



## SENATE REPUBLICANS WORK TO STRENGTHEN PENNSYLVANIA'S PFA LAWS

- **Senate Bill 500** (Vulakovich) providing that protection would be made available to a victim; and that an individual shall accompany the plaintiff to the plaintiff's residence before or while the petition and orders are being served, if the plaintiff avers that such assistance is necessary to protect the safety of the plaintiff.
- **Senate Bill 501** (Killion) enhancing safety for all parties involved in Protection From Abuse (PFA) orders and convictions of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence that require relinquishment of firearms.
- **Senate Bill 502** (McGarrigle) specifying that the court may extend the terms of an existing order or issue a new order in certain circumstances.
- **Senate Bill 449** (Bartolotta) Tierne's Law, clarifying that Magisterial District Judges may, in cases of domestic violence, use a risk assessment tool to determine whether a defendant poses a danger to a victim when determining bail.