



SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA BILL SUMMARY

House Bill 204 Printer's No. 172

Prime Sponsor: Jozwiak
Committee: Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

SYNOPSIS:

HB 204 would amend Title 51 (Military Affairs) by codifying into law the Civil Air Patrol and repealing unnecessary language under Title 74 (Transportation).

SUMMARY:

HB 204 would amend Chapter 7 (Department of Military Affairs) of Title 51 (Military Affairs) by:

1. Designating the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) as the liaison to the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol and charging the DMVA with providing administrative support where possible;
2. Requiring DMVA to receive and supervise expenditures of state funding used by the Civil Air Patrol maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by Civil Air Patrol, and requests from Commonwealth instrumentalities for assistance from the Civil Air Patrol;
3. Requiring requests for assistance to be in accordance with federal procedures and having both DMVA and the PA Emergency Management Agency consulted;
4. Defining "Assistance" to include search and rescue, disaster relief support, homeland security, emergency transport services, and communications support;
5. Providing that the passage of this Act shall not diminish or impair an authority, right, or agreement validly established or existing at the time of the Act's effective date; and

HB 204 would also amend Title 74 (Transportation) by repealing unnecessary language.

Effective Date: 60 Days.

BILL HISTORY:

Earlier this Session, the Senate passed SB 137. Last Session, the Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee unanimously reported HB 2026.

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