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***The State House will
convene at 9:30am.***

FELONY MURDER DEBATE

The Pennsylvania State House returns today for a voting session as lawmakers race to address the state's second-degree murder sentencing law before the July 24th Pennsylvania Supreme Court deadline. Earlier this year, the court ruled mandatory life sentences for second-degree murder convictions as unconstitutional, a decision that affects roughly 1,200 inmates currently serving life sentences. Lawmakers remain divided on a replacement sentencing structure, and today's House session could be the last opportunity for lawmakers to act before the court's deadline takes effect.

DGS LEADERSHIP

Secretary Dr. **Reggie McNeil** of the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (DGS) will leave his position after three years of service. In his statement, McNeil highlighted his team's successes, including supporting small businesses, making public spaces more accessible, and helping to make Pennsylvania's government more efficient. Executive Deputy Secretary **Sandra Aguilera** will serve as the Acting Secretary of DGS starting in August to ensure a smooth leadership transition.

MASTRIANO'S AMBASSADORSHIP

State Senator **Doug Mastriano's** (R – Franklin) nomination to serve as U.S. ambassador to Slovakia has advanced through committee, despite opposition from Senator **John Cornyn** (R-Texas), who has threatened to withhold his vote over stalled global AIDS relief funding. President **Donald Trump** nominated Mastriano for the post in May. If confirmed by the full Senate, in which

the Republican Party controls by five seats, Mastriano would become the United States' ambassador to Slovakia.

UTZ ACQUISITION

Pennsylvania-based Utz Brands will become a private company after being acquired by Germany's Intersnack Group in a \$2.9 billion deal. Under the agreement, Intersnack and the Rice and Lissette Family Entities will each hold a 50% ownership stake in Utz Brands. The acquisition also marks Intersnack's debut in the U.S. market. When announcing the deal, Chief Executive Officer **Howard Friedman** expressed admiration for Intersnack, adding that he looks forward to accelerating the company's success through the partnership.

Congratulations to **Brittany Mako*** and State Representative **Zach Mako** on their newest addition to the family! Baby **Gatsby** was born on 7/20 at 11:32pm coming in at 7lbs 15ozs and 20 inches. Mom and baby are doing well. Congratulations to the new parents and enjoy all the baby snuggles!



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Mike Jones**
- Former State Representative **Ken Smith**
- **Michael Wolf**, Vice-President of Government Relations, Acentra Health
- **Pam Iovino**, Commissioner, State Civil Service Commission
- **Christine L. Zubeck**, Legislative Director, Office of Senator Brown
- **Rick Vilello**, Deputy Secretary of Community Affairs and Development, PA Department of Community & Economic Development
- **Brian Clark**, Partner, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC
- **Diane Acri***, Policy Advisor and Counsel to the Republican Leader
- **Greg Jordan**
- **Deanna Dare**



Committee Meetings

- (H) Rules – 9:00AM – To be announced
- Joint Medical Assistance Advisory Committee (MAAC) – 10:00AM – Monthly meeting



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