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# The Bulletin

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## **Small Games of Chance Bills Introduced in the House and Senate**

Several bills expanding the Small Games of Chance Act have been introduced in the General Assembly again this session. These bills deal with a number of concepts to update the law, and help clubs, fire companies and other non-profits raise money to help their community. Most recently, the following bills have been added to the growing list of ideas popping up around the capitol.

**HB2038**, introduced by **Rep. John A. Schlegel (R-Lebanon)**, increases the fee for daily drawings, weekly drawings and the new monthly drawings to \$10. The bill was referred to the House Gaming Oversight Committee on November 17.

**SB398**, by **Sen. Michele Brooks, R- Mercer**) provides for a pilot program for fire companies with SGOC license to conduct two online raffles per year. This bill passed the Senate in July, and was referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee.

**SB416**, by **Sen. Devlin J. Robinson, R-Allegheny**) directs that a licensed eligible organization may accept payment via credit card, debit card, mobile payment services or other electronic payment method for the purchase of a raffle ticket. This bill also passed the Senate in July, and resides in the House Gaming Oversight Committee.

**SB995** by **Sen. Chris Gebhard (R-Lebanon)**, increases the aggregate prize limit for local small games of chance to no more than \$60,000 in any seven-day period. ***This bill could be amended to add E-pull tabs language. This bill is currently in the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee***

PFFSO supports all of these bills, and encourages club members to contact their local legislators to vote in favor of them. Members can send an email to their legislators by clicking here: <https://www.votervoice.net/WannerAssoc/Campaigns/131923/Respond> . You can add your own personal story to these emails

## **Hemp Beverage Legislation in Development**

**Rep. Steve Malagari (D-Montgomery)** is working on legislation that would allow for and regulate the sale of hemp derived delta-9 THC beverages within the Commonwealth. The products were made legal by the 2018 Federal Farm bill and are being sold in various states around the country. The legislation would create a safe, thriving and transparent hemp beverage industry. The legislation would restrict the sale of cannabinoid-infused beverages to adults aged 21 years and older. It would outline locations where the products can be sold along with the proper licensing and training. It would limit the serving size and potency levels of THC to be safe, effective and provide value to the consumer. The legislation will also require clear, consistent labeling to empower the consumer and testing of the products to be sure they are free of microbials, mycotoxins, residual solvents, heavy metals, pesticides and foreign matter. The bill is currently being crafted.

## **Premixed Cocktails Bill Advances in House**

**HB1702** amends the Liquor Code to allow premixed cocktails on tap. These kegs come without alcohol in them as they are mixed on site at the licensed establishment. Pre-

mixed kegged cocktails have become a big deal at larger venues across the country as the demand for a perfectly-poured cocktail at a sporting event and bigger venues continues to rise. The keg allows for a consistent pour regardless of employee experience level and helps to prevent heavy pours. There is also a much higher level of sanitation than manual mixing of drinks by hand as the connected keg on draft creates a closed system to prevent contaminants.

### RTDs in the Three Tier System

Bills providing for expansion of RTDs are popping up in both chambers. Senate Law and Justice Committee Chairman Dan Laughlin introduced **SB985** on September 4, and on September 5th, **Rep. Robert Leadbeter** circulated a cosponsor memo in the House for ready-to-drink beverages via the three-tier system. These bills appear to be another attempt by the beer wholesalers to try to change the law again. No action on either bill is anticipated in the near term.

### October 19 Board Meeting Highlights

The PFFSO Board of Directors met on October 19 at the **Unter Uns Music & Entertainment Society**, Altoona, PA. Here are the highlights.

**Treasurer's Report** –Secretary/Treasurer Patti Shafer presented the **September 2025 Financial Statement**, noting that unit dues are still lagging, even this late in the year. Direct member dues are significantly above budget, and thanked Orner for his work in soliciting new members. Mowatt also noted that Jason Bidish continues to promote the organization as he talks to clubs across the state. Directors were urged to collect and send in their dues and assessments ASAP. Shafer also presented a **proposed 2026 budget, which tracks closely with the 2025 budget, with increases for postage and convention sponsorships. There was significant discussion about ways to increase sponsorships and partnerships for the convention, and for the Federation, with an eye towards modernizing operations and eliminating the convention assessments and the state raffle. Also discussed was a possible unit dues increase, to be presented to the 2026 convention.**

### Executive Director's Report – Ted Mowatt, CAE

**Legislative Issues** –Mowatt reported that the General Assembly is still working to pass a 2025-26 state budget, and that has sidetracked most other legislation since June. However, bills on Small Games of Chance, Liquor Code and smoking could be considered this fall. No action is seen in the immediate future on Games of Skill, as the state Supreme Court still has not ruled on the legality, and isn't expected to before the November elections. Three justices are up for retention, and they are being contested. Mowatt also noted that Wanner Associates has hired a new bookkeeper to man-

age PFFSO finances.

**Membership Development** – Doug Orner presented the membership statistics. He suggested it may be time to raise dues to cover the costs of processing memberships, including CC payments.

**Raffle** – Shafer reported that all but 30-some tickets were sold, and all winners have been identified and paid.

### Old/Unfinished Business

**Mowatt** asked if there are volunteers for the 2027 convention. Berks and York are considering, but not hopeful. If no unit steps up before December, the state office will look at venues in Harrisburg and perhaps other areas to host the convention.

### New Business

**2026 Convention** – Hanzes announced the 2026 convention will be held June 4-6, 2026 in Mercer County. The Host hotel will be the Quality Inn West Middlesex, Hermitage, PA. <https://www.choicehotels.com/pennsylvania/hermitage/quality-inn-hotels/pa343?mc=llgoxxpx#hotel-map> . Details are being finalized, and will be announced shortly. Guitteau asked that a policy be adopted that no children attend the convention. It was agreed to.

1. **On a motion by Lesher, seconded by Hanzes, the 2026 Proposed Budget was adopted.**

**Next meeting** – March 15, 12 noon via Zoom. Link will be provided by Mowatt.

### Shapiro Signs 2025-2026 Fiscal Budget, Ending Impasse

On November 12, **Gov. Josh Shapiro**, joined by **Lt. Gov. Austin Davis** and various senators and representatives, signed the official 2025-2026 state budget at a press conference held in the Governor's Reception Room.

Gov. Shapiro mentioned the current budget cuts taxes, makes “critical” investments, protects the Rainy Day Fund and leaves \$8 billion in reserves.

“On top of this, we’re continuing to invest in apprenticeships, in [vocational technical] vo-tech programs, and hands-on education,” Gov. Shapiro stated. He emphasized a **50% increase in Career Technical Education apprenticeships**.

Gov. Shapiro criticized federal policies that are “driving up” costs for families. He commended his administration for “the largest targeted tax cut for seniors in nearly two decades” that resulted in 522,000 Pennsylvania seniors receiving over \$319 million in tax cuts. Gov. Shapiro stated he is building on this progress by creating a **“Working Pennsylvanians Tax Credit”** that will deliver about \$193 million back to Pennsylvania families. “If you’re a single mom with three

kids who makes about 60,000 bucks a year, you could get up to \$805 back in your state tax break next year," he explained. Gov. Shapiro added that about 940,000 Pennsylvanians will qualify for this tax credit. Gov. Shapiro thanked **House Speaker Joanna McClinton (D-Philadelphia)** and **House Majority Leader Matt Bradford (D-Montgomery)** for their leadership in getting the new tax credit passed.

#### **PA Supreme Court's Democratic Majority Continues as All Three Justices Win Retention**

Three Democratic Supreme Court justices survived unusually contentious retention elections on November 4, keeping the court under Democratic majority control, after unprecedented spending by both parties and outside groups on the yes or no votes. Justices Christine Donohue, Kevin Dougherty and David Wecht all withstood the onslaught of vitriolic campaign ads and literature, gaining an additional 10 year term, though Chief Justice Donohue will reach retirement age prior to fulfilling her new term.

#### **4 State House Members Win County Races, Spring Special Elections to Follow**

Four sitting state Representatives will have new titles in January, as they won local offices in the November 4 elections. **Republicans Torren Ecker (R-Adams) and Lou Schmitt (R-Blair) and Allegheny County Democrat Rep. Dan Miller** won county Common Pleas court judgeships, while **Rep. Josh Seigel (D-Lehigh)** won the race be the next Lehigh County Executive. All are expected to resign their House seats after Christmas, following which

**Speaker of the House Joanna McClinton** will call for special elections to fill the seats, likely in March of 2026. In the interim, the vacancies will not affect the one seat Democrat majority, as it will reduce the caucuses to 100-99. All four seats are expected to remain with the party that currently has them, though both parties are seeking candidates to run in all four races. The winners will also have a leg up in the 2026 races for those seats in the 2027-28 session.

#### **From the PA Bulletin**

NO new regulations at this time

#### **Legislative Activity**

The following bills of interest were introduced and acted upon in the General Assembly since the last Bulletin.

#### **Charity, Small Games of Chance Bills**

**HB2038 RE: Small Games of Chance Drawings** (by **Rep. John A. Schlegel, et al**)

Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in games of chance, further providing for prize limits. Increases the fee for daily drawings, weekly drawings and the new

monthly drawings to \$10. Defines "monthly drawing." Provides for a monthly drawing carryover exception.

#### **PFFSO Position: No Position**

**Referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 11/17/2025**

**SB398 RE: Pilot Program for Fire Companies with SGOC License to Conduct Two Online Raffles Per Year** (by Sen. Michele Brooks, et al)

Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, providing for online raffles by fire companies. Permits online raffles by fire companies. Provides an expiration date of December 31, 2026.

#### **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Read third time and passed Senate, 7/16/2025 (49-0)**  
**Referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 7/17/2025**

**SB416 RE: Mobile Payment Services for Small Games of Chance** (by Sen. Devlin J. Robinson, et al)

Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, providing for payment; and abrogating a regulation. Directs that a licensed eligible organization may accept payment via credit card, debit card, mobile payment services or other electronic payment method for the purchase of a raffle ticket. Adds that a licensee under Chapter 9 may not accept mobile payment services for the playing of games of chance. Defines "mobile payment service."

#### **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 7/17/2025**

**SB995 RE: Increasing the Limit for Local Small Games of Chance** (by Sen. Chris Gebhard)

Amends the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act, in games of chance, further providing for prize limits. Increases the aggregate prize limit for local small games of chance to no more than \$60,000 in any seven-day period. *This bill could be amended to add E-pull tabs language.*

#### **PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Referred to Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee, 9/12/2025**

**Reported as committed from Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee, read first time, and re-committed to Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee, 11/19/2025**  
than a single vote of the Board.

**Clean Indoor Air Act****HB880 RE: Protecting Workers from Secondhand Smoke Act (by Rep. Dan Frankel, et al)**

Would eliminate current exemptions from the act, expand the definition of smoking to include e-cigarettes, and give localities the ability to enact smoke-free ordinances that are more protective than state law. Removes a drinking establishment and a designated outdoor smoking area from exceptions and adds a patio to exceptions. Outlines eligibility requirements for exceptions, including taking a vote of the private club's members in good standing on the club's bylaws to address smoking in the facilities every odd-numbered year. **As amended, it maintains the club option, but requires periodic votes of the full membership, rather than a single vote of the Board.**

House Democratic Caucus Summary - [PDF](#)

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Reported as amended from House Health Committee, read first time, and laid on the table, 9/30/2025**

**HR271 RE: Indoor Air Quality Study Resolution (by Rep. Jessica Benham, et al)**

A Resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee and conduct a comprehensive study regarding the indoor air quality for seniors and children in this commonwealth.

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Adopted, 10/8/2025**

**SB1016 RE: Protecting Workers from Secondhand Smoke Act (by Sen. Jay Costa)**

Amends the Clean Indoor Air Act, further providing for title of act, for definitions, for prohibition, for signage, for enforcement, for preemption of local ordinances and for repeal; and making editorial changes. Provides, amends and removes definitions. Provides additional exceptions for subsection (a). Outlines additional conditions and qualifications for exceptions. Requires that smoking signage must depict "Smoking Permitted," "No Smoking" or the international "No Smoking" symbol with a pictorial representation of a burning cigarette and electronic smoking device in a circle with a bar across it. Provides that signage requirements do not apply to parties exempt under section 3(b)(1). Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to file an annual report with the respective House and Senate Health and Human Services Committees. Prohibits this act from being construed to restrict the power of a political subdivision to adopt and enforce any rule or ordinance that exceeds this act's minimum applicable standards. Asserts that sections

10.1 and 15.1 of the Fire and Panic Act, insofar as they relate to clean indoor air, are repealed. **Extends the required length of time a club must be in existence to qualify for the exemption, and removes fire, ambulance and rescue companies from the exempted clubs definition.**

**PFFSO Position:**

**Referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee, 9/19/2025**

**First Responders****HB1756 RE: Providing Public Utility Exemptions to Volunteer Fire Companies, EMS, Rescue Squads and Older Adult Centers (by Rep. Gregory Scott, et al)**

Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities), in service and facilities, further providing for electricity supplied to certain organizations. Replaces "electricity" with "service" in the heading of section 1511. Revises language to assert that any public utility company supplying service shall, upon application, permit a volunteer fire company, a nonprofit rescue squad or ambulance service or a nonprofit older adult center to elect to have its service rendered pursuant to a rate schedule which provides equivalent charges for such service as residential rates.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Referred to House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee, 7/23/2025**

**HB1785 RE: Workers' Compensation for Firefighters with Cancer (by Rep. Gregory Scott, et al)**

Amends the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for compensation for cancer. Revises language to add that denial of a claim for any condition or impairment of health arising under this subsection must be on the basis of clear and convincing medical evidence that the condition or impairment was not caused or contributed to in material part by the occupation of firefighting. Allows the presumption to be rebutted by clear and convincing evidence that the use of tobacco by the firefighter is the major contributing cause of the cancer.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Referred to House Labor and Industry Committee, 8/10/2025**

**HB1865 RE: Modernizing Support for Volunteer Fire Companies** (by Rep. Tarah Probst, et al)

Amends the Tax Reform Code, in insurance premiums tax, further providing for imposition of tax. Provides for a tax imposition at an 8% rate of gross premiums received from business done within the commonwealth during each calendar year. Applies to calendar years beginning after December 31, 2025.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Referred to House Insurance Committee, 9/17/2025**

**Games of Skill/VGTs/Wagering**

**HB2046 RE: Video Skill Games Act** (by Rep. Danilo Burgos, et al)

Amends Title 4 (Amusements), in revenues, further providing for establishment of **State Gaming Fund** and net slot machine revenue distribution; providing for skill video gaming; imposing duties on the Department of Revenue; and imposing a tax and criminal and civil penalties. **Decreases the daily slot machine tax to 32%** from its daily gross terminal revenue. Provides definitions. Directs the Department of Revenue to develop a program to regulate the distribution, sale, transportation, storage and use of video skill game systems. Provides for the authority and duties of the department. Authorizes the legal sale, distribution, operation, possession, transportation and use of skill video game systems. Grants the department the authority to issue licenses. Provides licensing requirements. Provides for license application and renewal costs. Provides for the allocation of skill video game system revenue after tax. Provides terms of licenses. Permits the department to suspend or revoke a license. Provides for skill video game testing certification and random field verification by an agent or designee of the department. Stipulates that distributors must execute a \$1,000,000 bond within 30 days of issuance of the license to be eligible. Directs distributors to file monthly and annual reports. Provides system requirements. Provides for operator requirements. Directs operators to enter into a contract with a licensed distributor within 60 days of receiving a license. Provides for player security. Provides requirements for establishments utilizing skill video games. **Provides limits on skill video game terminals, limiting establishments to five terminals in a public floor space.** Prohibits miniature casinos and stop and gos. Prohibits access to terminals by individuals under 18 years of age. Provides qualifications for establishments. Asserts that it is lawful for a user to play and receive winnings from a skill video game system. Dictates that a player's net winnings will be classified as compensation for tax purposes. **Directs distributors to pay a tax of 16% of all gross profits to the commonwealth.** Provides apportionment for tax revenue received from skill video games. Permits the department to implement temporary regulations that will expire two years after the effective date. Provides penalties for criminal distribution and operation of unlicensed skill video game terminals. Asserts that the **Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement will be responsible for the enforcement of criminal provisions, along with the Pennsylvania State Police, in counties of the first class.** Prohibits municipalities from prohibiting the placement or playing of skill games. Provides for provisional licenses.

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**PFFSO Position: PFFSO Supports Legal Skill Games in Clubs**

**Referred to House Gaming Oversight Committee, 11/18/2025**

**SB1079 RE: Bipartisan Regulation of Skill Video Games** (by Sens. Gene Yaw and Anthony H. Williams)

The **Skill Video Gaming Act** comprehensive legislation to regulate skill games and generate revenue for the commonwealth, establishing a \$500 monthly fee per skill game terminal and limiting the total number of skill game terminals to 50,000 statewide.

**PFFSO Position: PFFSO Supports Legal Skill Games in Clubs**

**Referred to Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee, 11/11/2025**

**Liquor Code Bills**

**HB467 RE: Notice Exception for End-of-Life Memorial Catering Events** (by Rep. Daniel J. Deasy, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales, for breweries and for unlawful acts relative to liquor, malt and brewed beverages and licensees. Provides that if the catered function is part of an end-of-life memorial event, a notice to the local police, the enforcement bureau and the board shall not be required more than 24 hours before the catered event. Defines "end-of-life memorial event."

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Passed House, 4/7/2025 (200-3)**

**Laid on the table, removed from table in Senate, 10/27/2025**

[HB828](#) RE: "Dead License Auctions" (by Rep. Mindy Fee, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations for liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for license auction. Asserts that no more than 50 licenses shall be auctioned in any county per year. Requires payment to be made to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board within six months of being awarded a license. Prohibits the transfer of license awarded in an excess auction for a period of five years. Asserts that a license that did not receive a bid at the initial auction is eligible to be bid upon at the discretion of the board. Mandates the board to hold one excess auction every calendar year. Directs that the license be awarded to the highest bidder in any county, regardless of the original location of the licensed premises. Provides that no more than one license shall be awarded per county in an excess auction. Permits the winning bidder to transfer the license upon approval from the governing body of the municipality where the license will be transferred. Directs that a request to transfer the winning license to a different county be made in writing to the board and be subject to an application fee of \$25,000.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Laid on the table, 9/10/2025**

[HB1702](#) RE: [Modernizing PA Liquor Code to Allow Premixed Cocktails On Tap.](#) (by Rep. Dan Goughnour, et al)

Amends the Liquor Code, in preliminary provisions, further providing for definitions; and, in licenses and regulations, liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for unlawful acts relative to liquor, alcohol and liquor licensees. Excludes the blending and storing overnight by a retail licensee of alcohol and liquor into a ready-to-draft pre-mixed keg cocktail from the definition of "manufacture" and adds a definition for "ready-to-draft pre-mixed keg cocktail." Excludes the keg or any containers used in making ready-to-draft pre-mixed keg cocktails from the definition of "other similar receptacles."

**PFFSO Position: Support**

**Passed House, 10/8/2025**

**Referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 10/15/2025**

[SB241](#) RE: [Protecting Businesses from the PLCB's Revenge](#) (by Sen. Jarrett Coleman)

Amends the Liquor Code, in Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, providing for expungement of citations regarding COVID-19 protocols. Expunges citations for retail licensees for the failure of the retail licensee to comply with any of the following executive actions during the period in which

the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued on March 6, 2020, published at 50 Pa.B. 1644 (March 21, 2020) was in effect. Provides application of expungement. Requires the board or enforcement bureau to expunge the citation and provide notice of the expungement to the retail licensee. Defines "retail licensee."

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Passed Senate, 9/10/2025**

[SB960](#) RE: [Allowing Club License Holders to Sell Malt Beverages for Off-Premise Consumption](#) (by Sen. Judy Ward (R))

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for authority to issue liquor licenses to hotels, restaurants and clubs, for sales by liquor licensees and restrictions, for sale of malt or brewed beverages by liquor licensees, for retail dispensers' restrictions on purchases and sales, for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees and for premises to be vacated by patrons. Prohibits club licensees or their servants, agents or employees from selling malt or brewed beverages for **off-premises consumption** between the hours of 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. on any day.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee, 7/23/2025**

[SB985](#) RE: [Ready-to-Drink Beverages via the Three-Tier System](#) (by Sen. Daniel Laughlin)

Amends the Liquor Code, in licenses and regulations and liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages, further providing for ready-to-drink cocktail permit, for authority to acquire ready-to-drink cocktail permits, for distributors' and importing distributors' restrictions on sales, storage, etc. and for unlawful acts relative to malt or brewed beverages and licensees. **Provides that a distributor or importing distributor license holder, that is also a ready-to-drink cocktail permit holder, may sell ready-to-drink cocktails to ready-to-drink cocktail permit holders and licensees of the board.** Allows holders of ready-to-drink cocktail permits to purchase ready-to-drink cocktails from a holder of a distributor or importing distributor license with a ready-to-drink cocktail permit. Requires that all ready-to-drink cocktails purchased by an importing distributor from a Pennsylvania manufacturer of ready-to-drink cocktails will be invoiced to the importing distributor, come physically into the possession of the importing distributor and be unloaded into and distributed from the licensed premises of the importing distributor. Amends the definition of "franchise territory" to include

ready-to-drink cocktails. Asserts that the provisions of section 492 do not apply to the possession or storage of ready-to-drink cocktails that are purchased in compliance with this act.

**Referred to Senate Law and Justice Committee,  
9/4/2025**

**State/Local Taxes**

**NONE**

**Veterans Issues**

**HB1257 RE: Expanding the Disabled Veterans' Real Estate Tax Exemption Program** (by Rep. Tarah Probst, et al)  
A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, further providing for exemptions and special provisions. Declares that a veteran of the United States Armed Forces, including a reserve component of the United States Armed Forces, who has been rated by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or its successor as 100% permanent and totally disabled or compensated at the 100% disability rate through a federal program that provides compensation to veterans who are unable to work due to a service-connected disability shall be exempt from payment of real property taxes. Asserts that a political subdivision may, by ordinance or resolution, exempt a veteran with a disability rated or compensated at any level below 100% from payment of any portion of real property taxes. Applies to the unmarried surviving spouse upon the death of an eligible veteran, as well as the unmarried surviving spouses of service members who died in the line of duty, were taken as prisoners of war or declared missing in action. A Joint Resolution proposing integrated amendments to the Constitution of Pennsylvania requires approval in two consecutive legislative sessions and then approval by the voters through a referendum.

**PFFSO Position: SUPPORT**

**Laid on the table, 9/10/2025**

**Removed from table, 11/19/2025**

**Workforce Issues**

**NONE**

**Upcoming meetings of Interest**

Some House Committee meetings and session can be viewed online at: <http://www.pahousegop.com/>  
Senate Committee meetings and session can be streamed at: <http://www.pasenategop.com/>

**2025 House Schedule**

**December 15, 16, 17**

**2026 House Session Schedule (Subject to Change)**

**January 6 (NV), 26, 27, 28**

**February 2, 3, 4**

**March 23, 24, 25**

**April 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29**

**May 4, 5, 6**

**June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30**

**September 28, 29, 30**

**October 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21**

**November 9, 10**

**2025 Senate Session**

**December 8, 9, 10**

**2026 Senate Spring Session Schedule**

**January 6, 26, 27, 28**

**February 2, 3, 4**

**March 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25**

**April 20, 21, 22**

**May 4, 5, 6**

**June 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30**

**Fall Dates TBA**

**Public Meetings of the Liquor Control Board**

The LCB meets twice monthly. Minutes of past meetings can be viewed at: <https://www.lcb.pa.gov/About-Us/Board/Pages/Public-Meetings.aspx>

Public meetings commence at 11:00 AM in Room 117 of PLCB Headquarters in the Northwest Office Building in Harrisburg, PA. Meetings are open for in-person attendance, and meetings are broadcast via Microsoft Teams over [internet](#). The telephone conference call can be accessed by dialing (267-332-8737, code 240 679 670)# to listen to these meetings.

Note: Thank you for paying your 2025 membership dues. Dues Bills for clubs and units for 2026 will be mailed shortly. **Direct member dues are \$75 annually**, Unit Dues are up to the County Unit. If you know a club that should be a direct or Unit member, please have them contact the PFFSO office, or direct them to the PFFSO website: [www.pffso.org](http://www.pffso.org). All PA clubs have been mailed a solicitation to join the federation. Your help in bringing them in the fold is appreciated!

Thank you all for your continued support of the Federation. We still have a lot of work to do, and we do it better together!

Would you like to receive this Bulletin in electronic format, to speed up dissemination to other clubs? Send an email to our State Executive Director, Ted Mowatt, at: [tmowatt@wannerassoc.com](mailto:tmowatt@wannerassoc.com). Thanks.

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