

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – DAVID G. ARGALL, CHAIRMAN

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

[Senate Resolution 268](#) (Boscola) recognizes the month of January 2016 as “National Blood Donor Month” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 269](#) (Teplitz) recognizes the month of February 2016 as “Career and Technical Education Month” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 270](#) (Tomlinson) designates the week of January 31 through February 6, 2016 as “Physician Anesthesiologist Week” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 271](#) (Schwank) designates the week of January 31 through February 6, 2016 as “Pennsylvania Young Farmers’ Association Week” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[House Bill 1201](#) (Taylor) would repeal Act 131 of 1943, which authorized the Commonwealth and municipalities to take over public roads and highways constructed by the federal government. [Passed: 47-0.](#)

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

[Senate Bill 166](#) (Greenleaf) would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to permit a person to petition the court of common pleas in the jurisdiction where a conviction occurred to enter an order for limited access to criminal history information if the person has been free from arrest or prosecution following conviction or final release from confinement or supervision, whichever is later, for a period of ten years. An order could be issued for a conviction for a second degree misdemeanor, third degree misdemeanor or upgraded offense which carried a maximum penalty of not more than two years imprisonment. Individuals convicted of certain crimes as outlined in the legislation would not be eligible for an order of limited access. The district attorney could file an objection to the petition. Once an order is granted, the information could only be released to criminal justice agencies and other government agencies for purposes specified in the legislation. The bill would also establish a \$132 fee for the filing of a petition for expungement or a petition for an order for limited access. The fee would be distributed equally between the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, the Pennsylvania State Police, the district attorney of the county and the clerk of courts. [Concurrence in House Amendments, as Amended: 48-0.](#)

[Senate Resolution 247](#) (Rafferty) urges the United States Department of Transportation to work with tank car manufacturers and owners, crude oil shippers and the rail industry in adopting a higher pool fire survivability standard and assisting with additional federal funds to sustain the training of emergency first responders to ensure communities across the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania and the rest of the United States benefit from the safe transportation of crude by rail shipments. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 272](#) (Tartaglione) recognizes February 5, 2016 as “National Wear Red Day” in Pennsylvania. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 273](#) (Alloway) recognizes the month of February 2016 as “American Heart Month” in Pennsylvania and urges all Pennsylvanians to recognize the critical importance of the tools and skills that will increase survival rates from cardiac arrest. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[Senate Resolution 274](#) (Teplitz) recognizes February 4, 2016 as “World Cancer Day” in Pennsylvania to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection and treatment. [Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)

[House Bill 153](#) (Knowles) would amend Article II, Section 16 of the Pennsylvania Constitution to reduce the size Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 203 members to 151 members. Upon ratification by the electors, the General Assembly would be required to implement the constitutional amendment so that it applies to the first session of the General Assembly which begins after the 2020 reapportionment. As a constitutional amendment, the change would have to pass again in the next legislative session and be approved by the electorate before becoming effective. [Passed: 43-6.](#)

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