

Connections

How to Get Back Missed Sales Tax Revenue

This morning The Patriot News reports that the Governor's office is in the process of creating a strategy that would help Pennsylvania collect \$388 million they miss out on annually in the form of sales tax from internet and other sales made to Pennsylvanians. The Department of Revenue plans to update tax forms and add a line for residents to report what they bought that is sales tax eligible if they didn't pay the 6% tax. Another hurdle to collecting the money is the 1992 Supreme Court ruling that said the state cannot make a company collect the tax unless it has a physical presence in the commonwealth.

Hospital Acquired Infections Decline in PA

The Erie Times News reports that two common hospital-acquired infections - bloodstream infections in patients with central lines and catheter-associated infections - have declined in Pennsylvania in 2010. The PA Department of Health published a 190 page report showing a 3.4% drop in infections since the previous year.

State Take Over of Harrisburg May Happen This Week

As early as today, the PA legislature could pass legislation allowing the state to take over the city of Harrisburg and help the city form a proper fiscal recovery plan. Previously, the city council voted to file for bankruptcy and today a judge is expected to rule on that filing. The legislation, SB 1151, was approved by the House and is waiting for approval by the Senate. Governor Corbett said he would sign the bill if it makes it to his desk.

** The Senate and the House both reconvene session at 1:00 p.m. today.

** Representative Scott Boyd (R-Lancaster) has announced that he will not seek re election in 2012. We will keep a running list of those who make similar announcements for your information.

Legislative Session Days 2011

2011 HOUSE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE
October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31
November 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23
December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

2011 SENATE FALL SESSION SCHEDULE
October 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31
November 1, 14, 15, 16
December 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

Committee Calendar

MONDAY - 10/17/11

House Finance

9:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: [HB 1614](#) Denlinger Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance & estate [HB 86](#) DeLuca Amends Tax Reform Code re tax imposition [HB 358](#) Swanger Amends Tax Reform Code re estate tax provision [HB 406](#) DeLuca Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 443](#) Petri Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 697](#) DeLuca Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 1103](#) Moul Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 1292](#) Perry Amends Reform Code re inheritance tax rates [HB 1464](#) Goodman Amends Tax Reform Code re imposition of tax [HB 1466](#) Goodman Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 1687](#) Brooks Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax rate [HB 1780](#) Metzgar Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 1828](#) Josephs Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 1864](#) Bloom Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax [HB 1879](#) Benninghoff Amends Tax Reform Code re inheritance tax

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House Gaming Oversight (Agenda updated)

11:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: [HB 2007](#) Boback Amends Title 4 re PGCB reports [HB 2009](#) Lawrence Amends Title 4 re PGCB gen & specific powers [HB 2014](#) Dunbar Amends Title 4 re gen & specific PGCB powers [HB 65](#) Schroder Amends Title 4 re Category 2 slot machine lic. [HB 1893](#) Vulakovich Amends Title 18 re gambling devices

Joint Legislative Conservation Committee

12:00 p.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Environmental Issues Forum - Reclamere, data security experts from Tyrone, PA, will offer a presentation on electronic recycling and data security, to include discussion of compliant recycling of IT equipment, on and off-site data destruction, and how to properly deal with IT data security. The presenter will be Reclamere vice-president and co-founder Joseph Harford.

Senate Appropriations (New)

12:30 p.m., Room 461 Main Capitol

To consider: [SB 595](#) Pileggi Amends Title 75 re automated red lights [SB 747](#) Erickson Act est State Board of Plumbing Contactors [SB 1095](#) Scarnati Act re long-term care nursing dispute res. [HB 278](#) Keller, M Amends 2nd Class Twp Code re contract bidding [HB 279](#) Keller, M Amends 1st Class Twp Code re contracts, ads [HB 284](#) Keller, M Amends County Code re contracts & bids [HB 288](#) Keller, M Amends Public Auditorium Authorities Law [HB 289](#) Keller, M Amends act re flood protection contracts, bids [HB 290](#) Keller, M Amends 2nd Class County Code re contracts [HB 291](#) Keller, M Amends Title 53 & 74 re competitive bidding

House Appropriations (Agenda updated)

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 704](#) O'Neill Amends Public School Code re special ed funds [SB 282](#) Robbins Amends Third Class City Code re advertising [SB 285](#) Folmer Amends Borough Code re regulation of contracts [SB 286](#) Gordner Amends act re incorporated town contracts [SB 290](#) Brubaker Amends Political Subdivision Law re purchases [SB 292](#) Eichelberger Amends Flood Control Law re contracts [SB 295](#) Waugh Amends the Housing Authorities Law re contract [SB 296](#) Eichelberger Amends Public School Code re contracts [SB 631](#) Dinniman Act re S.R. 100 as Medal of Honor Grove Hwy

Senate Finance

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: [SB 1237](#) Pileggi Amends KOZ, KOEZ & KOIZ re job creation

Senate Rules and Executive Nominations

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: [SB 1151](#) Piccola Amends Municipal Financial Recovery Act re Hbg

TUESDAY - 10/18/11

House Tourism and Recreational Development

9:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

Public hearing on: [HB 63](#) Hanna Amends Title 75 re ATV, snowmobile regis.

House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness (Agenda updated)

9:15 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 955](#) Barrar Amends Title 35 re expiration of authority [HB 1758](#) Reichley Amends Title 51 re pay of active enlisted

House Insurance

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on UPMC/Highmark impasse

House Education

10:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 1343](#) Baker, M Act re State-owned universities agreements

House State Government

10:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 858](#) Metcalfe Act prohibiting employment of illegal aliens [HB 474](#) Cox Act re Interstate Compact on Birth Certificate [HB 857](#) Metcalfe Act re Commonwealth Citizenship Act [HB 798](#) Creighton Amends Title 18 re immigration status; records [HB 799](#) Creighton Act re Commonwealth & US DOJ [HB 809](#) Perry Act re verification of lawful presence in US [HB 355](#) Readshaw Amends Admin. Code re immigration matters [HB 865](#) Knowles Amends Title 42 re unauthorized aliens [HB 810](#) Perry Act re financial penalties on municipalities [HB 738](#) Metcalfe Act re safe neighborhoods [HB 856](#) Kauffman Amends Title 18 re smuggling of humans [HB 801](#) Creighton Act re law enf; immigration status [HB 41](#) Marsico Act re ID of lawful presence in US [SB 9](#) Scarnati Act requiring ID of lawful presence [SB 637](#) Ward Amends Title 62 re employment verification

House Judiciary

10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 1126](#) Moul Amends Title 42 re tampering with evidence [HB 1156](#) Markosek Amends Title 18 re phishing offenses [HB 1531](#) Pyle Amends Title 18 re criminal surveillance [HB 1552](#) Cutler Amends Title 42 re personal injury actions

House Transportation

10:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

To consider: [HB 98](#) Evans, J Amends Title 75 re special registration plates [HB 149](#) Payne Amends Title 75 re "In God We Trust" plates [HB 1847](#) Smith, K Act re Andrew & Durando Pompey Mem. Bridge [HB 1862](#) Causer Act re bride designations in Potter County [HB 1875](#) Aument Act re Mountville Veterans Memorial Bridge [HB 1886](#) Saccone Act re General Carl E. Vuono Bridge, Route 136

Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness

10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Joint hearing on storm related issues concerning utility services

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Senate Transportation

10:00 a.m., Room 8E-B, East Wing

To consider: [SB 86](#) Greenleaf Amends Titles 18 & 75 re vehicle chop shops [SB 390](#) Brubaker Amends Title 75 re farm vehicles & drivers [SB 539](#) Rafferty Amends Title 75 re DUI penalties [SB 799](#) Waugh Amends Title 75 re motor vehicle definitions [SB 954](#) Eichelberger Amends Title 75 re driving under the influence [SB 1147](#) Argall Amends Title 75 re manufacture movement [SB 1179](#) Solobay Amends Title 75 re speed timing devices [SB 1184](#) Rafferty Amends Title 75 re ignition interlock [HB 170](#) Miller Amends Title 75 re no-passing zone; speed reg. [HB 563](#) Geist Amends Title 75 re motorcycle safety edu prog [HB 864](#) Geist Amends Title 75 re Pedalcycle & Pedestrians [HB 869](#) Marsico Amends Title 75 re funeral procession drivers [HB 1203](#) Lawrence Amends Title 75 re reg. collectible plates [HB 1458](#) Tallman Amends Title 75 re operational limitations

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

Senate Education

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider the nomination of Michael A.P.G. Magnotto to the Charter School Appeal Board

Senate Labor and Industry

Off the Floor, Rules Committee Conference Room

To consider: [SB 338](#) Leach Act re Nat'l Human Trafficking Hotline [SB 1069](#) Browne Act re regulation of prof. employer orgs. [SB 1099](#) Vance Amends Minimum Wage Act re minimum wages

WEDNESDAY - 10/19/11

House State Government

9:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Informational meeting on: [HB 153](#) Smith, S Jt. Resolution re reduce size of Gen. Assembly [HB 55](#) Mustio Joint Resolution re terms/members/leg district [HB 56](#) Mustio Joint Resolution re terms/members/leg district [HB 57](#) Mustio Joint Resolution re members & leg districts [HB 183](#) Godshall Jt. Resolution re reducing size; Gen. Assembly [HB 876](#) Kauffman Jt. Resolution re legislative districts [HB 936](#) Reese Jt Resolution reducing size of Gen. Assembly

Senate Public Health and Welfare

9:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Follow-up public hearing on the past payment practices of the Office of Developmental Programs

House Aging and Older Adult Services

9:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

To consider: [HB 1720](#) Hennessey Amends Title 20 re uniform adult guardianship [HB 1052](#) Gingrich Act est. indep. informal dispute resolution

House Insurance

9:30 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Public hearing on UPMC/Highmark impasse

Senate Communications and Technology

9:30 a.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

Meeting on the Commonwealth's Justice Network, JNET

House Education

10:00 a.m., Room 39, East Wing

To consider: [HB 244](#) Grove Amends Public School Code re leases [HB 1759](#) Smith, M Amends Public School Code re military uniform [SB 159](#) Robbins Act re education for military children

House Finance (Agenda updated)

10:00 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To consider: [HB 592](#) Fleck Amends Tax Reform Code re realty transfer tax [HB 761](#) Cutler Amends Tax Reform Code re acquired company [HB 1100](#) Daley Amends Tax Reform Code re sales & use tax

Joint Legislative Budget & Finance Committee (Agenda updated)

10:00 a.m., Hearing Room 3, North Office Building

Meeting to discuss and release reports on an inventory of State-owned Real Property and Subsurface Mineral Rights; Volunteer Fire Company and Volunteer Ambulance Service Grant Program; and Economic Contributions of Sunday Hunting Alternatives in Pennsylvania: 2010 Update

Senate Education

10:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing to receive testimony from Secretary of Education Ronald Tomalis on results of PDE investigation and analysis of 2009 PSSA testing anomalies

House Appropriations

Off the Floor, Room 140 Main Capitol

Agenda to be announced

THURSDAY - 10/20/11

House Health

9:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

Public hearing on: [HB 1570](#) Reichley Amends Health Care Facilities Act re licensing

House and Senate Local Government, House Urban Affairs, and Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development

9:30 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on Act 47 of 1987, the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission

10:00 a.m., 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Conference Room, Harrisburg

Public meeting to consider the following Regulations: Reg. No. 2911 PA Liquor Control Board #54-66: Brewery Pubs (Final- Omit); Reg. No. 2912 PA Liquor Control Board #54-67: Connection with Other Business (Final-Omit); Reg. No. 2913 PA Liquor Control Board #54-68: Limited Wineries (Final-Omit); Reg. No. 2858 State Board of Veterinary Medicine #16A-5724: License Renewal; Continuing Education; Reg. No. 2848 State Board of Medicine #16A-4931: Perfusionist

House Republican Policy Committee & House Democratic Policy Committee

1:00 p.m., WQED Multimedia, Hillman Room, 4802 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh

Joint hearing on How Public Broadcasting Educates the Children of Pennsylvania

House Appropriations

2:00 p.m., Lehigh University, Governor's Room, Iacocca Hall, Mountaintop Campus, 111 Research Drive, Bethlehem

Public meeting on Economic Development

FRIDAY - 10/21/11

House Appropriations

9:30 a.m., Steel Stacks, ArtsQuest Center, 101 Founders Way, Bethlehem

Public meeting on Clean Energy

House Democratic Policy Committee

10:00 a.m., Green Tree Municipal Center, Council Chambers, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh

Public Hearing on State Budget Education Cuts

TUESDAY - 10/25/11

House Consumer Affairs

9:00 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Public hearing on: [HB 60](#) Harper Amends Title 66 re standby charge prohibited

House Gaming Oversight

9:00 a.m., Room B31 Main Capitol

Voting meeting - Agenda to be announced

Senate Republican Policy Committee

9:00 a.m., Room 156 Main Capitol

Public hearing on the uninsured and healthcare clinics

House Tourism and Recreational Development

10:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

Informational meeting on PA's heritage areas

Senate Game and Fisheries

12:00 p.m., Room 8E-A, East Wing

To consider: [SB 1037](#) Browne Amends Title 34 re authorized agents [SB 1049](#) Kasunic Amends Title 30 re license & permit issuance [SB 1066](#) Alloway Amends Title 34 re hunting on private property [HB 735](#) Gillespie Amends Title 34 re unlawful acts; licenses [HB 860](#) Kula Amends Title 34 re hunting under the influence

WEDNESDAY - 10/26/11

Senate Public Health and Welfare

9:30 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing concerning navigating possible changes in the western Pennsylvania health care delivery system

House Professional Licensure

10:00 a.m., Room 60, East Wing

To consider: Reg. 16A-4320; Reg. 16A-4624; Reg. 16A-5725; Reg. 16A-6514

THURSDAY - 10/27/11

House Game and Fisheries

9:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Public hearing on Sunday hunting, focusing on: [HB 1760](#) Evans, J Amends Title 34 re hunting on Sunday

House Health

9:30 a.m., Room G-50, Irvis Office Building

Informational meeting on Telemedicine

House Democratic Policy Committee

10:00 a.m., Lycoming College, Mary Lindsay Welch Honors Hall, Corner of East Fourth and Basin Streets, Williamsport

Public hearing on the Marcellus Shale

House Education

10:00 a.m., Room 418 Main Capitol

Public hearing to receive testimony from higher education institutions regarding the STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) and also on: [HB 867](#) Roebuck Act establishing the MESA Initiative

TUESDAY - 11/1/11

House Consumer Affairs

9:00 a.m., Room B-31 Main Capitol

Informational meeting on Chapter 14 - Public Utility Commission

Senate Education (note correct date)

9:00 a.m., Hearing Room 1, North Office Building

Public hearing on Special Education Funding and Accountability