



November 30, 2020

Latest News

Wolf Renews COVID-19 Disaster Declaration

On November 24, Gov. Tom Wolf signed a third renewal of his Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic. The proclamation is in effect for an additional 90 days unless rescinded or extended by official action of the governor. [Click here](#) for more.

Commonwealth Revises Travel Quarantine Order

On November 25, the commonwealth updated the travel order issued on November 17 to clarify testing and quarantine requirements for people entering the commonwealth or returning home. [Click here](#) for the travel order. [Read full story.](#)

COVID-19 Cases Continue to Set Records

The statewide COVID case total stands at 351,667, with more than 49,000 new cases reported this week, 14% of Pennsylvania's total cases since the start of the pandemic. Pennsylvania set a new daily record of 8,425 positive cases on Thursday. The average daily number of positive cases for the week was 7,014, up 18% from the prior week. [Read full story.](#)

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Legislation & Policy



Today, November 30, marks the final day of the 2019-2020 legislative session. Any bill not passed by today will “die” and need to be reintroduced next session.

Governor Signs Bills into Law

On November 25 Governor Wolf signed the following bills pertinent to townships into law:

Small Games of Chance

Act 118 of 2020 (formerly HB 777) allows organizations with club licenses to use proceeds required under current law to be used for charitable purposes for operating expenses during the COVID-19 emergency declaration and up to one year after the end of the emergency.

Signed: November 25, 2020.

Effective: November 25, 2020.

Liquid Fuels Exemption

Act 129 of 2020 (formerly HB 2233) authorizes political subdivisions and volunteer fire departments to enter into an agreement for the commingling of tax-free motor fuels in bulk storage tanks.

Signed: November 25, 2020.

Effective: November 25, 2020.

Pipeline Emergency Response Plans

Act 130 of 2020 (formerly HB 2293) requires pipeline companies carrying natural gas liquids through highly populated areas to provide emergency response plans to the secretary of the Public Utility Commission, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the county Emergency Management Coordinator.

Signed: November 23, 2020.

Effective: January 24, 2021.

CDL Requirements

Act 131 of 2020 (formerly HB 2296) requires a commercial driver to notify their employer if cited, charged or arrested for violating a federal or state law or a local ordinance relating to vehicle traffic. Act 131 also provides an exemption from CDL requirements for municipal employees during a snow or ice emergency if the properly licensed employee is not available or if it is determined that additional assistance is needed.

Signed: November 25, 2020.

Effective: November 25, 2020.

Broadband Funding Program

Act 132 of 2020 (formerly SB 835) creates a \$5 million broadband funding program to provide grants for high-speed broadband service infrastructure deployment in unserved areas of Pennsylvania. Act 132 requires the grants to be issued to entities that have demonstrated the ability to construct and administer high-speed broadband services and stipulates that the grants can only be used in unserved areas.

Signed: November 25, 2020.

Effective: November 25, 2020.

Governor Vetoes Conventional Oil and Gas Well Legislation

On November 25, Governor Wolf vetoed SB 790 (PN 1446) which would have established the Conventional Oil and Gas Wells Act to provide for the regulation of conventional well drilling activities.

Note: Previous versions of SB 790 allowed for the use of produced water on unpaved roads as a dust suppressant and road stabilizer. However, this provision was not included in the final bill that was sent to the Governor.

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[CDL - Probable Cause Training For CDL Supervisory Personnel - Virtual Training - 12/14/20](#)

State and federal regulations require every employer who has CDL employees driving vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or operating weight of more than 26,001 pounds used on public roads to participate in a drug and alcohol testing program. These same regulations also require that such employers train all personnel who supervisor employees with commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) in handling suspected on-the-job drug or alcohol use. This workshop addresses these federal requirements by providing supervisory personnel with a working understanding of the federal CDL regulations, including on-the-job probable cause procedures. In addition to those



supervisory personnel required to attend, all township CDL employees should attend this workshop to ensure that everyone is on the same page regarding this important public safety training. [Click here](#) to register.

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