

House Local Government Committee Voting Meeting
Room 60 East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120
June 17, 2026
10:00 AM

AGENDA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Legislation to be Considered

- **HB 911 (Mehaffie)** – Provides for health benefits for surviving family members of police officers who die in the line of duty.
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- **SB 993 (Keefer)** – Authorizes boroughs, third class cities, and counties to provide for municipal memorials honoring first responders.

Any Other Business

Adjournment

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Attachments:

- Sunshine Memo
- LGC Agenda for Voting Meeting on June 17 2026
- HB911
- Analysis-HB911
- A03705-HB911
- A03723-HB911
- HB2496
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- Analysis-SB972
- SB0993
- Analysis-SB993



Local Government Committee

State Representative Robert L. Freeman
Majority Chairman

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June 12, 2026

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House Local Government Committee
FROM: Rep. Robert L. Freeman, Majority Chairman
SUBJECT: Voting Meeting Notification – June 17, 2026

Please be advised that the House Local Government Committee will hold a voting meeting on **Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in 60 East Wing.**

The agenda will consist of the following legislation as well as any other business that may come before the committee:

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If you have any questions, please contact Jon Castelli, Executive Director at 717-783-3815 or jcastell@pahouse.net. For those planning to participate virtually, a Teams link will be forthcoming.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 911 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY MEHAFFIE, CERRATO, CIRESI, DEASY, DONAHUE AND
D. WILLIAMS, MARCH 17, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 17, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in employees, providing for law
3 enforcement officer benefits for surviving family members.

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

6 Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 2182. Law enforcement officer benefits for surviving family
9 members.

10 (a) Death.--Except as otherwise provided in this section, if
11 a full-time law enforcement officer dies in the line of duty:

12 (1) The surviving spouse of the law enforcement officer
13 shall be entitled to receive full health benefits for the
14 remainder of the life of the spouse.

15 (2) Each eligible dependent of the law enforcement
16 officer shall be entitled to receive full health benefits
17 until reaching 26 years of age if the dependent is not
18 eligible for coverage under another eligible employer-

1 sponsored health plan.

2 (b) Disability.--If a full-time law enforcement officer is
3 disabled from an accident occurring as a result of the
4 performance of duties while employed:

5 (1) The law enforcement officer and the law enforcement
6 officer's spouse shall be entitled to receive full health
7 benefits for the remainder of the life of the law enforcement
8 officer.

9 (2) Each eligible dependent of the law enforcement
10 officer shall be entitled to receive full health benefits
11 until reaching 26 years of age if the dependent is not
12 eligible for coverage under another eligible employer-
13 sponsored health plan.

14 (c) Line-of-duty death investigation and determination.--

15 (1) If an investigation is needed prior to making a
16 line-of-duty death determination regarding a law enforcement
17 officer for the purposes of this section, existing health
18 benefits of the law enforcement officer shall be
19 uninterrupted for the duration of the investigation.

20 (2) The following may make a line-of-duty death
21 determination regarding a law enforcement officer for the
22 purposes of this section:

23 (i) The police department or regional police
24 department that employed the law enforcement officer.

25 (ii) The Department of General Services in
26 accordance with the act of June 24, 1976 (P.L.424,
27 No.101), referred to as the Emergency and Law Enforcement
28 Personnel Death Benefits Act.

29 (iii) The Bureau of Justice Assistance within the
30 United States Department of Justice in accordance with 34

1 U.S.C. Ch. 101 Subch. XI Pt. A (relating to death
2 benefits).

3 (d) Assistance.--A municipality shall assist a surviving
4 spouse with navigating the process of claims and payments under
5 this section.

6 (e) Termination of benefits.--All health benefits under this
7 section shall cease upon the recipient of the health care
8 benefits reaching 65 years of age.

9 (f) Construction.--If a collective bargaining agreement
10 provides equal or greater health benefits than those provided
11 under this section, the collective bargaining agreement shall
12 govern.

13 (g) Applicability.--In addition to applying to all law
14 enforcement officers that died in the line of duty, subsections
15 (a) and (b) apply to a surviving spouse of a law enforcement
16 officer that was widowed before the effective date of this
17 subsection.

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

21 "Law enforcement officer." As the term "police officer" is
22 defined in section 2162 (relating to definitions).

23 "Municipality." A county, city, borough, incorporated town
24 or township.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB0911 PN0961	Prepared By:	Ryan Carpenter (717) 783-3815,6110
Committee:	Local Government	Executive Director:	Jon R. Castelli
Sponsor:	Mehaffie, Thomas		
Date:	3/27/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Would provide for the retention of health benefits for surviving spouses of police officers who die in the line of duty, and for police officers who are disabled in the line of duty.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) to require municipalities to provide health insurance for the surviving spouse and children of a police officer who dies in the line of duty. They would also be required to continue insurance coverage for an officer and their family if the officer is disabled from an accident occurring the line of duty.

Death in the Line of Duty

If a full-time police officer dies in the line of duty the surviving spouse shall be entitled to receive full health benefits for the remainder of their life. Each eligible dependent shall be entitled to receive full health benefits until the age of 26, if they are not eligible for coverage under another employer-sponsored health plan.

If an investigation is needed prior to make a line of duty death termination, existing benefits of the officer shall continue uninterrupted. For the purposes of this legislation the following groups may make such a designation:

- The police department or regional police department that employed the officer.
- The Department of General Services in accordance with the Emergency and Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act.
- The Bureau of Justice Assistance with the U.S. Department of Justice in accordance with the federal Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program.

Disability in the Line of Duty

If a full-time police officer is disabled from an accident occurring as a result of the performance of duties while employed, the officer and their spouse shall be entitled to full health benefits for the remainder of the officer's life. Each eligible dependent shall be entitled to receive full health benefits until the age of 26, if they are not eligible for coverage under another employer-sponsored health plan.

Termination of Benefits

All health benefits under this legislation would terminate once the recipient reaches age 65.

Collective Bargaining

This legislation would be construed to have a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) govern in cases where the CBA provides equal or greater benefits than those provided under this legislation.

Retroactivity

The benefits provided for under this legislation would be available to surviving spouses of a law enforcement officer who was widowed before the effective date of this section.

Effective Date:

Sixty days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes defines a "police officer" as the following:

- A full-time or part-time employee assigned to criminal or traffic law enforcement duties of any of the following:
 - A police department of a county, city, borough, town or township.
 - Any railroad or street railway police.
 - Any campus or university police department, including the State System of Higher Education and its member institutions.
 - The Capitol Police.
 - The Harrisburg International Airport Police.
 - An airport authority police department.
 - A deputy sheriff of a county of the second class.
- A security officer of a first class city housing authority or a police officer of a second class city housing authority.
- A county park police officer.

Section 529 of the Administrative Code (Act 175 of 1929) allows surviving spouses of state police officers killed in the line of duty to keep their health benefits.

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

N/A

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LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 911

Sponsor: *Miller, B. # 41*

Printer's No. 961

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 14, by striking out the period after
2 "spouse" and inserting

3 or until the spouse's death, the spouse remarries, the
4 spouse receives equivalent health benefits from the spouse's
5 employer or the spouse qualifies for Medicare.

6 Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by striking out the period after
7 "officer" and inserting

8 or until the officer or spouse's death, the spouse
9 remarries, the officer recovers from injuries, the officer or
10 spouse receives equivalent health benefits from their
11 employer or the officer or spouse qualifies for Medicare.

12 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 22 and 23

13 "Medicare." Health benefits provided under 42 U.S.C. Ch. 7
14 Subch. XVIII (relating to health insurance for aged and
15 disabled).

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 911

Sponsor: *Freeman, #136*

Printer's No. 961

1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 3, by inserting after "disabled"
2 and unable to perform any police duty for which the officer
3 is reasonably suited by education, training or experience

4 Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by inserting after "municipality"
5 or regional police department

6 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 6 through 17, by striking out all
7 of said lines and inserting

8 (e) Termination of benefits.--A municipality may terminate
9 health benefits under this section if:

10 (1) a surviving spouse of a deceased law enforcement
11 officer remarries; or

12 (2) a surviving spouse receives equivalent health
13 benefits from the surviving spouse's employer.

14 (f) Medicare eligibility.--When a recipient of health
15 benefits under this section is entitled to or enrolled in
16 Medicare:

17 (1) The recipient shall utilize the Federal Medicare
18 program as the recipient's primary health benefit.

19 (2) In the case of a surviving spouse of a deceased law
20 enforcement officer who served a municipality, the
21 municipality shall provide supplemental Medicare program
22 coverage through the carrier providing coverage at the time
23 of the law enforcement officer's death.

24 (3) In the case of a surviving spouse of a deceased law
25 enforcement officer who served a regional police department,
26 the regional police department shall provide supplemental
27 Medicare program coverage through the carrier providing
28 coverage at the time of the law enforcement officer's death.

29 (g) Applicability.--In addition to law enforcement officers
30 who died in the line of duty:

31 (1) Subsection (a) shall apply to a surviving spouse of
32 a law enforcement officer who died in the line of duty, if
33 the surviving spouse was widowed before the effective date of
34 this subsection.

1 (2) Subsection (b) shall apply to a law enforcement
2 officer who became disabled and the spouse of a law
3 enforcement officer who became disabled, if the disability
4 occurred before the effective date of this subsection.

5 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 21 and 22, by striking out all of
6 said lines and inserting

7 "Full health benefits." The same level of health insurance
8 coverage from the same carrier that a surviving spouse or
9 dependent received at the time of the law enforcement officer's
10 death.

11 "Law enforcement officer." A full-time or part-time employee
12 assigned to criminal or traffic law enforcement duties of:

13 (1) a police department of a municipality; or

14 (2) a regional police department.

15 "Medicare." Health benefits provided under 42 U.S.C. Ch. 7
16 Subch. XVIII (relating to health insurance for aged and
17 disabled).

18 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

19 "Regional police department." A police department formed by
20 two or more municipalities under Subchapter A of Chapter 23
21 (relating to intergovernmental cooperation).

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2496 Session of 2026

INTRODUCED BY FRIEL, DONAHUE, MULLINS, PIELLI, STEELE, HILL-
EVANS, VITALI, SAPPEY, HANBIDGE, BOROWSKI, SHUSTERMAN,
PASHINSKI, OTTEN AND BOYD, MAY 7, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MAY 8, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), entitled
2 "An act to empower cities of the second class A, and third
3 class, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships of the first
4 and second classes including those within a county of the
5 second class and counties of the second through eighth
6 classes, individually or jointly, to plan their development
7 and to govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land
8 development ordinances, planned residential development and
9 other ordinances, by official maps, by the reservation of
10 certain land for future public purpose and by the acquisition
11 of such land; to promote the conservation of energy through
12 the use of planning practices and to promote the effective
13 utilization of renewable energy sources; providing for the
14 establishment of planning commissions, planning departments,
15 planning committees and zoning hearing boards, authorizing
16 them to charge fees, make inspections and hold public
17 hearings; providing for mediation; providing for transferable
18 development rights; providing for appropriations, appeals to
19 courts and penalties for violations; and repealing acts and
20 parts of acts," in zoning, providing for pause on data center
21 proposals.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. The act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), known
25 as the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, is amended by
26 adding a section to read:

27 Section 607.1. Pause on Data Center Proposals.--(a) The

1 governing body of a municipality may adopt a resolution at a
2 public meeting to impose a pause on the submission to the
3 municipality of applications for data center developments under
4 a zoning ordinance.

5 (b) The duration of the pause may not exceed 180 days and
6 shall be retroactive to the time at which the governing body of
7 the municipality gave public notice of the meeting as required
8 under 65 Pa.C.S. § 709 (relating to public notice).

9 (c) During the pause, the municipality may adopt, amend or
10 repeal provisions of a zoning ordinance relating to data center
11 developments in accordance with law. An application for a data
12 center development submitted during the pause shall be subject
13 to the zoning ordinance provisions as adopted, amended or
14 repealed by the municipality under this subsection.

15 (d) As used in this section, the term "data center" shall
16 mean a facility or group of facilities, including ancillary uses
17 or associated structures located on the same tract or parcel of
18 land, that are predominantly used to house working servers or
19 similar data storage systems and that have an uninterruptible
20 energy supply or generator backup power, or both, cooling
21 systems, towers and other temperature control infrastructure.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2496 PN3381	Prepared By:	Ryan Carpenter (717) 783-3815
Committee:	Local Government	Executive Director:	Jon R. Castelli
Sponsor:	Friel, Paul		
Date:	6/4/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Would allow municipalities to enact a temporary pause on the submission of applications for data center developments.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend the Municipalities Planning Code to allow municipalities to enact 180-day pause on the submission of applications for data center development.

A municipality may enact such a pause by adopting a resolution. The pause would be retroactive to when the municipality gave public notice of the meeting as required under the Sunshine Act. During the pause the municipality may adopt, amend, or repeal parts of its zoning ordinance relating to data centers. An application for a data center submitted during the pause would be subject to the revised zoning ordinance provisions enacted by the municipality during the pause.

Effective Date:

Sixty days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

The Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 of 1968) empowers municipalities to plan land use, including comprehensive planning, subdivision and land development, and zoning. It applies to counties of the second through eighth classes, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, incorporated towns, and townships.

Article VI of the MPC empowers municipalities to zone land for different uses. A municipality may use its zoning powers to regulate development, but it cannot outright prohibit a specific development. When a municipal corporation chooses not to zone, county zoning takes effect within their borders.

Section 609.2 enables municipalities to enact a curative amendment to their zoning ordinance, if they determine the ordinance or any part of it is "substantially invalid." To initiate this process the municipality must enact a resolution with findings detailing what about the ordinance is invalid. Following a declaration of substantial invalidity, a municipality has 180 days to enact a curative amendment to revise the invalid parts of the ordinance. During this period there is a temporary pause on development. After 180 days a municipality may not use the curative amendment process for the following 36 months.

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

N/A

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2496

Sponsor: *Freeman, #136*

Printer's No. 3381

- 1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out "in 60 days" and
- 2 inserting
- 3 immediately

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2496

Sponsor: *Miller, B # 41*

Printer's No. 3381

1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 15 and 16, by striking out "As used
2 in this section, the term "data center" shall mean a" and
3 inserting

4 As used in this section, the following words and phrases
5 shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless
6 the context clearly indicates otherwise:

7 "Data center." A

8 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 21 and 22

9 "Municipality." The term includes a city of the first class.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 2496

Sponsor: *Freeman, #136*

Printer's No. 3381

1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 20, by striking out "zoning" and
2 inserting
3 general provisions

4 Amend Bill, page 1, line 27, by striking out "607.1" and
5 inserting

6 111

7 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 2 through 4, by striking out
8 "submission to the" in line 2 and all of lines 3 and 4 and
9 inserting

10 consideration of applications for data center developments
11 under a land use ordinance. During the pause, the number of days
12 provided to satisfy time limits imposed by law in review,
13 hearing and decision on an application received after the
14 effective date of the pause shall be suspended and tolled as of
15 the date received and shall resume upon the expiration of the
16 pause.

17 Amend Bill, page 2, line 8, by striking out "\$ 709" and
18 inserting

19 \$ 709(c.1)

20 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting between lines 8 and 9

21 (c) A municipality may not consider an application for a
22 data center development by changing the agenda under 65 Pa.C.S.
23 \$ 712.1(e) (relating to notification of agency business required
24 and exceptions).

25 Amend Bill, page 2, line 9, by striking out "(c)" and
26 inserting

27 (d)

1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out "zoning" and
2 inserting

3 land use

4 Amend Bill, page 2, line 13, by striking out "zoning" and
5 inserting

6 land use

7 Amend Bill, page 2, line 14, by inserting after "subsection."

8 An application that is submitted to the municipality during
9 the pause shall be deemed received the day after the pause ends.

10 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 15 through 21, by striking out all
11 of said lines and inserting

12 (e) As used in this section, the term "data center" shall
13 mean all or part of a facility composed of one or more
14 businesses, owners or tenants, and that:

15 (1) is predominantly used to house working servers or
16 similar data storage systems;

17 (2) has an uninterruptible energy supply or generator backup
18 power, or both, cooling systems, towers or other temperature
19 control infrastructure; and

20 (3) has a peak demand of 25 megawatts or greater.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2629 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY DAVIDSON, FLEMING, MADSEN, GUZMAN, SANCHEZ,
D. WILLIAMS AND STEELE, JUNE 10, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, JUNE 12, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.805, No.247), entitled
2 "An act to empower cities of the second class A, and third
3 class, boroughs, incorporated towns, townships of the first
4 and second classes including those within a county of the
5 second class and counties of the second through eighth
6 classes, individually or jointly, to plan their development
7 and to govern the same by zoning, subdivision and land
8 development ordinances, planned residential development and
9 other ordinances, by official maps, by the reservation of
10 certain land for future public purpose and by the acquisition
11 of such land; to promote the conservation of energy through
12 the use of planning practices and to promote the effective
13 utilization of renewable energy sources; providing for the
14 establishment of planning commissions, planning departments,
15 planning committees and zoning hearing boards, authorizing
16 them to charge fees, make inspections and hold public
17 hearings; providing for mediation; providing for transferable
18 development rights; providing for appropriations, appeals to
19 courts and penalties for violations; and repealing acts and
20 parts of acts," in zoning, further providing for enforcement
21 notice.

22 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
23 hereby enacts as follows:

24 Section 1. Section 616.1(c)(6) of the act of July 31, 1968
25 (P.L.805, No.247), known as the Pennsylvania Municipalities
26 Planning Code, is amended to read:

27 Section 616.1. Enforcement Notice.--* * *

1 (c) An enforcement notice shall state at least the
2 following:

3 * * *

4 (6) That failure to comply with the notice within the
5 time specified, unless extended by appeal to the zoning
6 hearing board, constitutes a violation[, with possible
7 sanctions clearly described.] and that, if applicable, an
8 additional penalty may accrue for each successive day of the
9 violation.

10 * * *

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	HB2629 PN3589	Prepared By:	Ryan Carpenter (717) 783-3815
Committee:	Local Government	Executive Director:	Jon R. Castelli
Sponsor:	Davidson, Nathan		
Date:	6/9/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Would require zoning enforcement notices to explain potential fines for zoning violations can accrue for each day the violation occurs.

C. Analysis of the Bill

This legislation would amend Section 616.1 of the Municipalities Planning Code to clarify the content of zoning enforcement notices.

It would require notices to explain that failure to comply with them constitutes a violation and that an additional penalty may accrue for each successive day the violation exists.

Effective Date:

Sixty days.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 616.1 of the Municipalities Planning Code (Act 247 of 1968) requires municipalities to send an enforcement notice to the owner of a parcel where a suspected zoning violation has occurred to initiate zoning enforcement proceedings. The notice must describe that failure to comply with the notice constitutes a violation and potential sanctions must be "clearly described."

Section 617.2 provides for a penalty for a zoning violation to be no more than \$500 plus all court costs. Furthermore, it states that each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

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

This legislation has not been previously introduced.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 972 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, HUTCHINSON, DUSH, KEEFER, KIM, STEFANO,
BROWN, COSTA, SCHWANK AND J. WARD, AUGUST 15, 2025

REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 15, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103, No.69), entitled "An
2 act concerning townships of the second class; and amending,
3 revising, consolidating and changing the law relating
4 thereto," in corporate powers, further providing for care of
5 memorials.

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

8 Section 1. Section 1538 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.103,
9 No.69), known as The Second Class Township Code, is amended to
10 read:

11 Section 1538. [Care of Memorials.--The board of supervisors
12 may maintain and repair any soldiers' monument or memorial
13 existing or erected within the township and may receive funds
14 from persons or organizations for those purposes.] Control,

15 Maintenance and Repair of Memorials.--(a) A board of
16 supervisors may maintain, repair, establish or contribute to the
17 maintenance, repair or establishment of any memorial and may
18 receive money from persons or organizations for those purposes.

19 (b) As used in this section, the term "memorials" means:

1 (1) a monument, gun or carriage, memorial or memorial hall
2 erected or existing within the township and commemorating or
3 honoring the services of any individual who has served in the
4 Pennsylvania National Guard or any of the armed forces of the
5 United States or their reserve components; or

6 (2) a monument or memorial erected or existing within the
7 township and commemorating or honoring first responders,
8 including firefighters, emergency medical technicians,
9 paramedics, emergency vehicle drivers and township police
10 officers.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB0972 PN1113	Prepared By:	Alex Dash (717) 783-3815
Committee:	Local Government	Executive Director:	Jon R. Castelli
Sponsor:	Kearney, Timothy		
Date:	8/15/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Allows second class townships to establish and maintain memorials to first responders and updates language referring to "soldiers" memorials.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Would replace the existing Section 1538 of the Second Class Township Code with a provision allowing township supervisors to maintain, repair, or establish "memorials," or receive money from persons or organizations for those purposes. Defines memorials as monuments to individuals who served in the Pennsylvania National Guard, U.S. Armed Forces, or first responders.

Effective Date:

Would take effect 60 days after being signed into law by the Governor.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 1538 of the Second Class Township Code currently allows boards of supervisors to erect and maintain "any soldiers' monument or memorial," and to receive funds for those purposes.

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

Prepared last session with the assistance of the Local Government Commission and the Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors but never introduced.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 993 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY KEEFER, HUTCHINSON, DUSH, KEARNEY, KIM, MALONE, MASTRIANO, J. WARD, GEBHARD, CULVER, VOGEL AND BROOKS, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

SENATOR KEEFER, LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 7, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Titles 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) and, 11 <--
2 (Cities) AND 16 (COUNTIES) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated <--
3 Statutes, in corporate power relating to boroughs, further
4 providing for specific powers; in veterans' affairs relating
5 to boroughs, further providing for care and erection of
6 memorials; in corporate powers relating to third class
7 cities, providing for control, maintenance and repair of
8 memorials; and, in veterans' affairs relating to third class <--
9 cities, further providing for care of memorials-; IN GROUNDS <--
10 AND BUILDINGS, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS AND
11 MEMORIAL HALLS TO WAR VETERANS AND FOR PRESERVATION,
12 MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND COMPLETION OF PUBLIC MONUMENTS; AND
13 MAKING AN EDITORIAL CHANGE.

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

16 Section 1. Section 1202 of Title 8 of the Pennsylvania
17 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
18 § 1202. Specific powers.

19 The powers of the borough shall be vested in the council. In
20 the exercise of any specific powers involving the enactment of
21 an ordinance or the making of any regulation, restriction or
22 prohibition, the borough may provide for enforcement and
23 penalties for violations. The specific powers of the borough

1 shall include the following:

2 * * *

3 (66) To maintain, repair, establish or contribute to the
4 maintenance, repair or establishment of any memorial and may
5 receive funds from persons or organizations for those
6 purposes. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "memorial"
7 shall mean any monument or memorial erected or existing
8 within the borough and commemorating or honoring first
9 responders, including firefighters, emergency medical
10 technicians, paramedics, emergency vehicle drivers and
11 borough police officers.

12 Section 2. Section 29A14(a) introductory paragraph of Title
13 8 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection
14 to read:

15 § 29A14. Care and erection of memorials.

16 (a) Authority.--The council may control and maintain a
17 [soldier's] memorial which is:

18 * * *

19 (d) Definition.--For purposes of this section, the term
20 "memorial" shall mean a monument, gun or carriage, memorial or
21 memorial hall erected or existing within the borough and
22 commemorating or honoring the services of any individual who has
23 served in the Pennsylvania National Guard or any of the armed
24 forces of the United States or their reserve components.

25 Section 3. Title 11 is amended by adding a section to read:

26 § 12449. Control, maintenance and repair of memorials.

27 (a) Authority.--Council may maintain, repair, establish or
28 contribute to the maintenance, repair or establishment of any
29 memorial and may receive funds from persons or organizations for
30 those purposes.

1 (b) Definition.--For purposes of this section, the term
2 "memorial" shall mean any monument or memorial erected or
3 existing within the township and commemorating or honoring first
4 responders, including firefighters, emergency medical
5 technicians, paramedics, emergency vehicle drivers and city
6 police officers.

7 Section 4. Section 144A22(a) introductory paragraph of Title
8 11 is amended and the section is amended by adding a subsection
9 to read:

10 § 144A22. Care of memorials.

11 (a) Council authority.--Council may take charge of, care
12 for, maintain and keep in good order and repair, at the expense
13 of the city, any [soldier's monument, gun or carriage or
14 similar] memorial, if the memorial:

15 * * *

16 (c) Definitions.--For purposes of this section, the term
17 "memorial" shall mean a monument, gun or carriage, memorial or
18 memorial hall erected or existing within the city and
19 commemorating or honoring the services of any individual who has
20 served in the Pennsylvania National Guard or any of the armed
21 forces of the United States or their reserve components.

22 SECTION 5. SECTIONS 16155, 16156 AND 16167 OF TITLE 16, <--
23 ADDED MAY 8, 2024 (P.L.50, NO.14), ARE AMENDED TO READ:

24 § 16155. MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS AND MEMORIAL HALLS TO WAR
25 VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS.

26 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR AND
27 PROVIDE FOR THE ERECTION OF MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS OR MEMORIAL
28 HALLS COMMEMORATING OR HONORING THE SERVICES OF ANY INDIVIDUAL
29 WHO HAS [SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR IN
30 ANY AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH A DIVISION

1 OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES.]:

2 (1) SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, OR
3 IN ANY AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION OFFICIALLY CONNECTED WITH A
4 DIVISION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE
5 PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD.

6 (2) SERVED AS A FIRST RESPONDER. FOR THE PURPOSES OF
7 THIS PARAGRAPH, THE TERM "FIRST RESPONDER" SHALL MEAN
8 FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS, PARAMEDICS,
9 EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVERS, POLICE OFFICERS, SHERIFFS AND
10 DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

11 § 16156. ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE OR MUNICIPAL AGENCIES.

12 THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY TO ASSIST ANY
13 INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE CORPORATION OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THE
14 ERECTION OF A MONUMENT, MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL HALL AUTHORIZED
15 UNDER SECTION 16155 (RELATING TO MONUMENTS, MEMORIALS AND
16 MEMORIAL HALLS TO WAR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS).

17 § 16167. PRESERVATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND COMPLETION OF
18 PUBLIC MONUMENTS.

19 (A) CARE.--THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PRESERVE, MAINTAIN
20 AND REPAIR ANY PUBLIC MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL HALL IN THE COUNTY,
21 OTHER THAN IN CEMETERIES, INCLUDING THE ENCLOSED PUBLIC GROUND
22 SURROUNDING THE MONUMENT, AND APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THESE
23 PURPOSES. IF A PUBLIC MONUMENT REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION HAS
24 BEEN PARTIALLY COMPLETED, EITHER IN CONSTRUCTION OR PAYMENT, THE
25 COMMISSIONERS MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
26 COMPLETION.

27 (B) DEFINITIONS.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING
28 WORDS AND PHRASES SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS
29 SUBSECTION UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE:

30 "PUBLIC MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL HALL." THE FOLLOWING:

1 (1) A MONUMENT, GUN OR CARRIAGE, MEMORIAL OR MEMORIAL
2 HALL ERECTED OR EXISTING WITHIN THE COUNTY AND COMMEMORATING
3 OR HONORING THE SERVICES OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SERVED IN
4 THE PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL GUARD OR ANY OF THE ARMED FORCES OF
5 THE UNITED STATES OR THEIR RESERVE COMPONENTS; OR

6 (2) A MONUMENT OR MEMORIAL ERECTED OR EXISTING WITHIN
7 THE COUNTY AND COMMEMORATING OR HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS,
8 INCLUDING FIREFIGHTERS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS,
9 PARAMEDICS, EMERGENCY VEHICLE DRIVERS, POLICE OFFICERS AND
10 COUNTY SHERIFFS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS.

11 Section 5 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB0993 PN1212	Prepared By:	Alex Dash (717) 783-3815
Committee:	Local Government	Executive Director:	Jon R. Castelli
Sponsor:	Keefer, Dawn		
Date:	10/7/2025		

A. Brief Concept

Allows boroughs, cities, and counties to establish and maintain memorials for first responders.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Amends the Borough Code (Title 8 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes) by making changes to the following sections:

Adds Subsection 66 to Section 1202 allowing boroughs to maintain, repair, or establish memorials to first responders, as well as to receive funds for those purposes.

Adds definition of memorial to Section 29A14 that replaces the term "soldier" with updated language.

Amends the Third Class City Code (Title 11 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes) by making changes to the following sections:

Adds Section 12449 to the code allowing third class cities to maintain, repair, or establish memorials, and to receive funds for those purposes. Defines memorials as monuments to first responders.

Adds Subsection 144A22 updating the definition of memorial to replace the term "soldier."

Amends the County Code (Title 16 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes) by:

Adding "and first responders" to the title of Section 16155 and defining individuals who have served in the armed forces and first responders.

Adding first responders to Section 16156, allowing county commissioners to appropriate money to assist individuals, private corporations, or municipal corporations in the erection of monuments to first responders.

Adds subparagraph (a) care and subparagraph (b) defining "public monument" and "memorial hall" to Section 16157.

Effective Date:

Would take effect 60 days after being signed into law by the Governor.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Currently, boroughs, third class cities, and counties are authorized to erect and maintain memorials to "soldiers."

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

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