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Legislative Update

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ANIMAL/AQUACULTURE LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 50 Dog Purchaser Protection

Act further providing for dog purchaser protection. Amends the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law (P.L.1224, No.387).

History: Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, January 20, 2009

SB 214 Greyhound Race Simulcasting

Act providing for the offense of greyhound race simulcasting; and prescribing a penalty. Amends Title 18 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, February 19, 2009

SB 371 State Horse Racing Commission

Act further providing for the composition of the State Horse Racing Commission. Amends the Race Horse Industry Reform Act (P.L.435, No.135).

History: Referred to COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 5, 2009

SB 560 Spaying and Neutering of Animals

Act further providing for spaying or neutering as condition for release of certain animals; and repealing certain provisions relating to sterilization of dogs and cats. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 2, 2009

SB 667 Dangerous Dogs

Act further providing for registration of dangerous dogs; and prescribing penalties. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 20, 2009

SB 672 Prohibited Means of Destroying Animals

Act further providing for prohibited means of destroying animals, for use of carbon monoxide systems and for penalties; and providing for local law enforcement. Amends the Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law (P.L.303, No.83).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 20, 2009

SB 673 Dogs and Cats at Large

Act further providing for dogs and cats at large; and providing for access to and destruction of seized and detained cats. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 20, 2009

SB 716 Hunting and Furtaking License Fees

Act further providing for license costs and fees in hunting and furtaking licenses. Amends Title 34of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, April 1, 2009

SB 740 Resident License and Fee Exemptions

Act further providing for resident license and fee exemptions and for license costs and fees. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, April 3, 2009

HB 39 Cruelty to Dogs

Act further providing for cruelty to animals. **A**mends Title 18 of the Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, January 26, 2009
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In the Senate
Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 5, 2009

HB 92 Hunting and Furtaking License Fees

Act further providing for license costs and fees in hunting and furtaking licenses. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, January 28, 2009
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In the Senate
Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, March 12, 2009

HB 94 Hunting and Furtaking Resident License

Act further providing for resident license and fee exemptions in hunting and furtaking licenses. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, January 28, 2009
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Second consideration, February 10, 2009
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In the Senate
Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 24, 2009

HB 123 Cruelty to Guide Dogs

Act further providing for cruelty to animals. Amends Title 18 of Pa.C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, January 30, 2009

HB 184 Woodchuck Hunting

Act further providing for the limited hunting of woodchucks on Sundays. Amends Title of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 2, 2009

HB 281 Hunting and Furtaking Licenses

Act further providing for unlawful acts concerning licenses in hunting and furtaking. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 4, 2009
Reported as committed, March 9, 2009
First consideration, March 9, 2009
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HB 369 Dog Law

Act further providing for fees; and providing for county dog shelter restricted accounts. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 13, 2009

HB 419 Right to Hunt, Fish, and Harvest Game

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the right to hunt, fish and harvest game.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 13, 2009

HB 420 Hunting Heritage Protection Act

Act providing for recreational hunting on lands managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 13, 2009

HB 460 Unlawful Acts in Hunting and Furtaking

Act further providing for unlawful acts concerning licenses in hunting and furtaking licenses. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 13, 2009

HB 480 Elk Damage Fund

Act further providing for deterrent fences for deer, bear and elk and the payment of claims for damages by certain elk; imposing duties on the Department of Agriculture; and providing for the establishment of the Elk Damage Fund. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 18, 2009

HB 578 Wildlife Management Unit

Act defining "wildlife management unit"; and further providing for resident license and fee exemptions. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, February 23, 2009

HB 593 Immunity of Humane Society Officers

Act providing for immunity of humane society police officers. Amends Title 42 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, February 24, 2009

HB 613 Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law

Act further providing for prohibited means of destruction of animals, for methods of destruction of animals and for exclusions; and repealing provisions relating to use of carbon monoxide systems. Amends the Animal Destruction Method Authorization Law (P.L.303, No.83).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 2009

HB 614 Seizure and Detention of Dogs

Act further providing for seizure and detention of dogs, costs and destruction of dogs. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 24, 2009

HB 671 Dangerous Dogs

Act further providing for construction of article relating to dangerous dogs. Amends the Dog Law (P.L.784, No.225).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 27, 2009

HB 779 Sunday Hunting

Act repealing provisions relating to Sunday hunting prohibition. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, March 25, 2009

HB 1254 Tethering Animals

Act further providing for the offense of cruelty to animals in the tethering of animals. Amends Title 18 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, April 13, 2009

HB 1294 Turkey Hunting

Act expanding the hours for turkey hunting; and abrogating inconsistent regulations. Amends Title 34 of pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, April 20, 2009

HB 1325 Prohibition of Sunday Hunting

Act further prohibiting hunting on Sunday. Amends Title 34 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to GAME AND FISHERIES, April 22, 2009

Resolutions

SR 58 Turning for Home Program
Resolution congratulating the Turning for Home program established by the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association at Philadelphia Park.

History: Referred to COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, March 27, 2009

HR 125 Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month
Resolution designating the month of April 2009 as "Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 19, 2009
Adopted, April 1, 2009 (192-0)

HR 199 Turning for Home Program
Resolution recognizing the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (PTHA) for its "Turning For Home" program.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 26, 2009
Adopted, April 1, 2009 (192-0)

HR 216 Animal Abuse Awareness Week
Resolution designating the week of April 19 through 25, 2009, as "Animal Abuse Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, April 1, 2009
Adopted, April 1, 2009 (192-0)

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 85 Environmental Quality Board
Act further providing for the Environmental Quality Board. Amends The Administrative Code of 1929 (P.L.177, No.175).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 29, 2009
Reported as committed, February 10, 2009

First consideration, February 10, 2009
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, February 11, 2009

SB 114 Emissions Control

Act further providing for the Environmental Quality Board. Amends The Administrative Code of 1929 (P.L.177, No.175).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 29, 2009

SB 172 Open Spaces

Act further providing for definitions and for local taxing options. Amends "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses" (1967 P.L.992, No.442).

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 2, 2009

HB 112 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Nutrient Reduction and Credit Trading Act

Act establishing the Nutrient Reduction Credit Trading Program, the Nutrient Reduction Credit Trading Program Board and the Chesapeake Bay Advisory Council; and providing for their powers and duties and for improving energy efficiency in agricultural operations.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 30, 2009

HB 128 Flood Hazard Mitigation Act

Act providing for the acquisition of property by the Commonwealth and local government units to mitigate flood hazards.

History: Referred to STATE GOVERNMENT, January 30, 2009

HB 262 Prescribed Burning Practices Act

Act regulating prescribed burning practices; providing for the powers and duties of the State Forester and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; and establishing certain immunities.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 5, 2009
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First consideration, March 24, 2009
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Re-reported as committed, March 30, 2009
Second consideration, March 30, 2009

Third consideration and final passage, March 31, 2009 (196-0)
In the Senate
Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 2, 2009

HB 328 Conservation District Law
Act imposing a surcharge on certain fines and penalties; and making editorial changes. Amends the Conservation District Law (P.L.547, No.217).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 10, 2009

HB 505 Conservation Easements
Act further providing for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements. Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law (P.L.128, No.43).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 18, 2009

HB 536 Open Spaces
Act further providing for definitions and for local taxing options. Amends "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses" (1967 P.L.992, No.442).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 19, 2009

HB 834 Conservation and Natural Resources Act
Act further providing for findings and statement of purpose, for forests and for parks. Amends the Conservation and Natural Resources Act (P.L.89, No.18).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 10, 2009

HB 951 Open Spaces Local Taxing Options
Act further providing for local taxing options. Amends "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses" (1967 P.L.992, No.442).

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, March 17, 2009

HB 1237 Highway Corridor Enhancement Act
Act authorizing municipalities to acquire highway corridor conservation easements; and providing for highway corridor overlay zoning and for outdoor advertising permits.

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, April 8, 2009

HB 1326 Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Plan Act

Act establishing the Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Program; providing funding for wastewater treatment plants and agricultural operations to meet nutrient reduction mandates; creating a Nutrient Reduction Trading Board and Program and providing for its powers and duties; providing for an increase in the Resource Enhancement and Protection Program; and providing supplemental funding for the Department of Agriculture and the State Conservation Commission.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 22, 2009

HB 1328 Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Assistance Program for Farmers Act

Act establishing the Fair Share Nutrient Reduction Program; providing funding for wastewater treatment plants and farmers to meet nutrient reduction mandates; and providing for a resource enhancement and protection tax credit and for supplemental funding for the Department of Agriculture and the State Conservation Commission.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 22, 2009

Resolutions

HR 17 Growing Greener Program

Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to review the Commonwealth's program of providing grants for environmental protection and improvement projects under the Growing Greener Program and the Community Conservation Partnerships Program.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 26, 2009

EDUCATION LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 21 Green Work Force Training Act

Act providing for green work force training and for a transfer of funding.

History: Referred to LABOR AND INDUSTRY, January 20, 2009

HB 1098 Vocational Agriculture

Act further providing, in vocational education, for definitions and for payments on account of pupils enrolled in vocational curriculums. Amends the Public School Code of 1949 (P.L.30, No.14).

History: Referred to EDUCATION, March 25, 2009

Resolutions

ENERGY/BIOFUELS LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 138 Automotive Testing and Fuel Disclosure Program

Act establishing an Automotive Fuel Testing and Disclosure Program. Amends Title 3 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, January 30, 2009
Reported as committed, February 10, 2009
First consideration, February 10, 2009
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, February 11, 2009

SB 275 Coal Bed Methane Well Dispute Resolution Act

Act establishing the Coal Methane Review Board to resolve disputes between property owners over the location of coal bed methane wells and access roads.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 19, 2009
Reported as committed, March 17, 2009
First consideration, March 17, 2009
Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 23, 2009
Re-reported as committed, April 20, 2009

SB 297 Oil and Gas Well Reporting Requirements

Act further providing for well reporting requirements. Amends the Oil and Gas Act (P.L.1140, No.223).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 24, 2009

SB 339 Fuel Exemption

Act exempting certain fuels from certain sale and labeling requirements. Amends Title 18 of Pa.C.S.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, February 20, 2009

SB 490 Oil and Gas Lease Fund

Act providing for appropriations from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund; and making editorial changes. Amends “An act requiring rents and royalties from oil and gas leases of Commonwealth land to be placed in a special fund to be used for conservation, recreation, dams, and flood control; authorizing the Secretary of Forests and Waters to determine the need for and location of such projects and to acquire the necessary land" (P.L.865, No.256).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 5, 2009
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Re-referred to APPROPRIATIONS, March 18, 2009
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(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ....), March 25, 2009
In the House
Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 26, 2009

SB 698 Pennsylvania Farms to Fuels Initiative Act

Act providing incentives to persons who plant and harvest bioenergy crops to be used exclusively to produce cellulosic ethanol as an alternative motor vehicle fuel; and making an appropriation.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 2, 2009

HB 80 Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards

Act further providing for definitions and for alternative energy portfolio standards; and providing for carbon dioxide sequestration network. Amends the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act (P.L.1672, No.213).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 12, 2009

HB 136 Bioenergy Crop Bonding

Act further providing for mining permit; providing for bioenergy crop bonding; and making editorial changes. Amends the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act (P.L.1198, No.418).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 30, 2009
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HB 473 Oil and Gas Act

Act further providing for definitions, and for securing compensation for surface damage. Amends the Oil and Gas Act (P.L.1140, No.223).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 18, 2009

HB 539 Coal Bed Methane Well Dispute Resolution Act

Act establishing the Coal Bed Methane Review Board to resolve disputes between property owners over the location of coal bed methane wells and access roads.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 19, 2009

HB 623 Oil and Gas Lease Fund

Act further providing for the Oil and Gas Lease Fund; and making editorial changes. Amends "An act requiring rents and royalties from oil and gas leases of Commonwealth land to be placed in a special fund to be used for conservation, recreation, dams, and flood control; authorizing the Secretary of Forests and Waters to determine the need for and location of such projects and to acquire the necessary land" (P.L.865, No.256).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 26, 2009

HB 625 Forest Reserves Municipal Financial Relief Law

Act providing for distribution of timber, wood products and gas and oil ground rentals and royalties. Amends the Forest Reserves Municipal Financial Relief Law (P.L.1798, No.591).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 26, 2009

HB 744 Natural Gas Lines

Act further providing for definitions; in rates and ratemaking, further providing for sliding scale of rates and adjustments; and, in service and facilities, further providing for ownership and maintenance of natural gas and artificial gas service lines. Amends Title 66 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to CONSUMER AFFAIRS, March 5, 2009

HB 808 Oil and Gas Bonding and Well Plugging Funds

Act further providing for bonding and for well plugging funds. Amends the Oil and Gas Act (P.L.1140, No.223).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 9, 2009

HB 910 Fuels Tax

Act further providing for definitions and for imposition of tax, exemptions and deduction in liquid fuels and fuels tax. Amends Title 75 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to TRANSPORTATION, March 12, 2009

HB 934 Oil and Gas Well Reporting Requirements

Act amending the act of December 19, 1984 (P.L.1140, No.223), known as the Oil and Gas Act, providing for secured meters; and further providing for well reporting requirements.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 13, 2009

HB 977 Oil and Gas Conservation

Act further providing for definitions and for applicability, exclusions and construction. Amends the Oil and Gas Conservation Law (P.L.825, No.359).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 18, 2009

HB 1139 Minimum Distance Between Gas Wells

Act further providing for minimum distance between gas wells. Amends the Coal and Gas Resource Coordination Act (P.L.1069, No.214).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 27, 2009

HB 1155 Surface Owners' Protection Act

Act providing for duties of oil and gas well operators, for notice of operations and surface use and compensation agreement, for entry without surface use and compensation agreement, for restriction on issuance of permits for wells, for attorney fees and costs and for emergency situations.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 31, 2009

HB 1156 Coal Bed Methane Gas Drilling Rights Act

Act preserving the uses and value of surface lands of this Commonwealth from damage to the lands from coal bed methane extraction or production; requiring disclosure statements as to the impacts on surface lands of proposed coal bed methane gas wells and related facilities to be provided to landowners and tenants; providing for the jurisdiction

of courts in the enforcement thereof; regulating the installation and operation of coal bed methane gas wells and related facilities; regulating the impact of the installation of coal bed methane gas wells and related facilities on surface lands and waters; placing responsibilities on landowners and occupiers; and imposing duties upon the Department of Environmental Protection.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, March 31, 2009

HB 1173 Automotive Fuel Testing and Disclosure Program

Act establishing an Automotive Fuel Testing and Disclosure Program. Amends Title 3of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 1, 2009

HB 1205 Water Supply Protection

Act further providing for protection of water supplies. Amends the Oil and Gas Act (P.L.1140, No.223).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, April 3, 2009

Resolutions

HR 19 Liquid Fuels Tax

Concurrent Resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study alternatives to the liquid fuels tax for purposes of funding the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure and to report its findings to the General Assembly.

History: Referred to TRANSPORTATION, January 26, 2009
Reported as committed, January 27, 2009
Re-committed to RULES, February 3, 2009

HR 30 Clean Energy Technology

Resolution urging the Governor to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and sign the Memorandum of Understanding, which will allow the Commonwealth to join its neighbors in addressing the challenge of climate change while increasing energy efficiency investments and stimulating emerging clean energy technology markets.

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, January 30, 2009

FAIRS/AGRITOURISM LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 600 Agritourism Immunity Act

Act providing for limited immunity for persons that sponsor farm-related tourism activities.

History: Referred to JUDICIARY, March 12, 2009

Resolutions

FOOD LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 398 Safe Food and Safe Families Act

Act prohibiting the administration of certain antimicrobial agents in agriculture; providing for inspection and testing of agricultural operations, for enforcement, for reporting by agricultural operations and for alternatives to administration of antimicrobial agents to animals; and making related repeals.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 20, 2009

HB 174 Retail Food Facility Safety Act

Act codifying the Public Eating and Drinking Place Law and the Food Act; providing for the protection of public health and for regulations; requiring licensing; further providing for food employee certification and for farmers' market; providing for penalties; and making related repeals. Amends Title 3 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 2, 2009
Reported as amended, March 9, 2009
First consideration, March 9, 2009
Laid on the table, March 9, 2009
Removed from table, March 10, 2009
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, March 10, 2009

HB 651 Carbon Monoxide Additives

Act requiring information about carbon monoxide additives to be placed on packaging labels of meats sold at retail.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February. 27, 2009

HB 1259 Food Inspection and Analysis
Act further providing for inspection, sampling and analysis. Amends the Food Act (P.L.421, No.70).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 15, 2009

HB 1260 Food-Related Illnesses
Act providing for food-related illnesses and threat to food supply. Amends Title 3of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 15, 2009

Resolutions

HR 212 Food Allergy Awareness Month
Resolution designating the month of April 2009 as "Food Allergy Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 27, 2009
Adopted, March 31, 2009 (196-0)

TAX LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 169 Animal Housing Facility
Act further providing for definitions and for exclusions in sales and use tax. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, February 2, 2009

SB 248 Liquid Fuels Tax
Act further providing for definitions and for imposition of tax, exemptions and deductions in liquid fuels and fuels tax. Amends Title 75 of Pa.C.S.

History: Referred to TRANSPORTATION, February 19, 2009

SB 298 Farmland and Forest land Assessment
Act further providing for split-off, separation or transfer. Amends the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974 (P.L.973, No.319).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 5, 2009

SB 594 Agriculture Tax Credit
Act providing for manufacturing and agriculture tax credit. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, March 12, 2009

HB 208 Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act
Act further providing for split-off, separation or transfer. Amends the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974 (P.L.973, No.319).

History: Referred to ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, February 2, 2009

HB 447 Green Roof Tax Credit

Act authorizing the green roof tax credit. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, February 13, 2009

HB 660 Preferential Assessment of Land
Act providing for removal of land from preferential assessment and for continuation of preferential assessments. Amends the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974 (P.L.973, No.319).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 27, 2009

HB 819 REAP
Act further providing, in resource enhancement and protection tax credit, for resource enhancement and protection tax credit program and for annual tax credits. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, March 10, 2009

HB 984 Land Assessment
Act further providing for split-off, separation or transfer. Amends the Pennsylvania Farmland and Forest Land Assessment Act of 1974 (P.L.973, No.319).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 18, 2009

HB 1151 Municipality Funds
Act further providing for funds appropriated to municipalities. Amends the Liquid Fuels Tax Municipal Allocation Law (1955 P.L.1944, No.655).

History: Referred to TRANSPORTATION, March 31, 2009

HB 1177 Tax Break for Construction Materials for Animal Production Facilities
Act further providing for exclusions from sales and use tax for construction materials used for the building or repair of animal production facilities. Amends the Tax Reform Code of 1971 (P.L.6, No.2).

History: Referred to FINANCE, April 6, 2009

HB 1291 Agricultural Capital Investment Tax Credit Act
Act establishing the Agricultural Capital Investment Tax Credit Program for the modernization or expansion of agricultural operations in this Commonwealth; establishing a sponsorship program; authorizing the transferability of tax credits; and imposing powers and duties on the Department of Agriculture.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 20, 2009

Resolutions

MISCELLANEOUS LEGISLATION

Bills

SB 607 Rural PA Revitalization Act
Act further providing for board of directors and for grants. Amends the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act (P.L.163, No.16).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 12, 2009

SB 664 Weights and Measures
Act further providing for general powers and duties relating to weights and measures, for investigations, for orders, for powers and duties of director and inspector, for local administration, for concurrent jurisdiction, for division of responsibilities, for enforcement and regulations, for offenses and penalties, for injunctions and for disposition of funds. Amends Title 3 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, March 20, 2009

HB 237 Rural Definition Act
Act providing for determination of a rural area in certain laws, programs and studies.

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 4, 2009

HB 511 Definitions

Act providing for the definitions of "agricultural biosecurity areas" and for "posted notice"; and further providing for keeping and handling of domestic animals, for criminal trespass and for ecoterrorism. Amends Titles 3 and 18 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, February 18, 2009
Reported as committed, March 9, 2009
First consideration, March 9, 2009
Laid on the table, March 9, 2009
Removed from table, March 10, 2009
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, March 10, 2009

HB 606 Subdivision of Land

Act further providing for contents of subdivision and land development ordinance. Amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (P.L.805, No.247).

History: Referred to LOCAL GOVERNMENT, February 24, 2009
Reported as amended, March 25, 2009
First consideration, March 25, 2009
Laid on the table, March 25, 2009
Removed from table, March 30, 2009
Re-committed to APPROPRIATIONS, March 30, 2009

HB 737 Farm Vehicles

Act further providing for vehicles exempt from registration, for use of farm vehicle plates, for general lighting requirements, for requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles, for operation of vehicle without official certificate of inspection, for safety requirements for towed vehicles and for width of vehicles. Amends Title 75 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to TRANSPORTATION, March 5, 2009

HB 884 Rural PA Revitalization Act

Act further providing for board of directors and for grants. Amends the Rural Pennsylvania Revitalization Act (P.L.163, No.16).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 12, 2009

HB 894 Lyme and Related Tick-Borne Disease Education, Prevention and Treatment Act.

Act establishing a task force on Lyme disease and related maladies; and providing for powers and duties of the task force, the Department of Health, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Pennsylvania Game Commission, for certain antibiotic therapies and for misconduct proceedings.

History: Referred to HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, March 12, 2009

HB 1261 Pesticide Control

Act further providing for registration. Amends the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of 1973 (P.L.90, No.24).

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 15, 2009

HB 1330 Certified Parking Meter Inspector

Act adding the definitions of "certified parking meter inspector" and "local government unit"; and providing for certified parking meter inspectors and for general testing and inspections. Amends Title 3 of Pa. C.S.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, April 22, 2009

Resolutions

SR 26 FFA Week

Resolution designating the week of February 21 through 28, 2009, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania.

History: Introduced and adopted, February 11, 2009
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ....), February 11, 2009

SR 39 Family Farm Week

Resolution designating the week of March 23 through 27, 2009, as "Family Farm Week" in Pennsylvania.

History: Referred to AGRICULTURE AND RURAL AFFAIRS, March 6, 2009

SR 59 PA Farm Bureau Day

Resolution designating March 31, 2009, as "Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Day" and congratulating Pennsylvania Farm Bureau members for their contribution to this Commonwealth and to this Commonwealth's agricultural industry.

History: Introduced and adopted, March 25, 2009
(Remarks see Senate Journal Page ....), March 25, 2009

SR 60 Family Farm Week

Resolution designating the week of March 23 through 27, 2009, as "Family Farm Week" in Pennsylvania.

History: Introduced and adopted, March 25, 2009

HR 8 Young Farmers Association

Resolution congratulating the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association for its outstanding contributions to this Commonwealth, and recognizing its annual convention February 3 through 5, 2009.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, January 26, 2009
Adopted, January 27, 2009 (194-0)

HR 56 FFA Week

Resolution designating the week of February 21 through 28, 2009, as "FFA Week" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, February 6, 2009
Adopted, February 10, 2009 (198-0)
(Remarks see House Journal Page), February 10, 2009

HR 68 Cesar Chavez Day

Resolution urging the Congress of the United States to declare March 31, each year, a national holiday in honor of the late, great farm worker leader Cesar E. Chavez.

History: Referred to INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, February 11, 2009

HR 101 Maple Producers Week

Resolution designating the week of March 22 through March 28, 2009, as "Maple Producers Week" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 3, 2009
Adopted, March 18, 2009 (191-0)

HR 126 Family Farm Week

Resolution declaring the week of March 20 through March 26, 2009, as "Family Farm Week" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 13, 2009
Adopted, March 17, 2009 (195-0)

HR 155 Agriculture Week

Resolution recognizing the week of March 15 through 21, 2009, as "Agriculture Week" and March 20, 2009, as "Agriculture Day" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 16, 2009

Adopted, March 17, 2009 (195-0)

HR 187 PA Farm Bureau Day

Resolution designating March 31, 2009, as "Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Day."

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 24, 2009
Adopted, March 25, 2009 (192-0)

HR 188 Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Resolution declaring the month of May 2009 as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 24, 2009
Adopted, March 25, 2009 (192-0)

HR 204 Grange Month

Resolution designating the month of April 2009 as "Grange Month" in Pennsylvania.

History: INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, March 27, 2009
Adopted, March 31, 2009 (196-0)