

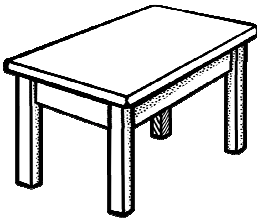


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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT



PA SB 168 TABLED

The PA Conference is pleased to announce that PA Senate Bill 168 (Previously PA SB 645) is off table. This bill, sponsored by Republican Senator Patrick J. Stefano would have required any proposed collective bargaining agreement be made available on the public employers' publicly accessible Internet website within 48 hours. An agreement must be posted online two weeks prior and thirty days following the signing of the collective bargaining agreement. The posting shall include the following information:

1. A statement of the terms of the proposed collective bargaining agreement;
2. An estimate of the costs to the public employer associated with the agreement.

Proposed collective bargaining agreements and any documents presented by the public employer or received from the employee organization in the course of collective bargaining are to be public records subject to the Right-to-Know Law.

The PA Conference will continue to monitor anti-labor legislation including these types of bills and lobby to defeat all legislation that can have an adverse impact on labor and working families.



The Senate is once again considering healthcare legislation that would harm working families in America. The Graham-Cassidy amendment to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act will eliminate certain taxes like the medical device tax but retain the 40 percent excise tax on high quality health care plans also known as the "Cadillac Tax." The "Cadillac Tax" ultimately places

an unfair 40 percent penalty on hardworking Americans' collectively bargained health care benefits. [Take Action!](#)

In addition to retention of the harmful "Cadillac tax," the bill also ends state Medicaid expansion programs; converts Medicaid to a block grant program, reduces Medicaid funding by converting to per capita funding; eliminates cost-sharing subsidies to insurers; terminates tax credits to low and middle income Americans to help purchase health insurance; and allows states to apply for waivers to let insurers charge age based premiums, and more for individuals with pre-existing conditions It also eliminates the individual and employer insurance mandates that help stabilize the insurance market.

This legislation will have real, negative impacts on healthcare for American families. Tell your Senators to vote no on the Graham-Cassidy amendment by calling (888) 865-8089

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear Senator:

I urge you to oppose the Graham-Cassidy amendment. This legislation is terrible for working families in America.

This legislation eliminates certain taxes like the medical device tax but retains the 40 percent excise tax on high quality health care plans also known as the "Cadillac Tax." The Cadillac Tax ultimately places an unfair 40 percent penalty on hardworking Americans' collectively bargained health care benefits.

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This legislation will have real, negative impacts on healthcare for American families. I urge you to vote no on the Graham-Cassidy when it comes to the floor.

IBT Political Action Site

<https://teamster.org/political-legislative-action>



SENATE CALENDAR

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA
SESSION OF 2017

THE SENATE WILL CONVENE AT 1:00 PM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Stay humble. Work hard. Be kind.

Bill No.	Print. No.	TITLE OF BILL	ACTION
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BILLS ON THIRD CONSIDERATION

HOUSE

45

2108

An Act providing for the use of investigational drugs, biological products and medical devices by terminally ill patients.
(Representatives GODSHALL and others)

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SENATE

168

140

An Act providing for notice and disclosure of proposed collective bargaining agreements and related documents and for open records.
(Senators STEFANO and others)

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HOUSE

211

1269

An Act providing for a grant program for a Statewide 2-1-1 system and imposing duties on the Department of Human Services.
(Representatives BLOOM and others)

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HOUSE

234

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An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for collection of restitution, reparation, fees, costs, fines and penalties. (Representatives D. COSTA and others)

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BIRTHDAYS

Senator Tartaglione - September 21
Senator Wagner - September 21
Senator Brewster - September 25
Senator Greenleaf - October 4
Senator Sabatina - October 6
Senator Dinniman - October 10