



## REPORT TO THE PEOPLE

This newsletter contains an overview of legislation and issues relative to residents of the Greater Philadelphia Region.

### Philadelphia Delegation on the Move

■ Legislation sponsored by **Rep. Lawrence Curry** is awaiting consideration in the state Senate. House Bill 2196 would require physicians to disclose their financial or ownership interest in a long-term care facility to their patients or the patients' responsible family member/legal representative. "This bill provides for some transparency so that when a consumer is being directed or transferred to a long-term care provider, the consumer or their responsible representative is aware of this financial or ownership interest. Therefore, if this move is made, it is in the best interest of the patient and not for anyone's financial gain," said Curry, Democratic chairman of the House Aging and Older Adult Services Committee.

■ Legislation guided through the House by **Rep. Bill Keller** will give Pennsylvania more flexibility to issue bonds in order to pay back the billions of dollars it owes to the federal government in unemployment compensation debt. Keller, Democratic chairman of the House Labor and Industry Committee, successfully amended the legislation (Act 60-2012) to allow the Economic Development Financing Authority to offer the bonds through a competitive sale or through a private sale, but would require the authority to look at a competitive sale first. "Such a sale would

offer more accountability to the public," Keller said.

■ Legislation designed to reduce the incidents of children being left in cars while their parents or guardians gamble has passed the House and awaits consideration by the Senate. **Rep. Mike O'Brien** authored the two pieces of legislation (H.B. 120 and H.B. 121) in response to the growing number of such incidents. "These incidents represent a direct threat to the safety, health and welfare of young children. It is tantamount to child abuse," O'Brien said.

■ House Bill 1264 was signed into law as Act 75-2012 and will provide juries with context in cases of sexual assault. **Rep. Chelle L. Parker**, sponsor of the legislation, worked on this issue since 2006. "It was long overdue that we bring some sense of professional context into the legal arena for cases involving sexual assault victims," Parker said. The new law will permit an expert to provide testimony on the counterintuitive behavior exhibited by victims of sexual assault, as well as any recognized form of post-traumatic stress disorder.

■ **Rep. John P. Sabatina Jr.** has introduced legislation that would allow members of the state House and Senate

to issue photo voter identification cards for voting purposes. "My constituent service offices are conveniently located and easy for constituents to visit. The regional PennDOT office is not," Sabatina said. "By allowing the House and Senate constituent service offices to issue voter ID cards, we are ensuring that every registered voter has the opportunity to obtain the proper identification they need to vote in time for the general election." The identification would be similar to the identification cards issued by an institution of higher learning or a care facility, two of the types of identification deemed acceptable under the voter ID law. The IDs would contain a photograph of the voter, voter's name and an expiration date.

■ Legislation to allow the establishment of land banks in Pennsylvania is positioned for a final vote by the Senate this fall. **Rep. W. Curtis Thomas**, who sponsored the legislation (H.B. 1682), said, "Land banks offer communities a new opportunity for economic growth. This bill has the potential to reduce blight in communities throughout the commonwealth." Land banks are public entities created to efficiently acquire, hold, manage and develop vacant, underutilized or tax-foreclosed properties.

### Accomplishments

**Rep. Louise Bishop** was the featured speaker at Philadelphia Children's Alliance (PCA) Breakfast in March. Bishop is the Democratic Chair of the House Children and Youth Committee. The PCA updated more than 50 members of the legislature and interested parties on the issue of child sexual abuse, the role of child advocacy centers in response to abuse allegations, and how such centers can work with the legislature to protect children.

**Rep. Pamela A. DeLissio** participated in an emerging leaders seminar in July. The program was held at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business. Fifty legislators from across the country were selected to participate in a program with the goal of enhancing the leadership potential and vision of policymakers who are likely to be at the helm of tomorrow's legislatures.

**Rep. Dwight Evans**, nationally recognized for his work to bring healthy food choices to otherwise underserved areas, has been appointed co-chairman of the Hunger Partnership for the National Conference of State Legislatures. The partnership was established to identify and develop successful programs to support legislators in their efforts to reduce hunger, raise the visibility of hunger issues and highlight innovative and lasting solutions.

**Rep. Ron Waters** delivered the keynote address at the fourth international conference hosted by the African-Caribbean Cancer Consortium in July. Waters, who also chairs the Legislative Black Caucus, focused on issues surrounding cancer but also used the opportunity to address other health issues plaguing the community. The event was held at the Lincoln University Graduate Center.

# Delegation events

## Philly Delegation Demands Budget with a Purpose

Following the governor's budget proposal last spring, members of the Philadelphia Delegation met with city and school district officials to discuss the effects of his proposal on programs critical to city residents.

Ten of the 27 House standing committees have a Democratic chair from the Philadelphia Delegation. **Rep. James Roebuck**, Democratic chairman of the Education Committee, said "The Philadelphia School District stands to lose \$20 million from the elimination of the Accountability Block Grant programs ... and the governor wants to cut funding for community colleges by about 4 percent when there is high demand from workers and employers for the affordable education and training provided by such institutions as the Community College of Philadelphia."

**Rep. Mike McGeehan**, Democratic chairman of the Transportation Committee, said "This budget is bad for Philadelphia and does nothing to create jobs, nothing to move the state forward. This budget does nothing to address the \$3.5 billion transportation crisis our state is facing."

"The Corbett administration must stop lying to people about the impact of their budget proposals," said **Rep. Mark Cohen**, Democratic chairman of the Human Services Committee. "These are not marginal adjustments in spending priorities. They are massive budget cuts, just one year after a previous round of massive budget cuts."

Additional information on the 2012-13 budget is available on Page 4.



*Members of the Philadelphia delegation itemize the failures of the governor's proposed budget.*

## Philly Delegation Says Repeal Voter ID Law

The delegation led the charge in an effort to repeal the state's new voter ID law. **Rep. John Myers** introduced H.B. 2313 in April.

Commonwealth Court recently ruled to suspend enforcement of Pennsylvania's voter ID law for Election Day next month. This entire process has been ultimately confusing for voters, and to be sure your vote is counted next month, here is what you need to know:

On Election Day, all voters who come into the polling place will be asked but will not be required to show an acceptable form of

photo ID. If a voter does not present an acceptable form of photo ID the poll worker must give the voter a copy of the voter ID informational handout. In other words, the process will work just as it did in the primary. Do not let a lack of ID keep you away from the polls.



If you are a first-time voter or voting at a polling place for the first time, you will be required to provide an ID, just as has been in effect for many years.

## Voter ID Education Guide

On May 3, **Rep. Cherelle Parker** released a comprehensive guide to be used by voters to acquire appropriate identification in time for the Nov. 6 General Election. The guide was created in collaboration with various state agencies in response to the overwhelming confusion resulting from the passage of Act 18, the

Voter's Identification Act, also known as voter ID. The guide provides all Pennsylvanians with a step-by-step guide to the proper procedures for acquiring a valid ID that can be used to ensure each of their votes are counted. Hard copies of the guide are available by contacting your state representative. The guide is also available on the

delegation's website, [www.pahouse.com/PCD](http://www.pahouse.com/PCD).

Delegation members are hosting voter ID events in their districts to assist citizens. Please check with your state representative's office or website for more information.

## Community Budget Briefings

Members of the Philadelphia Delegation and the Legislative Black Caucus met April 18 with representatives of the Education Law Center, Public

Citizens for Children and Youth and the Philadelphia Student Union to discuss concerns about the proposed 2012-13 state budget. The discussion focused

on the education budget cuts, fiscally distressed school districts, health and human services budget cuts and the effects of property taxes.

## Philadelphia Delegation Stands Up to Controversial “Stand Your Ground” Law

Efforts by members of the Philadelphia Delegation prevented an expansion of Pennsylvania’s “Castle Doctrine” last spring. However, the bill is still in a position to be voted by the House.

Senate Bill 273 is the latest in a series of attacks by the NRA and certain legislators in communities that are struggling with gun violence.

Since 2008, when the legislature rejected a proposed statewide lost or stolen handgun reporting requirement – or any other measure to reduce gun violence – communities across the commonwealth have been forced to take local action to address the escalating threat of violence fueled by criminals who use and traffic illegal guns.

Thirty municipalities have adopted local lost or stolen handgun reporting requirements. If a gun goes missing, the lawful owner has a reasonable period of time after discovering its absence to report it to the police. This helps law enforcement track down missing guns before they are recovered at a crime scene, and it helps prosecutors build cases against straw purchasers and illegal gun traffickers. The reform would be most effective at the state level, but municipalities have been left with little other choice.

If adopted as law, S.B. 273 would subvert the judicial system in Pennsylvania by allowing the NRA to enforce its own agenda with the mere threat of legal action against communities that cannot afford to defend themselves.

Senate Bill 273 is opposed by: the Pa. Chiefs of Police Association, the Pa. District Attorneys Association, the PA League of Cities and Municipalities, the Pa. Association of County Commissioners, Mayors Against Illegal Guns, and CeaseFirePA.

## Public Policy on the Minds of Delegation Members Hearings Held in Philadelphia

The following delegation members hosted House Democratic Public Policy Hearings in Philadelphia:

■ **Rep. Kevin Boyle** – Hearing on Landlords and Property Neglect CORA Services; 8540 Verree Road, Philadelphia (2/21/2012)

■ **Rep. Maria Donatucci** – Hearing on Oil Refinery Closings; National Constitution Center, F.M. Kirby Auditorium, 525 Arch Street, Philadelphia (2/23/2012)

■ **Rep. Cherelle Parker** – Public Hearing on Effects of Parental Incarceration on Children; Philadelphia City Hall, City Council Chambers, Room 400, Broad and Market streets, Philadelphia (3/30/2012)

■ **Rep. Michelle Brownlee** – Hearing on State Budget Cuts; IBEW Local Union 98 Hall, 1719 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia (5/15/2012)

■ **Rep. Babette Josephs** – Hearing on Voter ID Law; Peirce College, Room 51-52, 5th Floor, 1420 Pine Street, Philadelphia (5/17/2012)

■ **Rep. Mike O’Brien, Rep. Rosita Youngblood, and Rep. Angel Cruz** – Hearing on H.B. 2361 (Taxpayer Relief Act); Independence Visitor Center, Liberty View Ballroom, Sixth and Market Streets, Philadelphia (5/30/2012)

■ **Rep. Vanessa Brown** – Hearing on Homeless Children; People’s Emergency Center, 325 North 39th Street, Philadelphia (9/17/2012)

■ **Rep. Ron Waters** – Hearing on Effects of Solitary Confinement; Temple University, President’s Conference Suite, First Floor, 1810 Liacouras Walk, Philadelphia (9/18/2012)

## More than 1,000 Philadelphia-Area African-American Homebuyers to Receive Payout in Wells Fargo Settlement: Are You Eligible?

A \$125 million U.S. Department of Justice settlement with Wells Fargo sets aside funds for an estimated 1,030 African-American homebuyers in the Philadelphia area who may have been targeted for illegal predatory lending schemes.

The Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission reported the fund includes \$2 million for city residents and an additional \$50 million for alleged victims living in eight metropolitan areas, including the Philadelphia-Camden-Wilmington area.

The settlement requires Wells Fargo to establish the \$50 million new homebuyer assistance fund from which qualified buyers will receive up to \$15,000 for down payments. An additional \$2 million will be designated for African-American residents in the city of Philadelphia who originated home loans with Wells Fargo between Jan. 1, 2004, and Dec. 31, 2009.

Philadelphia-area residents who believe they may be eligible for funds should email the U.S. Department of Justice at [wellsfargo.settlement@usdoj.gov](mailto:wellsfargo.settlement@usdoj.gov). For additional assistance, please contact your state representative.

## Philly Property Taxes: Homestead Exemption – What Does It Mean for Philadelphia?

For the first time, residents of Philadelphia have the opportunity to receive homestead relief. With the enactment this year of S.B. 1301, Philadelphia can now exempt a portion of assessments for owner-occupied residential property. It is expected to provide an element of relief for many low-income and senior homeowners. Prior to the passage of S.B. 1301, Philadelphia had been the only municipality in the state without authority to enact homestead exemptions.

For Philadelphia homeowners, the program begins in Tax Year 2014. The Philadelphia Homestead Exemption offers real estate tax relief to homeowners by reducing the taxable portion of their property assessment.

Applications submitted prior to Nov. 15, 2012, will see the exemption reflected on Assessment Change Notices the city will be sending out in February 2013 for Tax Year 2014. However, please note the deadline for submitting Homestead Exemption applications in order to receive the actual exemption for Tax Year 2014 is July 31, 2013. If you have already submitted an application to change your home’s assessed property value under the program, it will be processed and held for Tax Year 2014 and future years.

If you need an application or have any questions, please contact your state representative’s office.

## Philly Delegation Says “Corbett’s 2012-13 Budget Does Not Invest in Pennsylvanians”

In the concluding minutes of the fiscal year, the governor signed the new budget into law. Many members of the Philadelphia Delegation spoke against final passage, stating the proposal did not invest in Pennsylvania and favored multi-billion dollar, out-of-state corporations over the needs of local residents.

Education funding was one of the most alarming issues of the spending plan. While claims were made that there were no cuts to public schools this year, the 2012-13 state budget again contained the \$1 billion cut from last year’s budget.

The state budget also made cuts to human services programs that many Pennsylvania seniors, children and disabled depend on to help them make ends meet. It also eliminated the cash-assistance program that helped nearly 70,000 people, including victims of domestic abuse, the disabled and recovering addicts. These cuts will surely lead to increased expenses in other areas of state spending over time. **Rep. Michelle Brownlee** has introduced H.B. 2482 to repeal the authority which allowed the administration to take this action.

In addition to the budget cuts, the governor has implemented an asset test for current and potential participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). If any recipient has more than \$2,500 in savings, he or she will be disqualified from receiving benefits. The limit is a little higher for those older than 60. More than 500,000 people in Philadelphia rely on SNAP.

The budget made no measurable investment in the state’s aging and ailing transportation infrastructure or in mass transit. The state’s roadways and bridges are the top concern among residents but the spending plan signed by the governor in June neglected to add any funds to ease the looming public safety crisis stemming from poor roads.

## Philly Delegation Critical of Legalized Loansharking Legislation

Currently in the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, H.B. 2191 would essentially legalize loansharking in Pennsylvania.

The Philly Delegation has worked tirelessly to prevent this bill from being enacted into law. Delegation Chair Rep. Cherelle L. Parker said H.B. 2191 opens the flood gates to predatory

lenders, rather than keep them out as is claimed by the proposal’s sponsors. “This legislation would allow for some of the highest interest rates in the country. A 369 percent annual interest rate is essentially legalized loansharking.” Parker said the loans authorized under H.B. 2191 are not short-term quick financial fixes but instead “create a

debt quicksand that traps consumers and pushes them into a worse financial position than when they started. Comparable laws in other states have resulted in trapped consumers in nine payday loans a year. Seventy-six percent of payday loans are issued to repeat borrowers.



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**The Philadelphia Delegation welcomed Rep. Harold James, Rep. Ed Neilson, and Rep. Gary Williams after they won their respective special election races in April.**



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