

House Legislation

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Bill Location	Bill Summary
HB 2383	Rep. Liz Hanbidge	House Local Government Committee, 4/3	This bill would allow municipalities to vote and manage executive, legislative and judicial powers and duties remotely through telecommunication devices without the requirement of a physically present quorum.
HB 2399	Rep. Eric Nelson	House Labor and Industry Committee, 4/13	This bill would amend the Heart & Lung Act by providing law enforcement and firefighters with their continued salary should they contract COVID-19 and are unable to work or ordered to quarantine.
HB 2408	Rep. Brandon Markosek	Senate second consideration, 5/12	This bill would amend the Fiscal Code, providing payment received from the United States through the CARES Act shall not be included in income, earned income or taxable income of the individual for the 2020 tax year for the purposes of the Local Tax Enabling Act, the Tax Reform Code and the Taxpayer Relief Act. It would also establish loan forgiveness for a loan guaranteed under the Small Business Act issued to assist with maintaining payroll costs during the period beginning after February 29, 2020, and ending before July 1, 2020.
HB 2519	Rep. Barbara Gleim	House Finance Committee, 5/27	This bill would suspend a school district's or municipality's ability to levy, assess or collect an amusement or admission tax under the Local Tax Enabling Act for two calendar years.
HB 2522	Rep. Joe Ciresi	House Finance Committee, 5/14	This bill would waive the requirement that tax collectors must hold office hours during the last two weeks of the discount period, and to require counties, municipalities, and school districts to give their taxpayers an additional 60 days to pay their property taxes.
HB 2536	Rep. Lee James	Senate second consideration, 9/9	This legislation would create a new section within Subchapter B Tax Anticipation Notes and Funding Debt of Chapter 81 of Title 53 to authorize special short term debt to help local government units, which include counties, cities, boroughs, townships and school districts, manage cash flow during the Covid-19 emergency. Under the provisions of this proposal, a local government unit would be authorized to obtain tax anticipation notes with a date of maturity at the conclusion of the next fiscal year which ends between 15 and 26 months from the effective date of this proposal. For most entities, the end of the applicable year would be December 31, 2021 or June 30, 2022, depending on whether the entity follows a calendar or fiscal budget year.
HB 2537	Rep. Seth Grove	House Finance Committee, 5/21	This bill would ensure strict oversight to ensure taxpayers are not saddled with federal disallowances. Specifically, this legislation would drive out dollars targeted to public health and safety: \$700 M for State Government; \$500 M for Hospitals and Healthcare Systems; \$400 M for local governments not eligible for the direct federal local government funds, \$200 M for municipalities and \$200 M for county governments; \$300 M for Licensed Nursing Homes; and \$300 M for EMS, Police and Fire Services.
HB 2548	Rep. Robert Freeman	House second consideration, 9/2	This bill would amend the Municipalities Financial Recovery Act, in municipal financial distress, providing the scheduled expiration of a plan or deadline to terminate the distressed status of a municipality shall be extended for 18 months following the effective date. It would require each plan to be amended within 60 days of the effective date, at a minimum; incorporate the extended expiration date of the plan; and address any recovery objectives affected by the proclamation of disaster emergency. A plan that is not amended would not be extended. The bill would also provide provisions that would not apply to any plan adopted by a municipality which was not distressed under the act on the effective date.
HB 2586	Rep. Ben Sanchez	House Local Government Committee, 6/15	This bill would amend Act 15 of 2020 permanently adding provisions to Title 35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501 (General authority of political subdivisions) regarding tolling of permits issued by a municipal governing body and any board or commission of a municipality during a declaration of disaster or emergency by the Governor.
HB 2587	Rep. Carol Hill-Evans	House Local Government Committee, 6/15	This bill would cross reference the exception to be physically present at any one location in order to conduct business if a quorum would be otherwise established by the participating members through an authorized telecommunication device with the quorum requirements in the Borough and Third Class City Code.

HB 2616	Rep. Liz Hanbidge	House Local Government Committee, 6/23	This bill would permanently add the temporary provisions to Title 35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501 (General authority of political subdivisions) contained in Act 15 of 2020 regarding tolling of applications before a municipal governing body, board or commission during a declaration of disaster or emergency by the Governor: the number of days for the political subdivision body to take action would be suspended and tolled, from the date of the disaster declaration (March 6, 2020) until 30 days after this legislation is enacted; political subdivisions would be required to notify all affected applicants about the time extension and their right to request action, failure to receive notice does not affect the tolling; and applicants would be able to request proceedings anyway during the 30-day window, but it would be at the political subdivision's discretion to fulfill the request.
HB 2617	Rep. Liz Hanbidge	House Local Government Committee, 6/23	This bill would permanently add provisions to Title 35 Pa.C.S., Section 7501 (General authority of political subdivisions) contained in Act 15 of 2020 regarding advance notice and public participation of remote meetings during a declaration of disaster or emergency by the governor.
HB 2618	Rep. Robert Freeman	House Local Government Committee, 6/23	This bill would clarify provision in Act 15 of 2020 by providing that a political subdivision can exercise its powers without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities, including those related to the location and conduct of meetings. It would further clarify that a political subdivision would also be able to exercise existing statutory executive, legislative and judicial powers, including appointing staff, passing ordinances and resolutions and making determinations on permit and land-use applications.
HB 2619	Rep. Joe Ciresi	House Local Government Committee, 6/23	This bill would clarify that provisions added to Title 35 Pa.C.S., Section 7501 (General authority of political subdivisions) contained in Act 15 of 2020 regarding remote meetings during a declaration of disaster or emergency by the Governor apply to boards and commissions of political subdivisions.
HB 2708	Rep. David Dellosa	House Labor and Industry Committee, 7/22	This bill would allow for the late payment of solvency fees to the Department of Labor and Industry. Employers would have a window of 30 days to make the payments.

Amendments to House Bills

HB 1189	Rep. Jerry Knowles	Amended and passed by the House, received in the Senate and referred to Senate Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness, 4/20	These amendments would add new chapters to address the COVID-19 pandemic. New Chapter 57 would provide COVID-19 enforcement officer disability benefits if the officer contracted the disease and temporarily unable to perform their duties. New Chapter 58 would require a health care practitioner or health care facility that has a patient under their care with a positive diagnosis for COVID-19 to electronically submit a report to the Department of Health (DOH) within three days of the positive test result. A non-exempt dispenser or a pharmacy that administers a test for COVID-19 and receives the test results must also submit a report to DOH within three days of the positive test result. New Chapter 74A would establish a tax credit for employers who continue to pay an employee for missed work due to service in the line of duty with a volunteer emergency service organization when responding to an emergency call during work hours. New section 105 would be added the Chapter 75 (Vehicles) to provide extensions for the COVID-19 disaster emergency.
HB 1822	Rep. Mark Keller	Senate Appropriations Committee, 6/17	<p>This bill would amend Article XVI-D pertaining to the Local Government Capital Project Loan Fund to do the following: would increase the population size of a municipality that can apply for the loan from 12,000 to 15,000; would increase the amount of a loan made for purchasing equipment from \$50,000 to \$150,000; would increase the amount of a loan made for facility updates from \$100,000 to \$250,000; would change the interest rate to the ten-year United States Treasury rate rounded to the closest quarter point, not to exceed 2%; and would extend the maximum term of a loan from 10 years to 15 years.</p> <p>Would amend the Fiscal Code by adding Article I-B regarding a COVID-19 effect on employment to provide that an individual's employer may not terminate, deprive, threaten, or otherwise coerce the individual with respect to the employment, a seniority position or the benefits of the individual as a result of an individual's compliance with an order of isolation or quarantine. Nothing under this Article would be construed to require the individual's employer to compensate the individual for employment time lost because of the isolation or quarantine. It would also amend Article XVII-K to place a temporary restriction on departments, commissions, agencies, offices or authorities of the Commonwealth and the Administration from entering into any contract which would require the expenditure of money from special funds as stated in the bill.</p>

<p>HB 2412</p>	<p>Rep. Todd Polinchock</p>	<p>Vetoed by the Governor, 5/19</p>	<p>This bill would require the Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development to issue a waiver to the Governor's 20200319 TWW COVID 19 Business Closure Order to all real estate related activities and legal services that can adhere to social distancing practices and other mitigation measures defined by the Centers for Disease Control to protect workers and mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus.</p> <p>Would amend the Administrative Code stating that a municipality or municipal authority that requires a use and occupancy certificate as a condition of a property transfer would be presumed to have issued a full and unconditional permit without requiring an inspection of the property, and if a certificate is presumed to be issued, the municipality or municipal authority shall be enjoined from conducting a property transfer inspection after the disaster proclamation. Taxing authorities and public utilities would provide alternate means for residential home buyers or title insurers to ascertain the current status of tax payments or overdue utility obligations. A waiver granted under this article would remain valid during the disaster emergency order issued by the governor and any renewal unless the order removes any restrictions or otherwise grants greater permissions for operations.</p>
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