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New Law to Help Fire, Ambulance, Nonprofit Fundraising

An initiative I advanced to help remove a barrier to fundraising for many nonprofits across the Commonwealth was approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by the governor as Act 94 of 2026.

The measure will allow nonprofit organizations holding small games of chance licenses in the Commonwealth to accept online payments for their fundraising raffles. Specifically, the organizations can accept payment via credit or debit card, as well as mobile payment services or other electronic online payments. Previously, they could accept only cash or checks. This change recognizes that payment methods have evolved, making it easier for people to support the fundraising efforts of these nonprofit organizations.

The law also increases the aggregate prize limit from $35,000 weekly to $60,000 weekly and changes the distribution of proceeds for club licensees (those organizations with a liquor license) to 50% for public interest purposes and 50% for general operating expenses of the club.

I am pleased we were able to make these changes to help our local organizations continue their great works of service!

Growing Jobs and Opportunity in Fayette County

As a Fayette County native, I know firsthand all the characteristics that make it a great place to live, including beautiful scenery, great outdoor recreation opportunities, and outstanding people who work hard and care about their neighbors. It's no wonder our county will be the site of another major economic development investment.

In September, Heartland Fabrication announced plans to modernize its shipyard in Brownsville with plans to add about 150 or more skilled jobs in the county. The company committed to a multi-year capital investment of approximately $60 million. In addition to the new jobs, the upgrade is expected to increase the shipyard's annual production capability from 180 inland hopper barges per year today to as many as 280 per year once the work is complete.

Heartland recognized the need to grow production capacity as the nation's inland hopper barge fleet is the oldest on record and many will go out of service due to age over the next decade.

New Law to Protect Kids with Food Allergies

Pennsylvania took an important step forward in protecting children with passage of Elijah's Law, a bill I originally introduced in the PA House. It is named in memory of 3-year-old Elijah Silvera, who died in 2017 after being served a grilled cheese sandwich at his childcare facility, despite a known, life-threatening dairy allergy.

This legislation is especially meaningful to me and my family because I know firsthand the challenges and fears that come with raising a child with life-threatening food allergies. When my son, Ben, suffered an anaphylactic reaction to a tree nut that resulted in hospitalization, our family experienced just how quickly a food allergy can become life-threatening.

Elijah's Law will require childcare facilities to establish anaphylaxis policies, provide staff training on recognizing and responding to severe allergic reactions, and develop procedures to help prevent these emergencies. I am proud to have championed this legislation and help make Pennsylvania a safer place for children with food allergies.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS



Congratulations to the Perry Township Volunteer Fire Department for a century of service to the community!



We had a great turnout for our concealed carry event.



Connellsville made the Guiness Book of World Records for the longest connected float with 648 participants on the Youghiogheny River.



Congratulations to Republic Volunteer Fire Company on its 100th anniversary!

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HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?

My district offices serve as your local connection to state government. My team and I are happy to hear your questions or concerns about state and local issues. We are also available to assist you with an array of state programs and services, including:

- PennDOT paperwork, including driver's license and vehicle registration applications and renewals.
- Information and applications for senior citizen benefit programs, including Property Tax/Rent Rebate and PACE/PACENET prescription drug programs.
- Information and applications for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Help with securing birth and death certificates (photo identification required).
- Information about legislation.
- Assistance with resolving matters relating to state agencies.



Congratulations to Bullskin Little League's 10U softball all-star team for winning both the 2026 Mid-Atlantic and Eastern Regional championships.



My son, Ben, and I had a great time during ATV races at the Dawson Grange Community Fair.