

PENNSYLVANIA CHILD SAFETY LEGISLATIVE REPORT
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Active Legislation

House Bill 47 Provides for education for parents relating to sudden infant death syndrome and sudden unexpected death of infants; establishing the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Education and Prevention Program; and providing for duties of the Department of Health.

Passed the House 6/1/09 – In the Senate

First Consideration 10/2/09

Re-referred to Appropriations 10/2/09

House Bill 873 Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the sale of tobacco; for the offense of sexual abuse of children and for offense of invasion of privacy.

Passed the House 11/10/09

House Bill 67 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, defining “interactive wireless communications device”; further providing for junior driver’s license, for learners’ permits and for suspension of operating privilege; prohibiting interactive wireless communications devices; and further providing for accident report forms, for department to compile, tabulate and analyze accident reports; for television equipment and requirement for passenger restraint.

Passed in the House 4/27/09

Referred to Senate Transportation Committee 5/1/09

House Bill 1445 Provides for standards for carbon monoxide alarms for powers and duties of the Department of Labor and Industry; and imposing penalties. All residential dwellings are covered.

First Consideration 6/1/09

Re-committed to Appropriations 6/2/09

House Bill 143 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for prohibiting the operation of motor vehicle while using electronic wireless communications devices.

Passed the House 7/9/09

Referred to Senate Transportation Committee 7/10/09

House Bill 1189 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for motorcycle safety education program.

First consideration 6/9/09

Removed from table for consideration 11/16/09

Other Bills

Child Passenger Safety

House Bill 183 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for restraint systems. The bill removes the requirement of a child passenger safety seat for children 4 – 7 years in favor of a primary seat belt law for all occupants.

Referred to Committee on Transportation 2/2/09

House Bill 153 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated statutes, in other required equipment, further providing for general requirements for school buses the seats on each bus shall be equipped with or be fitted with retractable seat belts. Each passenger shall use a seat belt when the bus is in motion.

Referred to Transportation Committee 1/30/09

Sudden Unexpected Death of Infants/SIDS

House Bill 577 Provides for education for parents relating to sudden infant death syndrome and of sudden unexpected death of infants; establishing the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Education and Prevention Program; and providing for duties of the Department of Health.

Referred to Public Health and Welfare 3/5/09

Poisoning

Senate Bill 29 Provides for the requirement of carbon monoxide detectors for apartments, hotels, multiple dwelling premises or tenement buildings. The department may impose an administrative penalty of \$100 for non-compliance.

Referred to Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing 1/20/09

House Bill 340 Provides for lead level testing of playgrounds, schools and parks. The Department of Health will assume the responsibility of testing the paint of the above mentioned facilities in risk areas to determine the presence and levels of lead in paint.

Referred to Committee on Urban Affairs and Housing 2/10/09

Firearms

House Bill 346 Amends Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for trigger locks and for handgun identification requirements.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary 2/10/09

House Bill 1070 Provides for child firearm safety lock mechanisms required for any licensee to sell, deliver or transfer any firearm to any person other than another licensee unless the transferee is provided with or purchases a locking device for that firearm.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary 3/24/09

Water Safety

Senate Bill 12 Amends the uniform construction code to require an owner or lessee of a residential swimming pool, hot tub or spa to secure the structure with a barrier that has a locking device to prevent access to the structure when it is not in use and utilize the locking device when the pool, hot tub or spa is not in use.

Referred to Labor and Industry 3/2/09

Hand Held Devices and Cell Phone use in Motor Vehicles

House Bill 307 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the use of mobile telephones by drivers of school buses and school vehicles.

Referred to Committee on Transportation 2/9/09

Senate Bill 459 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting the use of mobile telephones and handheld communication devices.

Referred to Transportation 3/2/09

Senate Bill 305 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for the prohibition of text messaging while driving.

Referred to Transportation 2/20/09

House Bill 657 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting certain drivers from using mobile phones (junior drivers).

Referred to Committee on Transportation 2/27/09

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