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PA On-Line Messenger Association Meeting

October 6, 2025

How a bill becomes a law.

step-by-step

late cosponsorship memo

lator shares idea/seeks colleagues' support

Bill introduction

Language is filed and bill referred to committee

mittee action

ing, amendment, and/or vote

Chamber consideration

3 legislative days w/ amendment, debate, and/or vote

nd chamber review

ws same steps

Governor

Signs bill into law or vetoes

FY 2025-2026 budget update

What's already happened.

House plan

- On July 15, **HB 1330** passed by a vote Y:105/N:97.
  - 4 Republicans jointed the Democrats in voting yes.
  - The $50.6 billion budget was nearly $1 billion less than the Governor's original proposal of $51.5 billion.
- On July 16, the Senate Republicans amended the bill and removed all the House's language.

Senate plan

- On August 13, **SB 160** passed by a party-line vote of Y:27/N:22.
  - The $47.6 billion budget is $3 billion less than what the House Democrats passed last month.

Where things stand.

- No agreement on a spend number.
- Outstanding issues.
  - Mass transit.
  - Skill games.
  - Medicaid.
- Impact
  - Schools missing an estimated $3.8 billion in payments.
  - At least six counties are considering taking out lines of credit to cover expenses.
  - Federal government shutdown.

Legislative update.

Bills of note.

HB 541 (Fritz, R-Susquehanna)

- Allows legislative district office staff to replace illegible registration plates.
- The bill was amended in the House Transportation Committee on April 7.
  - The amendment allows online messengers to replace illegible plates.
- Chairman Neilson stated that:
  - Online messengers provide critical services.
  - PennDOT is already planning to make this change, but the amendment will ensure that PennDOT continues this process.

HB 1710 (Giral, D-Philadelphia)

- Introduced and referred to the House Transportation Committee on July 9.
- Eliminates temporary registration cards, permits and plates. PennDOT would only issue permanent registration cards and plates through an expedited process.
- Met with Rep. Giral on July 15.

SB 414 (Brooks, R-Mercer)

- Introduced and referred to the Senate Transportation Committee on March 10.
- Allows an individual to obtain a temporary disability parking placard in a legislative district office or from a business authorized as an online messenger with PennDOT.

SB 997 (Flynn, D-Lackawanna)

- Introduced and referred to the Senate Transportation Committee on September 12.
- Adds one member of the Pennsylvania Online Messengers Association Board of Directors to the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.

Cosponsorship memos of note.

CM: Easing Burdens on Truck Drivers and Trucking Fleets in Pennsylvania (Neilson, D-Philadelphia)

- Permits online messenger services to process International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) applications, issue the relevant decals and licenses, and collect and remit all related fees.
- Chairman Neilson's office held multiple meetings with PennDOT, Department of Revenue, and the Governor's Office.
- It was determined that even if this legislation were to be enacted, it would conflict with IFTA and be unenforceable because IFTA supersedes state law in this instance.

CM: Allowing for Electronic Driver's Licenses and ID Cards (Neilson, D-Philadelphia)

- Gives Pennsylvanians the option of obtaining an electronic driver's license and ID card (mobile product) in addition to their physical product.
- Last session's bill: a messenger or agent service **may** require a physical driver's license or physical ID card when transferring ownership or a vehicle or when issuing a registration plate or temporary registration plate if a form of ID is required.
- Chairman Neilson believes the inclusion of that language is not necessary, as this session's bill does not require any business to accept a digital product if they do not want.
- If the language was included and **may** was changed to **shall**, the Chairman believes that it would prohibit any online messenger from accepting a digital product, meaning that if in the future an online messenger decided they wanted to accept a digital product, the Legislature would have to pass entirely new legislation to allow them do so.

CM: Updating License Plate Requirements to Enhance Public Safety (Muth, D-Montgomery)

- Requires that, beginning in January 2027, all new and used cars purchased at licensed dealerships, through private sale, and/or title transfers in Pennsylvania must display both a rear license plate and a front license plate.

Legislative meetings.

Mike Carroll – PennDOT Secretary

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- Rep. Ed Neilson
- Rep. Kerry Benninghoff
- Sen. Judy Ward
- Sen. Marty Flynn

Sen. Nick Miller

Sen. Rosemary Brown

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