

**UPDATE OF STATE SENATE BILLS OF INTEREST
2019-2020 LEGISLATIVE TERM**

**Pennsylvania Farm Bureau
July and August 2018**

NOTE: Since the 2019-2020 term began in January, the bills reported will reflect what was newly introduced or acted on during these months.

<u>Bill Number & Prime Sponsor</u>	<u>Summary</u>	<u>PFB Position</u>	<u>Status</u>
SB 27 Brooks	Would proportionately reduce and eliminate in eight years the rate of inheritance tax imposed on property received by a decedent's surviving siblings.	SUPPORTS AND SEEKS FURTHER AMENDMENTS	In the SENATE FINANCE Committee
SB 28 Brooks	Would proportionately reduce and eliminate in ten years the rate of inheritance tax imposed on property received by a decedent's surviving siblings.	SUPPORTS AND SEEKS FURTHER AMENDMENTS	In the SENATE FINANCE Committee
SB 46 K. Ward	Would require municipalities that do not have independent police forces to enter into contracts with the State Police for furnishing of police protection. Contracts would require payment of municipal revenues for services provided.	OPPOSES	In the SENATE LAW & JUSTICE Committee
SB 100 Brooks	Would require all health insurance policies to include coverage for longer-term antibiotic treatment of patients documented with Lyme disease or related tick-borne illness and prohibit denial of coverage for longer-term antibiotic treatment on the basis that such treatment is unproven, experimental or investigational.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE BANKING & INSURANCE Committee

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SB 114 Boscola	Would amend the Vehicle Code by: (1) require vehicle operators to take reasonable action to remove ice and snow from a vehicle within 24 hours of the ending time of snowfall or an ice storm, with imposition of fines for failure to take action; (2) increasing from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the maximum fine for violation of the Code's current violation of allowing snow or ice to fall from a vehicle that results in death or serious injury.	NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY	In the SENATE TRANSPORTATION Committee
SB 124 DiSanto	Would exempt schools and school districts from prevailing wage requirements.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee
SB 145 Yaw	Would amend the Ag Area Security Law to: (1) allow the owner of a preserved farm to waive the right of future construction of a residence on the farm property; (2) allow for subdivision of an existing residence on a preserved farm.	SUPPORTS	Reported from Original Senate Committee In the SENATE APPROPRIATIONS Committee
SB 147 Laughlin	Would repeal the current statutory prohibition of Sunday hunting, and would empower the Game Commission to authorize Sunday hunting by regulation.	OPPOSES	Reported from Original Senate Committee ON THE SENATE CALENDAR
SB 188 Leach	Would prohibit and assess civil penalties for use of "nontherapeutic" antibiotics in animals for health or growth management. Would also require animal farm operations to file affidavits annually confirming that the operations have not administered antibiotics in violation of the prohibition in antibiotic use. Would also require that priority be given in use of appropriations for animal health or agricultural research to development of alternatives to use of antibiotics in animals.	OPPOSES	In the SENATE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee

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SB 201 DiSanto	Would amend the state income tax law to allow for use of like-kind exchange strategies in management of capital gains tax on sales of held property.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE FINANCE Committee
SB 202 J. Ward	Would amend the state income tax law to allow for deduction of net business losses from taxable income from other income classes.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE FINANCE Committee
SB 203 Hutchinson	Would amend the state income tax to increase to \$100,000 the maximum amount of business expense deduction that may be claimed from purchase of equipment in a tax year.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE FINANCE Committee
SB 213 Farnese	Would establish an animal abuser registry in each county and require persons residing in a county who have been convicted of a felony offense of cruelty to animals, a felony violation of a statute protecting animal welfare to register, or a second or subsequent conviction of the “neglect” provisions of the cruelty to animals law.	OPPOSES	In the SENATE LAW & JUSTICE Committee
SB 256 Dinniman	Would amend the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act to encourage the use of compost, including spent mushroom compost, in best management practices to be employed in municipal projects for erosion and sediment control and post construction stormwater management.	NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY	In the SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee

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SB 305 Baker	Would statutorily designate the regulatory action by the Delaware River Basin Commission to ban the use of hydraulic fracturing within the watershed basin as a taking of property interest, entitling landowners affected to just compensation through eminent domain.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES & ENERGY Committee
SB 318 Yaw	Would increase the minimum level of total cost necessary for a public work project to be subject to requirement for payment of prevailing wages from \$25,000 to \$185,000.	SUPPORTS AND SEEKS FURTHER AMENDMENTS	In the SENATE LABOR & INDUSTRY Committee
SB 334 Argall	Would eliminate authority of school districts and municipalities to file appeals to challenge tax assessment values of individual real property tax parcels, except when the parcel has gone through a countywide reassessment, been divided into smaller parcels, or a change in the productive use of the property has occurred.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE URBAN AFFAIRS Committee
SB 335 Schwank	Would establish a specific standard of THC content for cannabis that qualifies as “industrial hemp” under state law, and would authorize the production of plants and the use and marketing of food products made from cannabis meeting that standard.	NOT ADDRESSED IN PFB POLICY	In the SENATE AGRICULTURE & RURAL AFFAIRS Committee
SB 338 Langerholc	Would amend the Vehicle Code to increase the maximum width allowance for implements of husbandry to be operated on highways other than freeways under the Code’s special width provisions to 18 feet.	SUPPORTS	In the SENATE TRANSPORTATION Committee

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**SB 342
Stefano**

Would exempt from state inheritance tax transfers of property to individuals 21 years of age and younger.

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AMENDMENTS**

In the SENATE
FINANCE Committee