

Coming Up!

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022

Hosted by Senator Chris Gebhard and
Representatives Frank Ryan and Russ Diamond

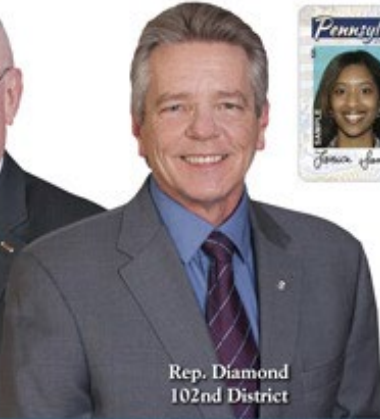
REAL ID Seminar

Presented by PennDOT 

You are invited to join Senator Chris Gebhard and
Representatives Frank Ryan and Russ Diamond
and PennDOT representatives as they explain Pennsylvania's REAL ID
requirements, including where you can apply, what documentation
you need, and whether a REAL ID is right for you.
REAL IDs will not be issued at this event.



Rep. Ryan
101st District



Rep. Diamond
102nd District



Senator Gebhard
48th District



Registration is
suggested.

Register online at
www.repfrankryan.com/events
or by calling 717-274-6735.

Remember: May 3, 2023, you will need a Real ID
to fly and enter a federal building or military base.

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LEBANON EXPO CENTER

80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon, PA 17042

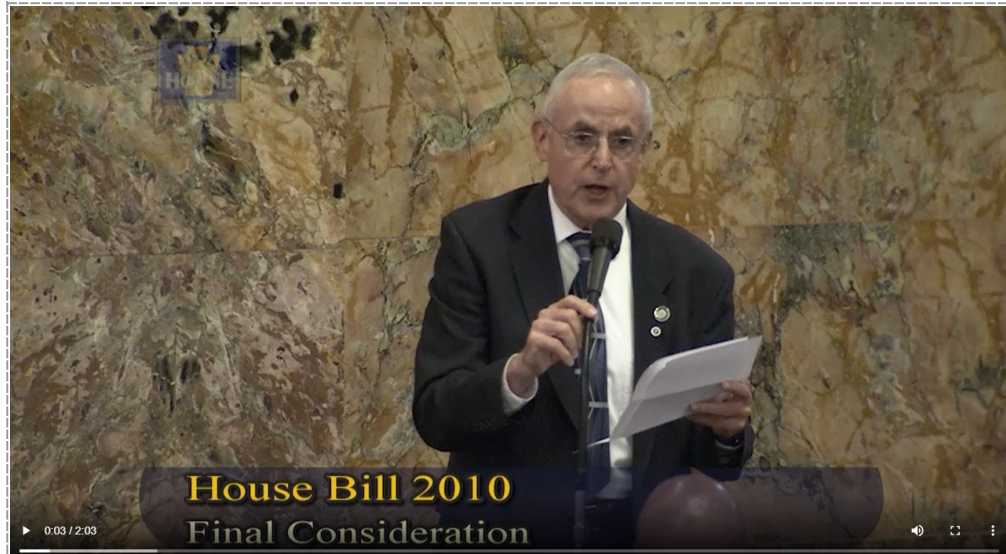
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What the State Budget Should and Should Not Include



The 2022-23 state budget is expected to be settled and signed into law by the June 30 budget deadline. For that to happen, many important decisions will need to be made over the next few days. At issue is whether we should spend all of the money that came in this year. For the answer, [click here](#).

House Passes Ryan Bill to Train Pension Boards in Fiduciary Law



[*Watch Video Here*](#)

Given the impact that fiduciaries of state and municipal pension system boards have on the financial wellbeing of so many Pennsylvanians, I sponsored legislation to impose training for pension board members in fiduciary law. This week, the House unanimously approved [House Bill 2010](#), which would require any trustee, board member or other appointed or elected official who stands in a fiduciary relationship to a state, county or local pension system, or to a fund of the Commonwealth, to obtain two hours of initial training and one hour of annual training in fiduciary law. **For details, click the video box above.**

Strategies to Help Struggling Families, Encourage Economic Growth Discussed

This week, the House Majority Policy Committee completed its series of hearings examining the causes of inflation, its impact on state government and Pennsylvania residents, and state-level solutions. Lowering costs for consumers and growing the state's economy will require significant policy changes, according to those testifying at Tuesday's committee meeting. Tax experts, employers and business groups provided input concerning long-term solutions to rising costs and how best to drive economic investment and create job and career growth in the Commonwealth. The experts explained that for employers, the cost of doing business is the single most important factor in deciding where to locate their business. The tax and regulatory structures are also significant factors. They suggested that a more favorable environment for businesses would result in lower costs for consumers. Testifiers also advocated for increasing domestic energy production, as well as expanding the labor force by improving education and workforce development training and eliminating policies that have discouraged many people from returning to work. Testimony and video of all four hearings is available online at PAGOPPolicy.com.



House Advances Bill to Increase Number of Firefighters

With the number of firefighters shrinking across the Commonwealth, the House has approved legislation I co-sponsored, which would prepare junior firefighters to become full firefighters a year earlier than is allowed under current law. [House Bill 2268](#) would permit a 17-year-old junior firefighter to complete the Interior Firefighting Module with Live Burns training program in the Fire Training System. Current enrollees must be at least age 18. The bill would enable junior firefighters to take the additional training at age 17 with the permission of their parents and fire chief. In doing so, they would be permitted to immediately serve their communities as a full-fledged firefighter



upon turning 18. The legislation now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Bill to Help Recruit Career and Technical Instructors Earns House Approval

With the growing need for career and technical education instructors in the Commonwealth, the House this week approved legislation to ease certification for instructors already certified in another state. [House Bill 2646](#), which I co-sponsored, would allow teachers holding a current career and technical instructional certificate issued by another state, along with four years of wage-earning experience in the occupation to be taught and two years of teaching experience, to be issued an equivalent Pennsylvania career and technical instructional certificate. It is more important

than ever to ensure Pennsylvania schools can provide the kind of career and technical instruction needed to prepare students for highly specialized skilled trades jobs that offer family-sustaining wages and benefits. Employers across the state report difficulties in filling such positions. The bill is now headed to the Senate.



Natural Gas Impact Fee Distributions Benefit Communities, Environment

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission announced \$234.4 million in natural gas impact fees are being distributed this year, up 60% over last year due to higher prices and greater levels of activity. Under [Act 13 of 2012](#), county and municipal governments directly affected by drilling will receive a total of \$123.2 million for the 2021 reporting year. This funding is used for a wide range of local infrastructure, emergency response, community and environmental programs. An additional \$86 million will be transferred to the Marcellus Legacy Fund, which provides financial support



for environmental, highway, water and sewer, rehabilitation of greenways and other projects throughout the state. And, \$25.1 million will be distributed to state agencies including the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Department of Environmental Protection, Fish and Boat Commission, County Conservation Districts and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. This year's distributions bring the total revenues generated by the impact fee to \$2.26 billion.

Registration Now Open for Concealed Carry Event



Palmyra Sportsmen's Association
and **Rep. Frank Ryan**
are hosting a

CONCEALED CARRY SEMINAR

For constituents of the 101st Legislative District

THURSDAY,
JULY 21
from **6 – 8 P.M.**
at **Palmyra Sportsmen's Association**
410 Sportsman Road, Anville

Joshua Prince, Esq., Firearms Industry Consulting Group®, a Division of Civil Rights Defense Firm, P.C., will discuss concealed carry laws and the Castle Doctrine. Lebanon County Sheriff Jeffrie C. Marley Jr. will explain how to apply for a concealed carry license.

SPACE IS LIMITED! RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.
Please RSVP by calling **717-838-3823** or online at **www.RepFrankRyan.com**.

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Drug Overdose Prevention Legislation Advanced by the House

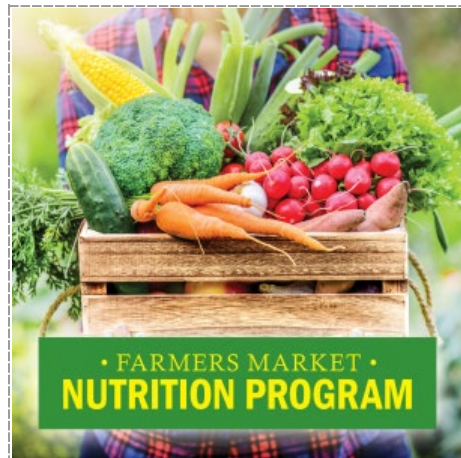
This week, the House has approved a bill aimed at preventing drug overdose deaths. Under current law Fentanyl test strips, which are used to detect the presence of Fentanyl in heroin and other street drugs, are considered “drug paraphernalia” and are thus prohibited. [House Bill 1393](#) would remove this designation.

Fentanyl-laced drugs are extremely dangerous, and many people may be unaware that their drugs contain fentanyl. This legislation would enable people battling addiction, to possess and use test strips to help prevent overdose. Test strips would remain illegal for those dealing in fentanyl. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.



Farmers Market Nutrition Program Offers Access to Fresh, Local Produce

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is reminding low-income seniors and recipients of WIC benefits of the availability of vouchers from the Pennsylvania Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP). The vouchers may be used to purchase fresh, local fruits, vegetables, and herbs from approved farmers at farmers markets and farm stands across the Commonwealth. To be eligible, seniors must be 60 years old by Dec. 31 and have incomes that do not exceed 185% of the federal poverty level, which is currently \$25,142 per year for a single person or \$33,874 for a household of



two. Eligible seniors can contact their local Senior FMNP Agency for additional information on how to apply for the vouchers. For a list of agencies and contact information, [click here](#). Women, and children ages 6 months to 4 years, who are participating in WIC are eligible to receive vouchers under the WIC FMNP. To do so, WIC recipients should contact their local WIC agency. Each eligible recipient receives four \$6 checks to spend throughout the growing season. Participants may redeem vouchers from June 1 through Nov. 30. The Department of Agriculture has a free FMNP Market Locator app for iOS and Android devices. The app is available for download in both the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store. Once loaded on a mobile device, users can either enable their location

services on the phone or manually enter a location (city, town, ZIP code) to find participating markets or farm stands nearby. The app will show the market location, address, directions, phone number and hours.

What Do YOU Think?

PennDOT wants your input on its transportation planning process and electric vehicle infrastructure plan. The draft **2023 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program** plan covers the first four years of PennDOT's 12-year program. It lists prioritized projects identified for federal, state, local, and private funding in each federal fiscal year between 2023 and 2027. View it on the [Talk PA Transportation website](#). The public can comment by filling out the online comment form on the aforementioned website or emailing RA-PennDOTSTC@pa.gov. The public

may also call PennDOT and share their comments at **717-783-2262** from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. PennDOT is also seeking your feedback on the goals, infrastructure prioritization and program administration of the Draft Pennsylvania State Plan for access to National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program funds. The public can submit feedback by emailing ra-pdevcorridors@pa.gov. For more information and to complete the survey, [click here](#). The deadline for both surveys is June 30.

