

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – DAVID G. ARGALL, CHAIRMAN

Monday, March 20, 2017

[Senate Bill 123](#) (Scavello) would amend Title 34 (Game) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to permit hunting with the use of birds of prey commonly known as falconry on Sundays. **Passed: 47-0.**

[Senate Bill 137](#) (McGarrigle) would amend Title 51 (Military Affairs) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to designate the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs as the liaison for the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. The Department would be directed to provide administrative support within the limits of authorized appropriations. In addition, the Department would receive and supervise expenditures of state funding used by the Civil Air Patrol, supervise the maintenance and use of Commonwealth facilities used by the Civil Air Patrol, and receive requests from Commonwealth instrumentalities for assistance from the Civil Air Patrol. Requests for assistance would have to be in accordance with federal procedures and in consultation with the Adjutant General or the Adjutant General's designee and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. Nothing in the bill could be construed to limit, diminish, or impair an authority, right, or agreement validly established and existing on the effective date of the legislation. The measure would also repeal unnecessary language in Title 74 (Transportation). **Passed: 47-0.**

[Senate Resolution 38](#) (Hutchinson) designates the week of March 19 through 25, 2017 as "Maple Producers Week" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 39](#) (Baker) designates the week of February 12 through 18, 2017 as "Cardiac Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 40](#) (Baker) designates the week of March 12 through 18, 2017 as "Pulmonary Rehabilitation Week" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 41](#) (Rafferty) designates March 20, 2017 as a day of remembrance for all highway workers employed by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission who have sacrificed their lives in service to the Commonwealth. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

[Senate Resolution 42](#) (Vulakovich) designates the month of May 2017 as "Military Service Opportunity Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Tuesday, March 21, 2017

[Senate Bill 265](#) (Regan) would designate the bridge carrying State Route 3012 over the Susquehanna River between City Island and the intersection with State Route 1010 and State

Route 1027, commonly referred to as the Market Street Bridge, as the Senator Harold Mowery Market Street Bridge. **Passed: 48-1.**

Senate Resolution 43 (Schwank) mourns the loss of Albert R. Boscov and extends condolences to his wife and family. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 45 (Browne) recognizes the week of February 26 through March 4, 2017 as “Eating Disorders Awareness Week” in Pennsylvania in conjunction with the observance of “National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.” **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 46 (Browne) designates the month of March 2017 as “International DeMolay Month” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 47 (Rafferty) recognizes March 22, 2017 as “Architects’ Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 48 (Schwank) honors the United Way as it celebrates the 130th anniversary of its founding and the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 49 (Boscola) recognizes March 8, 2017 as “International Women’s Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 50 (Vulakovich) honors the Tuskegee Airmen, a group of African-American military pilots who served honorably during World War II. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 51 (Haywood) designates March 21, 2017 as “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Day” in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Senate Bill 169 (Laughlin) would amend Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require lobbyist registrations, amendments to registrations, terminations, and expense reports to be filed electronically beginning January 1, 2018. The bill would also require the Department of State to post all filings on its website within seven days of receipt of the filing. An additional change would prohibit compensated lobbying activity to be contingent upon the receipt or award of any grant, credit, loan, capital funding, contract or any other form of Commonwealth funds awarded by an agency. **Passed: 47-0.**

Senate Bill 274 (Gordner) would amend the Professional Nursing Law to officially recognize nurse anesthetists as Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists in statute. Individuals who hold a license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth and who meet the requirements of a certified registered nurse anesthetist would be given the right to use the title “certified registered nurse anesthetist” as defined in the legislation and the abbreviation, C.R.N.A. The qualifications of a certified registered nurse anesthetist would include: 1) holding a master’s degree, doctoral degree or post-master’s certificate from an accredited educational program in

nurse anesthesia approved by the board and that prepares graduates to practice as a CRNA; 2) holding current national certification as a CRNA from a board-recognized national certification organization which required passing of a national examination in nurse anesthesia; and 3) meeting all other board requirements to practice as a CRNA. The State Board of Nursing would be authorized to issue a certification to a registered nurse anesthetist from another state who has completed a course of study equivalent to that required in the Commonwealth.

To obtain certification, a CRNA would have to file an application with the board and pay the prescribed fee. CRNA certification would expire at the same time as the individual's nursing license expires. In order to obtain biennial certificate renewal, a CRNA would have to: 1) verify that he or she holds current recertification from a board-recognized national certification organization which required passing of a national certifying examination in nurse anesthesia; 2) submit a renewal application to the board; 3) pay a renewal fee; and 4) complete at least 30 hours of continuing education approved by the board. A CRNA would be required to maintain professional liability coverage. The State Board of Nursing would promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of the act within 18 months of the effective date. **Passed: 46-1.**

Senate Resolution 52 (Schwank) designates the month of March 2017 as "Fibromuscular Dysplasia Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 53 (Schwank) recognizes the month of March 2017 as "Professional Social Work Month" in Pennsylvania and urges residents of the Commonwealth to join with the Pennsylvania chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of social workers and the social work profession. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 54 (Greenleaf) designates the month of March 2017 as "Brain Injury Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 55 (Langerholc) recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure for multiple sclerosis; expresses appreciation to the Pennsylvania chapters of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for their work; and recognizes the week of March 5 through 11, 2017 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

Senate Resolution 56 (Vulakovich) designates the month of March 2017 as "American Red Cross Month" in Pennsylvania. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

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