

**PENNSYLVANIA CHILD SAFETY LEGISLATIVE REPORT**  
**June 2010**

**2009 – 2010 LEGISLATION SESSION**

**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  
Re-reported as amended 5/24/10

House Bill 843 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  
Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee 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  
Passed Senate 5/25/10  
Back to House Rules Committee 5/25/10

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  
Removed from table 6/15/10

Senate 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 6/16/10

House Bill 2026 Amends office of safe schools provision of act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No. 14) relating to the public school system to include dating violence education.

Passed the House 3/16/10

Referred to Senate Education committee 3/19/10

House Bill 2060 Amends the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L. 30, No.14). entitled an act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto, providing for management of concussions and head injuries.

Bill introduced 10/26/10

First consideration 6/26/10

Recommitted to rules 6/16/10

## **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

Senate 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

Senate Bill 1264 Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of Pennsylvania Consolidated Statues, in offenses in general, further providing for leaving an unattended child in a motor vehicle to include drivers of school buses.

Referred to Transportation 3/10/10

### **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

### **Sudden Unexpected Death of Infants/SIDS**

Senate 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

House Bill 2423 Establishes a Home Safety Education Grant Program to educate & protect citizens from the risk associated with carbon monoxide poisoning. It establishes a Home Safety Education Grant Program within the State Fire Commissioner.

Referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and Emergency Preparedness,  
4/19/10

## **Fire/Burns**

Senate Bill 1001 Amends the uniform constitution code which requires or encourages sprinkler systems in townhouses and one or two family dwellings depending on municipal ordinance provisions.

Referred to Labor & Industry 7/6/09

## **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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