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*The State House and State Senate
will convene at 11AM*

VAPE DATE

Pennsylvania retailers selling nicotine vapor products are reminded that Act 57 of 2025 will take effect October 19. The law requires any electronic nicotine products to be sold are listed on a registry kept by the Office of Attorney General in conformity with Federal Law. These provisions closely mirror the decades old requirements for traditional cigarettes. Stores that continue selling unapproved products after October 19 could face fines from the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

LOOPHOLE ELIMINATION

State Representative **Lisa Borowski** (D-Delaware) has proposed legislation that would close Pennsylvania's "voluntary intoxication loophole." The soon to be introduced legislation would recognize incapacitation caused by drugs or alcohol as a valid basis for determining a lack of consent, regardless of whether the intoxication was voluntary. The measure aims to ensure that responsibility remains with perpetrators rather than being shifted onto survivors. Borowski has clarified that the reform would not change the burden of proof. Instead, it would reinforce the principle that consent must be knowing, voluntary, and conscious.

FAMILY MATTERS

The U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration awarded \$18.7 million in federal funding to Pennsylvania for maternal and child healthcare. The funds will go directly to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to reach rural and low-income communities. These awards will

help states provide pregnant women and families with support during the early years of a child's life. This includes home visits during pregnancy, which has been found to prevent disease and child abuse.

LOSS ANGELES

President **Donald Trump** made a comment that sparked immediate backlash from Californians. During a campaign rally in Nebraska on Monday, Trump suggested that the destruction of Los Angeles or San Diego would be a "small price to pay" for keeping the world safe amid tensions with Iran. California officials have accused the president of treating Californians as expendable and as collateral damage. Los Angeles Mayor **Karen Bass** called the comments dangerous and said they potentially could compromise the safety of residents in the city.

GAME CHANGING

The NBA is testing smart basketballs and wrist-worn communication devices during select preseason games. The connected basketballs contain Bluetooth sensors that can collect real-time data for potential future use in officiating, while wrist wearables allow officials to communicate more efficiently with replay centers. Both technologies are currently being evaluated for research purposes only and will not be used during the regular season.



Happy Birthday

- State Representative **Josh Bashline**
- State Representative **Scott Conklin**
- Former State Representative **Jaret Gibbons**, Executive Director, Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Association (ARIPPA)
- **Meredith Biggica**, Deputy Secretary for Multimodal Transportation, PennDOT
- **Timothy Krieger**, Judge, Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas
- **Jim Lovette**, Former Special Assistant to the Democratic Leader, Speaker Bill DeWeese
- **Dr. David Comes**, Former Executive Director, Game and Fisheries Committee



Committee Meetings

- (H) Appropriations – OTF – To be announced
- (S) Rules and Executive Nominations – OTF - To consider certain executive nominations
- (H) Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development – OTF – To consider: HR 646
- (H) Environmental and Natural Resource Protection – OTF – To consider: SB 980
- (S) Urban Affairs and Housing – OTF – To consider: HB 344, HB 369, HB 558, and HB 1713
- (H) Communications and Technology – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 2603, HB 2637, HB 2666, and HR 637
- (H) Health – 9:00AM – To consider: HB 2593, HR 534, HR

- **W. Russell Faber***
- **Blaine W. Uplinger**
- **Tammy J. Bonawitz**

Happy Belated Birthday (Yesterday):

- State Representative **Jacklyn Rusnock**

- 648, SB 730, and SB 804
- Joint Pennsylvania Athletic Oversight Committee – 9:00AM - Meeting to approve the 2025 PAOC Annual Report and hold an informational meeting with the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association
- (H) Children and Youth – 10:00AM – To consider: HB 2123, HB 2601, HB 2695, and SB 1372
- (S) Labor and Industry – 10:00AM - To consider the nominations of Albert Mezzaroba and William Trusky, Jr. to the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board



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