jeanne		
Date:	6/11/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Prohibits the use of license plate obscuring devices and creates penalties.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Amends Section 1332 (relating to display of registration plate) to prohibit all registration plate covers and increase the penalty for a violation of this section from a fine of \$100 to \$2,000. Under this bill, a person may not be charged with a violation of Section 3724 (relating to use of registration plate obscuring device) concurrently with a violation of Section 1332(b) for an offense that is committed at the same time and place.

Additionally, Section 3724 is amended to change the focus from registration plate flipping devices to registration plate obscuring devices, prohibiting a person from operating a motor vehicle with a registration plate obscuring device. A person may not be charged with violation of Section 1332(b) concurrently with a violation of Section 3724 for an offense committed at the same time and place.

Provisions related to the possession, purchase, installation, and possession for the purpose of installing, manufacturing, selling, offering to sell or otherwise distribute a registration flipping device are repealed as is the definition of "registration plate flipping device."

The term "registration plate obscuring device" is defined as follows:

1. A device or product that enables a registration plate on a motor vehicle to be intentionally obscured either manually or electronically.
2. The term includes technology that:
 - i. is capable of hiding a registration plate from view;
 - ii. is capable of changing the appearance of a registration plate to appear as a different registration plate; or
 - iii. does not change the appearance of a registration plate but is capable of inhibiting the proper operation of:
 - A. an automated red light enforcement system in place in accordance with section 3116 (relating to automated red light enforcement systems in first class cities) or 3117 (relating to automated red light enforcement systems in certain municipalities);
 - B. another automated enforcement system authorized by this title; or
 - C. an electronic toll collection system authorized under 74 Pa.C.S. (relating to electronic toll collection).

Effective Date:

60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 1332 (Display of Registration Plate) of Title 75 (Vehicles) states that every registration plate shall be securely fastened to the vehicle to which it is assigned or on which its use is authorized at all times. It is unlawful for a registration plate displayed on any vehicle to:

- be so dirty as to prevent the reading of the number or letters on the plate from a reasonable distance;
- be illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise obstructed in any manner which inhibits the proper operation of an automated red light enforcement system or any other automated enforcement system or electronic toll collection system;
- be illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise obstructed in any manner at a reasonable distance;
- be illegible, obscured, covered or otherwise obstructed in any manner which inhibits the visibility of the issuing jurisdiction at a reasonable distance; or
- has a tinted plate cover.

Any person who has an obscured plate commits a summary offense punishable by a fine of \$100 upon conviction.

Section 3724 (relating to use of registration plate flipping device) states that a person may not possess, operate a motor vehicle with, purchase, install, possess for the purpose of installing, manufacture, sell, offer to sell or otherwise distribute a registration plate flipping device. Any person found in violation of this section commits a summary offense, punishable by a fine of \$2,000 upon conviction.

"Registration plate flipping device" is defined as a manual, electric or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle and:

1. switch between two or more registration plates for the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change the registration plate displayed on the operator's motor vehicle; or
2. hide a registration plate from view by flipping the registration plate so that the registration plate number is not visible.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2219 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, WAXMAN, GIRAL, HOHENSTEIN, HILL-EVANS,
BRENNAN, DOUGHERTY, SAMUELSON, MADDEN AND KUZMA,
FEBRUARY 13, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 display of registration plate; and, in miscellaneous
4 provisions relating to offenses in general, further providing
5 for the offense of use of registration plate flipping device.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1332(b)(5) and (c) of Title 75 of the
9 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section
10 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

11 § 1332. Display of registration plate.

12 * * *

13 (b) Obscuring plate.--It is unlawful to display on any
14 vehicle a registration plate which:

15 * * *

16 (5) has a [tinted] plate cover.

17 * * *

18 (c) Penalty for obscured plate.--Any person who violates
19 subsection (b)(2) or (4) commits a summary offense and shall,

1 upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of [\$100] \$2,000.

2 (c.1) Prohibition on similar citations.--A person may not be
3 charged with a violation of section 3724 (relating to use of
4 registration plate obscuring device) concurrently with a
5 violation of subsection (b) for an offense committed at the same
6 time and place.

7 * * *

8 Section 2. Section 3724 of Title 75 is amended to read:

9 § 3724. Use of registration plate [flipping] obscuring device.

10 (a) Prohibition.--A person may not [possess,] operate a
11 motor vehicle with[, purchase, install, possess for the purpose
12 of installing, manufacture, sell, offer to sell or otherwise
13 distribute] a registration plate [flipping] obscuring device.

14 (b) Penalty.--A person who violates subsection (a) commits a
15 summary offense and shall, upon conviction, pay a fine of
16 \$2,000.

17 (b.1) Prohibition on similar citations.--A person may not be
18 charged with a violation of section 1332(b) (relating to display
19 of registration plate) concurrently with a violation of this
20 section for an offense committed at the same time and place.

21 (c) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
22 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
23 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

24 ["Registration plate flipping device." A manual, electric or
25 mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor
26 vehicle and:

27 (1) switch between two or more registration plates for
28 the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change
29 the registration plate displayed on the operator's motor
30 vehicle; or

1 (2) hide a registration plate from view by flipping the
2 registration plate so that the registration plate number is
3 not visible.]

4 "Registration plate obscuring device." As follows:

5 (1) A device or product that enables a registration
6 plate on a motor vehicle to be intentionally obscured either
7 manually or electronically.

8 (2) The term includes technology that:

9 (i) is capable of hiding a registration plate from
10 view;

11 (ii) is capable of changing the appearance of a
12 registration plate to appear as a different registration
13 plate; or

14 (iii) does not change the appearance of a
15 registration plate but is capable of inhibiting the
16 proper operation of:

17 (A) an automated red light enforcement system in
18 place in accordance with section 3116 (relating to
19 automated red light enforcement systems in first
20 class cities) or 3117 (relating to automated red
21 light enforcement systems in certain municipalities);

22 (B) another automated enforcement system
23 authorized by this title; or

24 (C) an electronic toll collection system
25 authorized under 74 Pa.C.S. § 8117 (relating to
26 electronic toll collection).

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

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2219

Sponsor: Neilson 174

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out "; and," and
2 inserting
3 , for antique, classic and collectible plates, for personal
4 organization registration plates, providing for arts
5 registration plate, for Fish PA plate and for mental health
6 registration plate, further providing for special plates for
7 current members of the armed forces of the United States, for
8 Gold Star Family plate and for special plates for recipients
9 of Presidential Service Badge, providing for special plates
10 for recipients of Vice Presidential Service Badge, for
11 special plates for recipients of commendation medals and for
12 special plates for recipients of achievement medals; in fees,
13 further providing for payments to special funds;

14 Amend Bill, page 1, line 5, by striking out the period after
15 "device" and inserting
16 ; and, in powers of department and local authorities, further
17 providing for specific powers of department and local
18 authorities.

19 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 8 through 10, by striking out all
20 of said lines and inserting
21 Section 1. Section 1332 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
22 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a subsection to read:
23 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 19; page 2, line 1; by
24 striking out all of said lines on said pages

25 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 7 and 8
26 Section 2. Section 1340(a.1) of Title 75 is amended to read:
27 § 1340. Antique, classic and collectible plates.
28 * * *
29 (a.1) Vintage registration plates.--In lieu of a special
30 plate issued under subsection (a), the owner of an antique or
31 classic motor vehicle may request permission from the department

1 to display a vintage registration plate from the model year of
2 the motor vehicle. The vintage registration plate shall be:

3 (1) Provided by the motor vehicle owner.

4 (2) A Pennsylvania registration plate issued between the
5 years 1906 and [1976] 1999, or a later year as determined by
6 the department.

7 (3) Legible from a reasonable distance.

8 The applicant shall provide information as the department may
9 require for processing the request and a \$75 application fee.
10 The department may deny a request to use a vintage registration
11 plate for cause.

12 * * *

13 Section 3. Section 1341.1(b) of Title 75 is amended by
14 adding a paragraph to read:

15 § 1341.1. Personal organization registration plates.

16 * * *

17 (b) Additional fee.--

18 * * *

19 (3) For any personal plate issued under section 1365
20 (relating to Gold Star Family plate), the department may not
21 collect an additional fee.

22 Section 4. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

23 § 1352.3. Arts registration plate.

24 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania Council
25 on the Arts, shall design a special arts registration plate.
26 Upon application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$43,
27 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee, the
28 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor
29 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not
30 more than 14,000 pounds. The Arts Promotion Fund established in
31 section 1905(e) (relating to payments to special funds) shall
32 receive \$15 of the fee paid by the applicant for the plate.

33 § 1355.3. Fish PA plate.

34 (a) Design.--

35 (1) No later than 60 days after the effective date of
36 this section, the department, in consultation with the
37 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, shall offer a public
38 design contest to school entity and nonpublic school students
39 in kindergarten through fifth grade in this Commonwealth for
40 a period of 60 days after the initial offering of the design
41 contest. The purpose of the design contest shall be to
42 solicit entries for a special Fish PA registration plate.

43 (2) The department, in consultation with the
44 Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, shall design a special
45 Fish PA registration plate that:

46 (i) is based on the winning entry in the design
47 contest under paragraph (1);

48 (ii) includes the phrase "Fish PA"; and

49 (iii) features the depiction of a brook trout.

50 (b) Application.--Upon application by any person and payment
51 of a \$43 fee, which shall be in addition to the registration

1 fee, the department shall issue a Fish PA registration plate to
2 the person.

3 (c) Limitation on gross weight.--The special registration
4 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a
5 registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

6 (d) Fee allocation to Fish Fund.--

7 (1) The amount of \$14 of each fee collected under
8 subsection (b) shall be deposited into the Fish Fund
9 established under 30 Pa.C.S. § 521 (relating to establishment
10 and use of Fish Fund).

11 (2) The money deposited under paragraph (1) shall be
12 used by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission for the
13 Trout in the Classroom Program or a successor program.

14 § 1358.3. Mental health registration plate.

15 (a) Design.--The department shall design a mental health
16 registration plate. The registration plate shall feature the
17 Liberty Bell with a teal and purple ribbon overlay and shall
18 include the phrase "Mental Health Matters" at the bottom.

19 (b) Issuance.--Upon application of a person, accompanied by
20 a fee of \$42, which shall be in addition to the registration
21 fee, the department shall issue a mental health registration
22 plate for a motorcycle, a passenger car or a truck with a
23 registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds or a
24 motor home.

25 (c) Fees.--Fifteen dollars of each fee received under this
26 section shall be credited to the Mental Health Restricted
27 Account established under section 1905(c.1) (relating to
28 payments to special funds).

29 Section 5. Sections 1364.1(b), 1365(a) and 1368.2 of Title
30 75 are amended to read:

31 § 1364.1. Special plates for current members of the armed
32 forces of the United States.

33 * * *

34 (b) Eligibility.--A plate issued under subsection (a) shall
35 be for members of the Pennsylvania National Guard and the
36 following branches of the armed forces of the United States:

- 37 (1) Army.
- 38 (2) Navy.
- 39 (3) Air Force.
- 40 (4) Marine Corps.
- 41 (5) Coast Guard.
- 42 (6) Space Force.

43 * * *

44 § 1365. Gold Star Family plate.

45 (a) General rule.--Upon application of a family member of a
46 person who was killed while serving on active duty in the
47 military, accompanied by [a fee of \$20 which shall be in
48 addition to the annual registration fee and by] such
49 documentation as the department shall require, the department
50 shall issue to the family member a special registration plate
51 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a family

1 member of a person who was killed while serving on active duty
2 in the military. The department shall design and produce the
3 special registration plate carrying the Service Flag Gold Star
4 rimmed with blue which represents sacrifice to the cause of
5 liberty and freedom. The words "Gold Star Family" shall be
6 clearly displayed along the bottom of the plate. The special
7 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
8 with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

9 * * *

10 § 1368.2. Special plates for recipients of Presidential Service
11 Badge.

12 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
13 Presidential Service Badge, accompanied by a fee of [\$20] \$28
14 which shall be in addition to the registration fee and by such
15 documentation as the department shall require, the department
16 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
17 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
18 is a recipient of the Presidential Service Badge. The special
19 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
20 with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

21 Section 6. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:
22 § 1368.5. Special plates for recipients of Vice Presidential
23 Service Badge.

24 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the Vice
25 Presidential Service Badge, accompanied by a fee of \$28 which
26 shall be in addition to the registration fee and by such
27 documentation as the department shall require, the department
28 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
29 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
30 is a recipient of the Vice Presidential Service Badge. The
31 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
32 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than 14,000
33 pounds.

34 § 1369.5. Special plates for recipients of commendation medals.

35 (a) Issuance.--Upon application of a person who is a
36 recipient of the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army
37 Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal,
38 Air and Space Commendation Medal or Coast Guard Commendation
39 Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$28 which shall be in addition to
40 the registration fee and any documentation the department
41 requires, the department shall issue to the person a special
42 registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed as
43 belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Joint Service
44 Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine
45 Corps Commendation Medal, Air and Space Commendation Medal or
46 Coast Guard Commendation Medal.

47 (b) Limitation.--A special registration plate under this
48 section may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a
49 registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

50 (c) Design.--The department shall design and produce the
51 special registration plate under this section to display the

1 Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy
2 and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Air and Space Commendation
3 Medal or Coast Guard Commendation Medal and the words "Joint
4 Service Commendation Medal," "Army Commendation Medal," "Navy
5 and Marine Corps Commendation Medal," "Air and Space
6 Commendation Medal" or "Coast Guard Commendation Medal" at the
7 bottom of each plate.

8 § 1369.6. Special plates for recipients of achievement medals.

9 (a) Issuance.--Upon application of a person who is a
10 recipient of the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army
11 Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Air
12 and Space Achievement Medal or Coast Guard Achievement Medal,
13 accompanied by a fee of \$28 which shall be in addition to the
14 registration fee and any documentation the department requires,
15 the department shall issue to the person a special registration
16 plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a
17 person who is a recipient of the Joint Service Achievement
18 Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement
19 Medal, Air and Space Achievement Medal or Coast Guard
20 Achievement Medal.

21 (b) Limitation.--A special registration plate under this
22 section may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a
23 registered gross weight of not more than 14,000 pounds.

24 (c) Design.--The department shall design and produce the
25 special registration plate under this section to display the
26 Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Navy
27 and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Air and Space Achievement
28 Medal or Coast Guard Achievement Medal and the words "Joint
29 Service Achievement Medal," "Army Achievement Medal," "Navy and
30 Marine Corps Achievement Medal," "Air and Space Achievement
31 Medal" or "Coast Guard Achievement Medal" at the bottom of each
32 plate.

33 Section 7. Section 1905 of Title 75 is amended by adding
34 subsections to read:

35 § 1905. Payments to special funds.

36 * * *

37 (c.1) Mental Health Restricted Account.--The Mental Health
38 Restricted Account is established in the State Treasury for the
39 purpose of operations of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline or
40 its successor. The money in the account is appropriated on a
41 continuing basis to the Department of Human Services for the
42 purposes of this subsection.

43 * * *

44 (e) Arts Promotion Fund.--

45 (1) The Arts Promotion Fund is established within the
46 State Treasury for the purpose of providing grants for the
47 arts.

48 (2) Fifteen dollars of each fee received under section
49 1352.3 (relating to arts registration plate) shall be
50 credited to the Arts Promotion Fund.

51 (3) All money in the Arts Promotion Fund is appropriated

1 on a continuing basis to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
2 and may be expended, subject to paragraph (5), for the
3 purposes authorized under this subsection.

4 (4) Estimates of amounts to be expended under this
5 subsection shall be submitted to the Governor by the
6 Pennsylvania Council on the Arts for approval.

7 (5) The State Treasurer may not honor any requisition
8 for expenditures by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts in
9 excess of estimates approved by the Governor or in excess of
10 the amount available for the purposes for which the
11 requisition was made, whichever is the lesser amount.

12 Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by striking out "2" and inserting
13 8

14 Amend Bill, page 3, line 27, by striking out all of said line
15 and inserting

16 Section 9. Section 6109 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
17 subsection to read:

18 § 6109. Specific powers of department and local authorities.

19 * * *

20 (k) Indemnification of elected officials not required.--The
21 department may not deny a permit for a procession, special
22 activity or assemblage on a State-designated highway under
23 subsection (j) if the sponsor meets the requirements of
24 subsection (j) but does not indemnify elected officials
25 participating in the procession, special activity or assemblage.

26 Section 10. This act shall take effect as follows:

27 (1) The amendment of 75 Pa.C.S. § 1340(a.1) shall take
28 effect November 1, 2026.

29 (2) The amendment or addition of 75 Pa.C.S. §§ 1352.3,
30 1355.3, 1358.3, 1364.1, 1368.2, 1368.5, 1369.5, 1369.6 and
31 1905(c.1) and (e) shall take effect in 120 days.

32 (3) This section shall take effect immediately.

33 (4) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60
34 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2233 PN2926	Prepared By:	Kyle Wagonseller (717) 772-1786
Committee:	Transportation	Executive Director:	Kyle Wagonseller
Sponsor:	Brennan, Timothy		
Date:	3/5/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Allows for the use of ATVs on roadways by emergency responders up to a maximum of ten miles and on streets closed or restricted for special events.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This bill amends Section 1302 (relating to vehicles exempt from registration) of Title 75 (Vehicles) to allow an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) exempt from registration by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and operated as an emergency vehicle by a police department, fire department, or emergency medical services agency to do the following:

- Travel on public highways up to ten miles, instead of the current two miles.
- Operate on streets closed or restricted for special events.

An emergency ATV under this section would not be required to be equipped with an audible warning system (ie sirens), but would still be required to have visual signals (ie flashing lights). An operator of an emergency ATV who acts in good faith and within the scope of their official duties is entitled to the same protections from liability as apply to operators of emergency vehicles.

Effective Date:

60 days

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 1302 (relating to vehicles exempt from registration) of Title 75 (Vehicles) exempts certain vehicles from registration by PennDOT. Currently, an ATV exempt from registration by DCNR and operated as an emergency vehicle by a police department, fire department, or emergency medical services agency is exempt from PennDOT registration when it does not travel on public highways in excess of two miles and is primarily for off-highway use and only operated incidentally upon the highway. An ATV operated under this section must be equipped with emergency visual and audible signals just like other emergency vehicles.

Section 7702 (relating to definitions) of Title 75 (Vehicles) defines an ATV as follows:

"All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV" is a motorized off-highway vehicle which travels on three or more tires and which has:

1. a maximum width of 50 inches and a maximum dry weight of 1,200 pounds (Class I ATV); or
2. a width which exceeds 50 inches or a dry weight which exceeds 1,200 pounds (Class II ATV).

This term does not include snowmobiles, trail bikes, motorboats, golf carts, aircraft, dune buggies, automobiles, construction machines, trucks or home utility machines; military, fire, emergency, and law enforcement vehicles; implements of husbandry, multipurpose agricultural

vehicles; vehicles used by DCNR; or any vehicle that is or is required to be registered by PennDOT. In addition, this term does not include off-road motor vehicles used exclusively as utility vehicles for agricultural or business operations and incidentally operated or moved upon the highway.

Section 7711.1 (relating to registration of snowmobile or ATV) of Title 75 prohibits the operation of a snowmobile or ATV unless:

1. There is carried on the snowmobile or ATV a valid registration certificate issued by DCNR.
2. There is displayed on the snowmobile or ATV a registration decal or plate issued by DCNR.
3. The display of the registration decal or plate is in a manner prescribed by DCNR.
4. There is displayed on the snowmobile or ATV a valid expiration sticker issued by DCNR.
5. The display of the expiration sticker is in a manner prescribed by DCNR.

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

HB2316 (Stambaugh) was introduced in the 2023-24 session and is somewhat similar to HB2233. This bill was referred to the House Transportation Committee on 5/22/24 with no further action.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2233 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY BRENNAN, FREEMAN, HAMM, PROBST, HARKINS, SANCHEZ,
ZIMMERMAN, HADDOCK, HILL-EVANS, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, MADDEN AND
WARREN, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, further providing for
3 vehicles exempt from registration.

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

6 Section 1. Section 1302(23) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
8 adding a paragraph to read:

9 § 1302. Vehicles exempt from registration.

10 The following types of vehicles are exempt from registration:

11 * * *

12 (23) Any all-terrain vehicle exempt from registration
13 under Chapter 77 (relating to snowmobiles and all-terrain
14 vehicles) and operated as an emergency vehicle by a police or
15 fire department or emergency medical services agency when the
16 vehicle does not travel on public highways in excess of [two]
17 ten miles and is primarily for off-highway use and only
18 operated incidentally upon the highway. An all-terrain

1 vehicle so operated shall comply with section 4571 (visual
2 and audible signals on emergency vehicles). Notwithstanding
3 the requirements of section 4571, an all-terrain vehicle
4 operated under this paragraph is not required to be equipped
5 with an audible warning system. An operator of an all-terrain
6 vehicle under this paragraph who acts in good faith and
7 within the scope of the operator's official duties shall be
8 entitled to the same protections from liability as apply to
9 operators of authorized emergency vehicles under this title.

10 (24) Any all-terrain vehicle exempt from registration
11 under Chapter 77 and operated as an emergency vehicle by a
12 police or fire department or emergency medical services
13 agency on streets closed or restricted for special events as
14 provided under section 6109(a)(15) (relating to specific
15 powers of department and local authorities). An all-terrain
16 vehicle operated under this paragraph shall comply with
17 section 4571. Notwithstanding the requirements of section
18 4571, an all-terrain vehicle operated under this paragraph is
19 not required to be equipped with an audible warning system.
20 An operator of an all-terrain vehicle under this paragraph
21 who acts in good faith and within the scope of the operator's
22 official duties shall be entitled to the same protections
23 from liability as apply to operators of authorized emergency
24 vehicles under this title.

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

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2233

Sponsor: *Stambaugh 89*

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 18; page 2, lines 1
2 through 25; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and
3 inserting

4 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
5 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
6 definitions; in certificate of title and security interests,
7 further providing for vehicles not requiring certificate of
8 title; in registration of vehicles, further providing for
9 vehicles exempt from registration; in general provisions
10 relating to operation of vehicles, further providing for
11 drivers of emergency vehicles; and, in snowmobiles and all-
12 terrain vehicles, further providing for definitions.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. The definition of "emergency vehicle" in section
16 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is
17 amended and the section is amended by adding a definition to
18 read:

19 § 102. Definitions.

20 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
21 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
22 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
23 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
24 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

25 * * *

26 "Emergency utility terrain vehicle" or "emergency UTV." As
27 follows:

- 28 (1) A motorized off-highway vehicle that:
29 (i) has a maximum dry weight of 1,800 pounds;
30 (ii) has a maximum width of not more than 65 inches;
31 (iii) is designed to travel on four or more tires;
32 (iv) has a steering wheel;
33 (v) has two headlights, a taillight and a brake
34 light;
35 (vi) has a roll bar or a similar structural system
36 or device;
37 (vii) has a seat belt for the operator and each

1 passenger;

2 (viii) is equipped with doors on all sides; and

3 (ix) is operated by a police department, fire
4 department or emergency medical services agency during
5 the course of performing official duties.

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

7 (i) a snowmobile;

8 (ii) a trail bike;

9 (iii) a motorboat;

10 (iv) a golf cart;

11 (v) an aircraft;

12 (vi) a dune buggy;

13 (vii) an automobile;

14 (viii) a construction machine;

15 (ix) a truck or home utility machine;

16 (x) a military vehicle;

17 (xi) an implement of husbandry;

18 (xii) a multipurpose agricultural vehicle;

19 (xiii) a vehicle used by the department; or

20 (xiv) an off-road motor vehicle used exclusively as
21 a utility vehicle for an agricultural or business
22 operation and incidentally operated or moved upon the
23 highway.

24 "Emergency vehicle." A State or county emergency management
25 vehicle, fire department vehicle, police vehicle, sheriff
26 vehicle, ambulance, advanced life support squad vehicle, basic
27 life support squad vehicle, emergency canteen support service
28 organization vehicle, blood delivery vehicle, human organ
29 delivery vehicle, hazardous material response vehicle, armed
30 forces emergency vehicle, one vehicle operated by a coroner or
31 chief county medical examiner and one vehicle operated by a
32 chief deputy coroner or deputy chief county medical examiner
33 used for answering emergency calls, a vehicle owned by or leased
34 to a regional emergency medical services council that is used as
35 authorized by the Department of Health to respond to an actual
36 or potential disaster, mass casualty situation or substantial
37 threat to public health, a vehicle owned by a county or regional
38 police association and operated by a police officer that is used
39 for police transport or victim extraction, a vehicle that is
40 owned and operated by a county correctional institution in a
41 city of the first class and used to respond to an emergency at a
42 correctional institution in a city of the first class or to
43 escort an ambulance which is transporting sick or injured
44 prisoners in a city of the first class, any vehicle operated by
45 a special agent, special agent supervisor, narcotics agent or
46 narcotics agent supervisor while performing official duties as
47 employees of the Office of Attorney General, any vehicle owned
48 and operated by the Philadelphia Parking Authority established
49 in accordance with 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 55 (relating to parking
50 authorities) and used in the enforcement of 53 Pa.C.S. Ch. 57
51 (relating to taxicabs and limousines in first class cities), a

1 vehicle owned by a city of the first class and operated by first
2 judicial district certified armed probation officers, a vehicle
3 owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that
4 is used by an emergency service responder as dispatched by the
5 Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission's traffic operations center, an
6 emergency UTV or any other vehicle designated by the State
7 Police under section 6106 (relating to designation of emergency
8 vehicles by Pennsylvania State Police), or a privately owned
9 vehicle used in answering an emergency call when used by any of
10 the following:

- 11 (1) A police chief and assistant chief.
- 12 (2) A fire chief, assistant chief and, when a fire
13 company has three or more fire vehicles, a second or third
14 assistant chief.
- 15 (3) A fire police captain and fire police lieutenant.
- 16 (4) An ambulance corps commander and assistant
17 commander.
- 18 (5) A river rescue commander and assistant commander.
- 19 (6) A county emergency management coordinator.
- 20 (7) A fire marshal.
- 21 (8) A rescue service chief and assistant chief.
- 22 (9) The chief or operations director of a county
23 hazardous materials response team.

24 (10) A police officer who is also a member of a county
25 or regional municipal special emergency response team which
26 is authorized to respond to emergencies under 42 Pa.C.S. §
27 8953 (relating to Statewide municipal police jurisdiction).

28 * * *

29 Section 2. Section 1102 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
30 paragraph to read:

31 § 1102. Vehicles not requiring certificate of title.

32 No certificate of title is required for:

33 * * *

34 (13) An emergency UTV.

35 Section 3. Section 1302(23) of Title 75 is amended and the
36 section is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

37 § 1302. Vehicles exempt from registration.

38 The following types of vehicles are exempt from registration:

39 * * *

40 (23) Any all-terrain vehicle [exempt from registration
41 under Chapter 77 (relating to snowmobiles and all-terrain
42 vehicles) and], other than an emergency UTV, operated as an
43 emergency vehicle by a police or fire department or emergency
44 medical services agency when the vehicle does not travel on
45 public highways in excess of [two] 15 miles and is primarily
46 for off-highway use and only operated incidentally upon the
47 highway. An all-terrain vehicle so operated shall comply with
48 section 4571 (visual and audible signals on emergency
49 vehicles).

50 (24) An emergency UTV.

51 Section 4. Section 3105 of Title 75 is amended by adding a

1 subsection to read:

2 § 3105. Drivers of emergency vehicles.

3 * * *

4 (d.2) Emergency UTVs.--

5 (1) An emergency UTV shall comply with section 4571
6 (relating to visual and audible signals on emergency
7 vehicles), except as follows:

8 (i) when operated on a highway or roadway where the
9 posted speed limit is less than 25 miles per hour, unless
10 responding to an emergency, transporting an occupant who
11 requires emergency medical care or as otherwise
12 determined by the driver of the emergency UTV; or

13 (ii) when operated on a street closed or restricted
14 for special events as provided under section 6109(a)(15)
15 (relating to specific powers of department and local
16 authorities).

17 (2) An emergency UTV may not be operated on a freeway.

18 (3) The driver of an emergency UTV must be at least 21
19 years of age and in possession of a valid driver's license.

20 (4) The driver and any occupant of an emergency UTV
21 operated on a highway or roadway where the posted speed limit
22 is 25 miles per hour or greater shall:

23 (i) wear a helmet; and

24 (ii) wear a properly adjusted and fastened safety
25 seat belt system.

26 (5) Paragraph (4) shall not apply to an occupant of an
27 emergency UTV who requires emergency medical care and is
28 physically incapable of wearing a helmet or a properly
29 adjusted and fastened safety seat belt.

30 (6) The owner of an emergency UTV shall maintain such
31 minimum levels of liability insurance coverage on the vehicle
32 as are required to be maintained under Chapter 17 (relating
33 to financial responsibility) by owners of registered motor
34 vehicles.

35 (7) The owner of an emergency UTV shall maintain the
36 emergency UTV in operating condition at all times.

37 (8) Auxiliary lighting may be added to an emergency UTV
38 to protect the driver and occupants, including blue dot
39 illumination, standard bulb running lights and light-emitting
40 diode pods and strips.

41 (9) A driver of an emergency UTV who acts in good faith
42 and within the scope of the driver's official duties shall be
43 entitled to the same protections from liability as apply to
44 operators of authorized emergency vehicles under this title.

45 * * *

46 Section 5. The definition of "all-terrain vehicle" or "ATV"
47 in section 7702 of Title 75 is amended to read:

48 § 7702. Definitions.

49 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
50 shall have, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the
51 meanings given to them in this section:

1 "All-terrain vehicle" or "ATV." A motorized off-highway
2 vehicle which travels on three or more tires and which has:
3 (1) a maximum width of 50 inches and a maximum dry
4 weight of 1,200 pounds; or
5 (2) a width which exceeds 50 inches or a dry weight
6 which exceeds 1,200 pounds.

7 An ATV described in paragraph (1) may be referred to as a Class
8 I ATV, and an ATV described in paragraph (2) may be referred to
9 as a Class II ATV. This term does not include snowmobiles, trail
10 bikes, motorboats, golf carts, aircraft, dune buggies,
11 automobiles, construction machines, trucks or home utility
12 machines; military, fire, emergency and law enforcement
13 vehicles; implements of husbandry; multipurpose agricultural
14 vehicles; vehicles used by the department; emergency UTVs; or
15 any vehicle that is or is required to be registered under
16 Chapter 13 (relating to registration of vehicles). In addition,
17 this term does not include off-road motor vehicles used
18 exclusively as utility vehicles for agricultural or business
19 operations and incidentally operated or moved upon the highway.

20 * * *

21 Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2549 PN3459	Prepared By:	Jessica Sander (717) 772-1786
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Sponsor:	Hohenstein, Joe		
Date:	6/11/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Allows applicants to donate \$5 to the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when electronically renewing a driver's license, ID card, or vehicle registration online through PennDOT's website.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This bill creates Section 1325 (relating to contributions for the deaf and hard of hearing) under Title 75 (Vehicles). Within one year of the effective date, PennDOT must give the option for a person renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration electronically through PennDOT's website to contribute \$5 to the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (Office). This optional contribution would be in addition to the regular fees for a license, identification card, or vehicle registration.

Contributions made to the Office under this section must be used exclusively to provide communication access for the deaf and hard of hearing. PennDOT must determine annually the total amount collected under this section and must report it to the State Treasurer who will then transfer the amount from the Motor License Fund to the Office. The Office must reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred by PennDOT in its administration of this section.

PennDOT must provide adequate information concerning the contribution in its instructions for applicants. The information must include the address of the Office to which contributions may be sent by individuals wishing to make additional contributions. The Office must report annually to the majority and minority chairpersons of the House and Senate Labor and Industry Committees on the amount received from the contributions and how the funds were used.

The term "office" is defined as "the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing established under Section 2(a) of the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L. 1621, No. 184), entitled "An act establishing and imposing powers and duties on the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Department of Labor and Industry; and establishing and providing powers and duties for the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the Department of Labor and Industry."

Effective Date:

60 days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Existing law provides for a number of donation opportunities while renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration.

Section 1320 (relating to contributions to Veterans' Trust Fund) of Title 75 allows applicants for an original or renewed driver's license or identification card, or a renewed vehicle registration, the option to contribute \$5 to the Veterans' Trust Fund or contribute \$10 for a two year vehicle registration completed electronically. These contribution amounts are in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1321 (relating to contributions for pediatric cancer research) of Title 75 allows applicants to make a contribution of \$5 to the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$5 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1322 (relating to contributions to Keystone Tree Restricted Account) of Title 75 allows applicants to make a contribution of \$3 to the Keystone Tree Restricted Account when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$3 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1323 (relating to contributions for breast cancer research) of Title 75 allows applicants to make a contribution of \$5 to the Pennsylvania Breast Cancer Coalition when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$5 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 1324 (relating to contributions for the prevention of child abuse and neglect) of Title 75 allows applicants to make a contribution of \$5 to the Children's Trust Fund when electronically renewing a driver's license, identification card, or vehicle registration. The \$5 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

Section 8621 (relating to the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund Contributions) of Title 20 (Decedents, Estates and Fiduciaries), allows applicants for an original or renewed driver's license or identification card, or a renewed vehicle registration, the option to contribute \$3 to the Organ Donation Awareness Trust Fund. The \$3 contribution is in addition to the regular fee.

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

N/A

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2549 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY HOHENSTEIN, HARKINS, MARKOSEK, PIELLI, WAXMAN,
HANBIDGE, RIVERA, MALAGARI, GUZMAN, BOROWSKI, DOUGHERTY,
SHUSTERMAN, PROBST, CURRY, SANCHEZ AND INGLIS, MAY 28, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MAY 28, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in registration of vehicles, providing for
3 contributions for the deaf and hard of hearing.

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

6 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 1325. Contributions for the deaf and hard of hearing.

9 (a) Contributions.--Within one year of the effective date of
10 this subsection, the department shall provide for all of the
11 following:

12 (1) The ability of a person renewing a driver's license
13 or identification card electronically through the
14 department's publicly accessible Internet website to make a
15 contribution of \$5 to the office.

16 (2) The ability of a person renewing a vehicle
17 registration electronically through the department's publicly
18 accessible Internet website to make a contribution of \$5 to

1 the office.

2 (b) Implementation.--

3 (1) A contribution under subsection (a) shall be added,
4 as appropriate, to the regular fee for a:

5 (i) renewal of a driver's license or identification
6 card; and

7 (ii) renewal of a vehicle registration.

8 (2) One contribution under subsection (a) may be made
9 for each:

10 (i) renewal of a driver's license or identification
11 card; and

12 (ii) renewal of a vehicle registration.

13 (c) Use.--Contributions made under subsection (a) shall be
14 used by the office exclusively to provide communication access
15 for the deaf and hard of hearing.

16 (d) Deposits.--The department shall determine annually the
17 total amount designated under this section and shall report the
18 amount to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall
19 transfer the amount from the Motor License Fund to the office.

20 (e) Information.--The department shall provide adequate
21 information concerning the contribution under subsection (a) in
22 its instructions for the applicants described under subsection
23 (a). The information concerning the contribution shall include
24 the address of the office to which contributions may be sent by
25 individuals wishing to make additional contributions.

26 (f) Reporting.--The office shall report annually to the
27 chairperson and minority chairperson of the Labor and Industry
28 Committee of the Senate and the chairperson and minority
29 chairperson of the Labor and Industry Committee of the House of
30 Representatives on the amount received from the contributions

1 authorized by this section and how the funds were used.

2 (g) Reimbursement.--The office shall reimburse the Motor
3 License Fund for the actual costs incurred by the department in
4 the administration of this section.

5 (h) Definition.--As used in this section, the term "office"
6 means the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing established
7 under section 2(a) of the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1621,
8 No.184), entitled "An act establishing and imposing powers and
9 duties on the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the
10 Department of Labor and Industry; and establishing and providing
11 powers and duties for the Advisory Council for the Deaf and Hard
12 of Hearing in the Department of Labor and Industry."

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

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2549

Sponsor: *Neilson 174*

Printer's No. 3459

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 3, by striking out the period after
2 "hearing" and inserting

3 and for contributions for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 7, by striking out "a section" and
5 inserting

6 sections

7 Amend Bill, page 3, line 4, by inserting after "section"

8 in the fiscal year incurred

9 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 12 and 13

10 § 1326. Contributions for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

11 (a) Electronic renewal contribution option.--Within one year
12 of the effective date of this subsection, the department shall
13 provide for all of the following:

14 (1) Ability of a person renewing a driver's license or
15 identification card electronically through the department's
16 publicly accessible Internet website to make a contribution
17 of \$5 to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

18 (2) Ability of a person renewing a vehicle registration
19 electronically through the department's publicly accessible
20 Internet website to make a contribution of \$5 to Shriners
21 Hospitals for Children.

22 (b) Implementation.--

23 (1) A contribution under subsection (a) shall be added,
24 as appropriate, to the regular fee for:

25 (i) a renewal of a driver's license or
26 identification card; or

27 (ii) a renewal of a vehicle registration.

28 (2) One contribution under subsection (a) may be made
29 for:

30 (i) each renewal of a driver's license or
31 identification card; and

32 (ii) each renewal of a vehicle registration.

33 (c) Use.--Contributions made under subsection (a) shall be

1 used exclusively by Shriners Hospitals for Children facilities
2 in this Commonwealth.

3 (d) Deposits.--The department shall determine annually the
4 total amount designated under this section and shall report the
5 amount to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall
6 transfer the amount from the Motor License Fund to Shriners
7 Hospitals for Children.

8 (e) Information.--The department shall provide adequate
9 information concerning the contribution under subsection (a) in
10 its instructions for the applicants described under subsection
11 (a). The information concerning the contribution shall include
12 the addresses of the Shriners Hospitals for Children facilities
13 in this Commonwealth to which contributions may be sent by
14 individuals wishing to make additional contributions.

15 (f) Reporting.--Shriners Hospitals for Children shall report
16 annually to the respective committees of the Senate and the
17 House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over health
18 matters on the amount received from the contributions authorized
19 by this section and how the funds were used.

20 (g) Reimbursement.--Shriners Hospitals for Children shall
21 reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred
22 by the department in the administration of this section in the
23 fiscal year incurred.

24 Amend Bill, page 3, line 13, by striking out "60 days" and
25 inserting

26 25 months

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB0481 PN0439	Prepared By:	Kyle Wagonseller (717) 772-1786
Committee:	Transportation	Executive Director:	Kyle Wagonseller
Sponsor:	Ward, Judy		
Date:	6/13/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Allows for the transportation of milk on roadways with travel restrictions due to inclement weather or a declared emergency.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This bill adds Section 4910 (relating to milk hauling during inclement weather and emergency declaration) to Title 75 (Vehicles) to allow milk haulers to transport milk on roadways with travel restrictions due to inclement weather or a declared emergency.

The below listed vehicles must be allowed by PennDOT, local authorities, and law enforcement to move upon highways within their respect jurisdictions 24 hours a day, seven days a week during (1) inclement weather as defined by PennDOT regulations when PennDOT restricts the operation of a combination or farm vehicle; and (2) a declared national, State or local emergency as issued by the Governor impeding the operation of a combination or farm vehicle:

- The following vehicles which haul a milk product to or from a milk plant or to or from a dairy farm, or is traveling to a dairy farm to pick up a milk product:
 - A combination up to 80,000 pounds hauling.
 - A combination up to 95,000 pounds with an oversized load permit issued by PennDOT or a local authority.
 - A farm vehicle.

A one-time decal, designed and issued by the PA Milk Board, that identifies the vehicle as a licensed milk hauler must be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle. The Board must charge a fee for the issuance of the decal, the amount of which fee may not exceed the administrative costs of producing and issuing the decal. The same fee may be charged to replace a decal that has been lost, stolen, damaged or becomes illegible.

A penalty may not be imposed on the driver of a vehicle under this section.

Section 4968 (relating to permit for movement during course of manufacture) is amended to state that a combination which is hauling milk to or from a milk plant or to or from a dairy farm, or is traveling to a dairy farm to pick up milk, may be permitted by PennDOT and local authorities to move upon highways within their respective jurisdictions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, consistent with Section 4910, if the gross weight does not exceed 95,000 pounds.

The bill defines the following terms:

"Milk plant" is any place or premise or establishment where milk is collected, separated, processed, stored, bottled, pasteurized, or prepared in any manner for sale as milk, milk products or manufactured dairy products.

"Dairy farm" is a place or premise where one or more cows are kept, and a part of all the milk from which is sold or delivered to any person.

Effective Date:

60 days

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 4978 of Title 75 (Vehicles) provides for the 24 hours/day, seven days/week hauling of milk, except during inclement weather, on highways by permitted trucks weighing no more than 95,000 pounds.

Section 6108 of Title 75 permits the Governor to modify the provisions of the Vehicle Code when a national, state, or local emergency is declared.

Section 7301 of Title 35 (Health and Safety) provides authority for the Governor to declare a disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation.

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

SB153 (J. Ward) was introduced in the 2023-2024 session. It passed the Senate 34-14 on 10/1/24. It was referred to the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on 10/2/24 with no further action.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 481 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, YAW, ROTHMAN, PENNYCUICK, BROOKS,
LANGERHOLC, STREET, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, COSTA,
HUTCHINSON, STEFANO, MARTIN, CULVER, DUSH AND MASTRIANO,
MARCH 20, 2025

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 20, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in size, weight and load, providing for milk
3 hauling during inclement weather and emergency declaration
4 and further providing for permit for movement during course
5 of manufacture.

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

8 Section 1. Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 4910. Milk hauling during inclement weather and emergency
11 declaration.

12 (a) Movement upon highways.--A combination up to 80,000
13 pounds, combination consistent with section 4968(a.2)(4)
14 (relating to permit for movement during course of manufacture)
15 or farm vehicle which is hauling a milk product to or from a
16 milk plant or to or from a dairy farm, or is traveling to a
17 dairy farm to pick up a milk product, shall be allowed by the
18 department, local authorities and law enforcement to move upon

1 highways within their respective jurisdiction 24 hours a day,
2 seven days a week during:

3 (1) Inclement weather as defined in department
4 regulations when the department restricts the operation of a
5 combination or farm vehicle.

6 (2) A declared national, State or local emergency when
7 the Governor issues a proclamation or executive order
8 impeding the operation of a combination or farm vehicle.

9 (b) Decal.--A one-time decal, designed and issued by the
10 board, that identifies the combination or farm vehicle as a
11 licensed milk hauler shall be placed on the driver's side of the
12 cab of the combination or farm vehicle. The board shall charge a
13 fee for the issuance of the decal, the amount of which fee may
14 not exceed the administrative costs of producing and issuing the
15 decal and may impose the same fee to replace a decal that has
16 been lost, stolen, damaged or become illegible.

17 (c) Penalty prohibited.--A penalty may not be imposed on the
18 driver of a combination or farm vehicle if the operation of the
19 vehicle complies with this section.

20 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
21 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
22 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

23 "Board." The Pennsylvania Milk Board.

24 "Dairy farm." As defined in section 1 of the act of July 2,
25 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation Law.

26 "Milk plant." As defined in section 1 of the Milk Sanitation
27 Law.

28 Section 2. Section 4968(a.2)(4) and (b) of Title 75 are
29 amended to read:

30 § 4968. Permit for movement during course of manufacture.

1 * * *

2 (a.2) Specifications.--

3 * * *

4 (4) A combination [of vehicles] which is hauling milk to
5 or from a [manufacturer] milk plant or to or from a dairy
6 farm, or is traveling to a dairy farm to pick up milk,
7 may be permitted by the department and local authorities
8 to move upon highways within their respective
9 jurisdictions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, [except
10 during inclement weather as defined in department
11 regulations,] consistent with section 4910 (relating to
12 milk hauling during inclement weather and emergency
13 declaration) if the gross weight does not exceed 95,000
14 pounds and the weight of any nonsteering axle does not
15 exceed 21,000 pounds. A permit may be issued for this
16 type of movement upon an interstate highway. An
17 application to the department for the movement of milk,
18 except for raw milk, shall designate the route the
19 applicant requests to use.

20 * * *

21 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
22 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
23 subsection:

24 "Bulk milk." The term shall mean milk, as defined in section
25 1 of the act of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as
26 the Milk Sanitation Law, which is not transported in packages.

27 "Condensed milk" and "evaporated milk." The term shall mean
28 manufactured dairy products as defined in section 1 of the act
29 of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk
30 Sanitation Law, which is not transported in packages.

1 "Dairy farm." As defined in section 1 of the act of July 2,
2 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation Law.

3 "Hot box." Consists of an enclosure consisting of welded
4 steel plate chained to a semitrailer with a removable lid lined
5 with refracton for purposes of insulation and retention of
6 heat.

7 "Milk." The term shall mean any of the following:

- 8 (1) Bulk milk.
- 9 (2) Evaporated milk.
- 10 (3) Raw milk.
- 11 (4) Condensed milk.

12 "Milk plant." As defined in section 1 of the act of July 2,
13 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation Law.

14 "Raw milk." [Has the meaning given to it in] As defined in
15 section 8(a) of the act of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210),
16 referred to as the Milk Sanitation Law.

17 "Sugar." The term shall refer to granulated raw, semi-
18 refined or refined sugar derived from the processing of sugar
19 cane or sugar beets, requiring further processing and not
20 intended for direct consumption or retail sale.

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

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 481

Sponsor: Neilson 174

Printer's No. 439

1 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 1 through 18; pages 2 and 3, lines
2 1 through 30; page 4, lines 1 through 21; by striking out all of
3 said lines on said pages and inserting

4 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
5 Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for
6 permit for movement during course of manufacture.

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

9 Section 1. Section 4968(a.2)(4) and (b) of Title 75 of the
10 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:
11 § 4968. Permit for movement during course of manufacture.

12 * * *

13 (a.2) Specifications.--

14 * * *

15 (4) A combination of vehicles which is hauling milk to
16 or from a [manufacturer] milk plant or to or from a dairy
17 farm, or is traveling to a dairy farm or milk plant to pick
18 up milk, may be permitted by the department and local
19 authorities to move upon specified highways, including
20 interstate highways, within their respective jurisdictions 24
21 hours a day, seven days a week, except during inclement
22 weather as defined in department regulations[, if the gross
23 weight does not exceed 95,000 pounds and the weight of any
24 nonsteering axle does not exceed 21,000 pounds. A permit may
25 be issued for this type of movement upon an interstate
26 highway. An application to the department for the movement of
27 milk, except for raw milk, shall designate the route the
28 applicant requests to use.] if all of the following apply:

29 (i) The combination of vehicles is one of the
30 following:

31 (A) A five-axle combination vehicle hauling milk
32 with a gross weight not exceeding 95,000 pounds.

33 (B) A six-axle combination vehicle hauling raw
34 milk or bulk milk with a gross weight not exceeding
35 107,000 pounds.

36 (C) A seven-axle combination vehicle hauling raw
37 milk or bulk milk with a gross weight not exceeding

1 117,000 pounds.

2 (ii) The weight of any nonsteering axle does not
3 exceed 21,000 pounds.

4 (iii) The application for a permit designates the
5 route that the applicant requests to use. This
6 subparagraph shall not apply to an application for a
7 permit for a five-axle combination vehicle hauling raw
8 milk or bulk milk with a gross weight not exceeding
9 95,000 pounds.

10 (iv) If subparagraph (iii) applies, the department
11 or local authority approving the permit determines that
12 the route requested under subparagraph (iii) is capable
13 of handling the applicable gross weight under
14 subparagraph (i).

15 (b) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
16 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
17 subsection:

18 "Bulk milk." The term shall mean milk, as defined in section
19 1 of the act of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as
20 the Milk Sanitation Law, which is not transported in packages.

21 "Condensed milk" and "evaporated milk." The term shall mean
22 manufactured dairy products as defined in section 1 of the act
23 of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk
24 Sanitation Law, which is not transported in packages.

25 "Dairy farm." Has the meaning given to it in section 1 of
26 the act of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the
27 Milk Sanitation Law.

28 "Hot box." Consists of an enclosure consisting of welded
29 steel plate chained to a semitrailer with a removable lid lined
30 with refraction for purposes of insulation and retention of
31 heat.

32 "Milk." The term shall mean any of the following:

- 33 (1) Bulk milk.
34 (2) Evaporated milk.
35 (3) Raw milk.
36 (4) Condensed milk.

37 "Milk plant." Has the meaning given to it in section 1 of
38 the act of July 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the
39 Milk Sanitation Law.

40 "Raw milk." Has the meaning given to it in the act of July
41 2, 1935 (P.L.589, No.210), referred to as the Milk Sanitation
42 Law.

43 "Sugar." The term shall refer to granulated raw, semi-
44 refined or refined sugar derived from the processing of sugar
45 cane or sugar beets, requiring further processing and not
46 intended for direct consumption or retail sale.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB1181 PN1456	Prepared By:	Jessica Sander (717) 772-1786
Committee:	Transportation	Executive Director:	Kyle Wagonseller
Sponsor:	Keefer, Dawn		
Date:	6/11/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Transfers ownership of certain locally-owned roads in Dauphin and York Counties to PennDOT on the condition that those same municipalities accept ownership of certain state-owned roads.

C. Analysis of the Bill

DAUPHIN COUNTY

This bill amends the Township State Highway Law (Act 203 of 1931) to transfer ownership of a locally-owned road in East Hanover Township, Dauphin County to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PennDOT). Bow Creek Road (T-612) beginning at the intersection with Jonestown Road (T-601), heading in a northerly direction to a point at the intersection of State Route 443 (formerly Legislative Route 22024), a distance of 10,085 feet or 1.91 miles, is transferred to PennDOT's ownership.

The above transfer to PennDOT will only occur if all of the following conditions are met:

- South Hanover Township, Dauphin County must accept ownership of the portion of Canal Road (SR 2022) within their borders; and
- East Hanover Township, Dauphin County must accept ownership of the portion of Canal Road (SR 2022) within their borders.

Upon fulfillment of this criteria, PennDOT shall transmit notice of the acceptance of Bow Creek Road to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this bill, PennDOT must maintain ownership of the bridge which carries Canal Road (SR 2022) over the Bow Creek in East Hanover Township, Dauphin County (Bridge Key 14499).

YORK COUNTY

This bill amends the Township State Highway Law (Act 203 of 1931) to transfer ownership of a locally-owned road in Conewago Township, York County to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PennDOT). Upon completion of certain proposed improvements and the completion of the Canal Road State Route 921 betterment project, Susquehanna Trail T-956 (formerly Legislative Route 333) beginning at the municipal line with Manchester Township, York County, station 1038+52 heading in a northerly direction to the start of State Route 297, at station 1146+76, a distance of 10,824 feet or 2.05 miles, is transferred to PennDOT's ownership.

The above transfer to PennDOT will only occur if Conewago Township, York County, accepts the turn-back of a portion of Bowers Bridge Road (State Route 1013, formerly Legislative Route 66200)

Upon fulfillment of this criteria and the completion of proposed improvements on State Route 921, PennDOT shall transmit notice of the acceptance of the acceptance and completion of proposed improvements to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

Effective Date:

The sections authorizing the townships to accept ownership of the designated PennDOT roads take effect immediately.

The sections transferring the designated local roads to PennDOT take effect upon PennDOT's publication of the notices in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

The Township State Highway Law (Act 203 of 1931) provides for certain township roads being taken over by PennDOT.

Chapter 92 (Transfer of State Highways) of Title 75 (Vehicles) established PennDOT's Highway Transfer "Turnback" Program to allow for the transfer of functionally-local state-owned roads to municipal ownership. No highway transfer can occur unless the municipality agrees to the transfer of the described highway. PennDOT and the affected municipality must jointly determine whether any rehabilitative work is required to put the highway or road in a satisfactory condition. The rehabilitative work may be done by PennDOT or municipal forces, or by contract, as the parties shall agree. If the work is to be performed by PennDOT or its contractors, the highway or road transfer shall not be effective until all agreed upon rehabilitative work has been completed. Upon transfer of any highway, the municipality shall assume the same public liability for the transferred highway as it assumes for other highways under the municipality's jurisdiction.

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

SB 1181 is identical to HB 333 (Mehaffie) which was introduced in the 2025-26 Legislative Session. HB 333 was reported as amended to include the House Transportation Committee (26-0) on 2/3/25 and passed the House (202-0) on 3/18/25. It was referred to the Senate Transportation Committee on 3/19/25. No further action has been taken on the bill.

HB 340 (D'Orsie), introduced in the 2025-26 Legislative Session, was referred to the House Transportation Committee on 1/27/25. It was amended into HB 333 by the committee (26-0) on 2/3/25.

HB 2055 (Mehaffie) was introduced in the 2023-24 Legislative Session. The bill passed the House Transportation Committee (25-0) on 3/18/24 and passed the House (200-0) on 4/10/24. In the Senate, the bill was amended and approved by the Senate Transportation Committee (14-0) on 6/5/2024. No further action was taken on the bill after receiving second consideration in the Senate on 10/21/24.

HB 1907 (D'Orsie) was introduced in the 2023-2024 Legislative Session. The bill passed the House Transportation Committee (25-0) on 3/26/24. There was no further action.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1181 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY KEEFER, KIM, FLYNN AND J. WARD, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 22, 1931 (P.L.594, No.203), entitled
2 "An act establishing certain township roads as State
3 highways; authorizing their construction, maintenance, and
4 improvement under certain conditions and restrictions;
5 limiting the obligation of the Commonwealth in the
6 construction of certain structures located on such highways;
7 conferring certain powers upon the Department of Highways and
8 local authorities, persons, associations and corporations for
9 sharing the cost of the maintenance and construction of such
10 highways; and making an appropriation to carry out the
11 provisions of said act," adding a route in Dauphin County and
12 in York County.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Section 23 of the act of June 22, 1931 (P.L.594,
16 No.203), referred to as the Township State Highway Law, is
17 amended by adding a route to read:

18 Section 23. The township roads to be taken over, under the
19 provisions of this act, in the COUNTY OF DAUPHIN, are those
20 situate and described as follows:

21 * * *

22 Bow Creek Road Route T-612. The section of Bow Creek Road
23 beginning at the intersection with Jonestown Road (T-601),

1 heading in a northerly direction to a point at the intersection
2 of SR 443 (formerly Legislative Route 22024) a distance of
3 10,085 feet or 1.91 miles.

4 Section 2. Section 67 of the act is amended by adding a
5 route to read:

6 Section 67. The township roads to be taken over, under the
7 provisions of this act, in the COUNTY OF YORK, are those situate
8 and described as follows:

9 * * *

10 Susquehanna Trail T-956 (formerly Legislative Route 333).
11 Upon completion of certain proposed improvements and completion
12 of the Canal Road State Route 921 betterment project, that
13 section of the Susquehanna Trail beginning at municipal line
14 with Manchester Township, York County, station 1038+52 heading
15 in a northerly direction to start of State Route 297, at station
16 1146+76, a distance of 10,824 feet or 2.05 miles.

17 Section 3. The following apply:

18 (1) If South Hanover Township, Dauphin County, accepts
19 the turn-back of Canal Road (State Route 2022, formerly
20 Legislative Route 22051) from a beginning point at Sand Beach
21 Road (SR 2015), Segment 0010 Offset 0000 (station 0+00)
22 heading in an easterly direction to municipal line with East
23 Hanover Township, Segment 0010 Offset 2378 (station 23+78)
24 for a distance of 2,378 feet or 0.450 miles, having an
25 existing right-of-way width of 40 feet, the Department of
26 Transportation of the Commonwealth shall transmit notice of
27 the acceptance to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
28 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
29 Bulletin.

30 (2) If East Hanover Township, Dauphin County, accepts

1 the turn-back of Canal Road (State Route 2022, formerly
2 Legislative Route 22051) from a beginning point at the
3 municipal line with South Hanover Township, Segment 0010
4 Offset 2378 (station 23+78) heading in an easterly direction
5 to SR 0743 (formerly Legislative Route 22014), Segment 0040
6 Offset 2665 (station 111+49) for a distance of 8,771 feet or
7 1.661 miles, having an existing right-of-way width of 40
8 feet, the Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth
9 shall transmit notice of the acceptance to the Legislative
10 Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue
11 of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

12 Section 4. The Department of Transportation of the
13 Commonwealth shall maintain ownership of the structure on Canal
14 Road over Bow Creek (BMS 22202200300964/ BRKEY 14499).

15 Section 5. If Conewago Township, York County, accepts the
16 turn-back of Bowers Bridge Road (State Route 1013, formerly
17 Legislative Route 66200) from a beginning point at Conewago
18 Creek Road (State Route 1004), Segment 0010 Offset 0000 (station
19 0+00) heading in an easterly direction to intersection with Cly
20 Road (State Route 1913), Segment 0030 Offset 3112 (station
21 91+13) for a distance of 9,113 feet or 1.726 miles, having an
22 existing right-of-way width of 40 feet, and upon the completion
23 of proposed improvements on State Route 921, the Department of
24 Transportation of the Commonwealth shall transmit notice of the
25 acceptance and completion of proposed improvements to the
26 Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next
27 available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

28 Section 6. This act shall take effect as follows:

29 (1) This section shall take effect immediately.

30 (2) Sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act shall take effect

1 immediately.

2 (3) The amendment of section 23 of the act shall take
3 effect upon publication of the notices in the Pennsylvania
4 Bulletin under section 3 of this act.

5 (4) The amendment of section 67 of the act shall take
6 effect upon publication of the notice in the Pennsylvania
7 Bulletin under section 5 of this act.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB1294 PN1696	Prepared By:	Kyle Wagonseller (717) 772-1786
Committee:	Transportation	Executive Director:	Kyle Wagonseller
Sponsor:	Ward, Judy		
Date:	6/13/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Allows the State Board of Private Licensed Schools to levy a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 on an unlicensed commercial driving school.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This bill amends the Private Licensed Schools Act (Act 174 of 1986) to give the State Board of Private Licensed Schools, by a majority vote, the option to levy a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 (increased from \$2,500) on any person who provides entry level driver training without being properly licensed to those individuals who apply for a commercial driver's license (CDL) or a CDL upgrade or endorsement as provided by federal regulations.

A civil penalty may only be assessed once per violation. Prior to the collection of the penalty, the person must have access to the hearing procedure outlined in Title 2 (Administrative Law and Procedure).

Effective Date:

Immediately.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Private Licensed Schools provide postsecondary career and trade education. They are governed by the Private Licensed Schools Act (174 of 1986), which created the State Board of Private Licensed Schools as an administrative board in the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

CDL training providers are licensed under the State Board of Private Licensed School and based on the co-sponsorship memo, are the intended target of this legislation. However, SB1294 is not limited to only CDL training programs and would apply to all career or trade schools that falls under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Private Licensed Schools.

Title 49, Part 380, Subpart F of the Code of Federal Regulations establishes training requirements for entry-level drivers. Entry-level driver training only applies to those individuals who apply for a commercial driver's license (CDL) or a CDL upgrade or endorsement.

The State Board of Private Licensed Schools consists of the following 15 members, 14 of which are appointed by the Secretary of Education:

1. Three members who represent private licensed schools providing instruction in business and commercial pursuits.
2. Three members who represent private licensed schools providing instruction in trades or technologies.
3. Three members who represent private licensed schools providing distance education or home-study instruction.
4. Five members representative of the general public having no current affiliation with private licensed schools.
5. The Director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection in the Office of Attorney General, or a designee, serves ex officio with voting rights.

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

No prior session information.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1294 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, BARTOLOTTA, PHILLIPS-HILL, HUTCHINSON, LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, MARTIN, BAKER AND VOGEL, APRIL 17, 2026

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, MAY 6, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 15, 1986 (P.L.1585, No.174),
2 entitled "An act defining and providing for the licensing and
3 regulation of private schools; establishing the State Board
4 of Private Licensed Schools; imposing penalties; and making
5 repeals," further providing for penalties.

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

8 Section 1. Section 15 of the act of December 15, 1986
9 (P.L.1585, No.174), known as the Private Licensed Schools Act,
10 is amended by adding a subsection to read:

11 Section 15. Penalties.

12 * * *

13 ~~(b.1) Unlicensed training schools and programs. In addition <--~~
14 ~~to any other penalty provided in this act, the board may, by a~~
15 ~~majority vote of its statutorily authorized membership, levy a~~
16 ~~civil penalty of up to \$25,000 on any person who provides~~
17 ~~training without being properly licensed under this act. A civil~~
18 ~~penalty may only be assessed once per violation. Prior to the~~
19 ~~collection of the penalty, the person shall have access to the~~

1 ~~hearing procedure provided in Title 2 of the Pennsylvania~~
2 ~~Consolidated Statutes.~~

3 (B.1) UNLICENSED COMMERCIAL DRIVING SCHOOLS.--IN ADDITION TO <--
4 ANY OTHER PENALTY PROVIDED IN THIS ACT, THE BOARD MAY, BY A
5 MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS STATUTORILY AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP, LEVY A
6 CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO \$25,000 ON ANY PERSON WHO PROVIDES ENTRY
7 LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING AS REQUIRED BY 49 CFR PT. 380 SUBPT. F
8 (RELATING TO ENTRY LEVEL DRIVER TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ON AND
9 AFTER FEBRUARY 7, 2022) WITHOUT BEING PROPERLY LICENSED UNDER
10 THIS ACT. A CIVIL PENALTY MAY ONLY BE ASSESSED ONCE PER
11 VIOLATION. PRIOR TO THE COLLECTION OF THE PENALTY, THE PERSON
12 SHALL HAVE ACCESS TO THE HEARING PROCEDURE PROVIDED IN TITLE 2
13 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES.

14 * * *

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.



COMMITTEE DESIGNATION FORM PURSUANT TO HOUSE RULE 66(a)

HOUSE _____ DESIGNATION
(Committee Name)

On the date of _____, I hereby designate the following individual to cast my vote on any question before the committee (**check one**):

____ Representative _____, Majority Chair

____ Representative _____, Minority Chair

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

I hereby direct my vote be cast:

_____ in the same manner as the designated Chair.

_____ in the same manner as Representative _____ for as long as they remain present at the meeting. If my designee leaves the meeting, I do ____do not _____ direct that my vote be cast in the same manner as the designated Chair.

_____ on the following specified bills, amendments and resolutions:

_____	Y / N / Abstain	_____	Y / N / Abstain
_____	Y / N / Abstain	_____	Y / N / Abstain
_____	Y / N / Abstain	_____	Y / N / Abstain
_____	Y / N / Abstain	_____	Y / N / Abstain
_____	Y / N / Abstain	_____	Y / N / Abstain
_____	Y / N / Abstain	_____	Y / N / Abstain

Member's Name (Printed)

Member's Signature

Member's Contact Number(s) - **Required**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK

OFFICIAL LEAVE REQUEST

I, _____, hereby request an official leave
NAME
of absence from the meeting/hearing of the _____
COMMITTEE
to be held on _____ at _____.
DATE **TIME**

I will be absent for the following reason:

DATE

SIGNATURE

**** Submit this form to the Majority Committee Chairman prior to the Committee meeting.**