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[2022 PAAZO Spring Educational Forum - 4/24/22](#)

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Latest News

PennDOT Seeks Feedback on Winter Maintenance

The state Department of Transportation is seeking the public's feedback on winter services through a 17-question online survey. The survey is available **through April 29** and should take about five minutes to complete. All responses are anonymous, and questions ask about expected timelines for safe and passable roadways, snow-removal priorities, and how they would rate PennDOT's winter services. [Click here](#) to learn more and to take the survey.

Today in History.....

On April 13, 1743, Thomas Jefferson was born. The author of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson served two terms as the third United States President from 1801 to 1809. During Jefferson's administration, the country doubled in size with the Louisiana Purchase. With his signature, Jefferson launched the Corps of Discover which charged fellow Virginian Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with charting the vast newly acquired territory to the west. He was an early and staunch advocate for local government.

Legislative & Policy



The House and Senate will be in session today, April 13. Watch the session live [here](#).

[SB 749](#) was amended and reported out of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. The bill would provide clarity for employers and employees on the use of medical marijuana in the workplace.

[SB 284](#) was amended and passed by the Senate yesterday. As amended, SB 284 would establish statewide requirements for the decommissioning and bonding of solar energy facilities, which would preempt local solar decommissioning regulations. Bonds and a decommissioning plan would be required to be filed with the recorder of deeds. PSATS has concerns with the preemption language.

[HB 2097](#) was reported out of the House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee. The bill would set the minimum staffing for a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance in a county of county of the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth class as an emergency medical service (EMS) vehicle operator and an EMS operator that is an emergency medical technician (EMT) or above.

[HB 1984](#) passed the House yesterday. The bill would allow for the subdivision of small parcels of preserved farmland without triggering the roll-back tax provision if the parcel is less than 10 acres and is intended to be transferred to a contiguous parcel subject to an agricultural conservation easement.

[SB 1040](#) unanimously passed the Senate yesterday. The bill would require a law enforcement agency to make a reasonable effort to contact a surviving family member of a murder victim before publicly releasing the murder victim's identity, unless the release is necessary to the investigation.

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