

March 14, 2025

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: RECENT ACTIONS DURING THE 2025 REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly released a summary of recent actions during the 2025 Regular Session:

- [HB 324](#) – Poultry Technician Licensure Law— collection of sample, technician requirements, licensure, powers and duties of Secretary of Agriculture and blood sample restrictions.
- [SB 184](#) – Medical Practice Act of 1985— visiting team physician.

Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DBS: MAXIMUM LAWFUL RATE OF INTEREST FOR RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2025

The Department of Banking and Securities determined that the maximum lawful rate of interest for residential mortgages for the month of April 2025 is 7%. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DOH: MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT SURCHARGE

The Department of Health's Patient Safety Authority announced that the MCARE for the current fiscal year is \$164.74. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

DHS: PAYMENTS TO NONPUBLIC AND COUNTY NURSING FACILITIES; FINAL RATES FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

The Department of Human Services announced the final annual case-mix per diem payment rates for fiscal year 2024-2025 for nonpublic and county nursing facilities that participate in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding this notice within 30 days to the Department of Human Services, Office of Long-Term Living, Bureau of Policy Development and Communications Management, Attention: Benjamin Spager, PO Box 8025, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8025 or at RA-PWOLTLNFPUBLICCOM@pa.gov. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PENNDOT: WATERCRAFT TRAILER FORFEITURE; MAXIMUM AMOUNT

The Department of Transportation announced that the maximum amount for watercraft trailer forfeiture in 2025 is \$1,575. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

PID: WORKERS' COMPENSATION SECURITY FUND ASSESSMENT; NOTICE 2025-03

The Insurance Department announced that it has determined that no contributions will be required during 2025 to maintain the balance of the Workers' Compensation Security Fund. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The Executive Board approved a reorganization of the Department of Environmental Protection effective March 5, 2025. Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU: DOCUMENTS FILED BUT NOT PUBLISHED

The Legislative Reference Bureau announced that it accepted the following documents during the preceding calendar month for filing without publication:

Executive Board

- Resolution No. CB-25-003, Dated February 20, 2025. Authorizes the Labor Agreement between the Commonwealth and FOP PA Conservation Police Officer, Lodge 114 (K8 Unit) effective July 1, 2024, through June 20, 2028.
- Resolution No. CB-25-004, Dated February 25, 2025. Authorizes the interest arbitration award between the Commonwealth and the FOP Lodge # 85 (L4-Capitol Police) on December 20, 2024, covering the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2027.

Governor's Office

- Management Directive No. 305.23—Cash-Based Fiscal Management, Approved on February 20, 2025.
- Management Directive No. 305.24—Accounting and Reporting of Federal Grants, Contracts, and Disaster-Related Expenditures, Approved on February 20, 2025.

Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

IRRC: NOTICE OF COMMENTS ISSUED

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission issued comments on the following regulation:

- Reg. No. 18-481 (Access to and Occupancy of Highways by Driveways and Local Roads 55 Pa.B. 25 (January 4, 2025))

Additional information is available on the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.