

## **HARRISBURG OVERVIEW:**

The General Assembly has one week of session remaining in October and then a couple weeks in November and December. The Senate has 9 remaining session days for the fall; the House has 12 days.

A couple of interesting bills are inching closer to the finish-line, including Senator Scavello's (R-Monroe) [SB 473](#), which would raise the minimum age to buy tobacco and vaping productions in PA from 18 to 21. SB 473 passed the Senate and is now headed to the House for its consideration. Representative Greg Rothman (R-Cumberland) recently introduced a companion bill, [HB 1823](#), in the House. Rothman's bill offers an exemption for members of our armed forces.

Representative Lori Mizgorski's (R-Allegheny) telemarketing bill, [HB 318](#), passed the House and Senate and shortly after was signed into law by the Governor as Act 73. This act amends the Telemarketer Registration Act by giving consumers the ability to sign-up for the telemarketing "do-not-call" list without having to re-register every 5 years. Telemarketing would also be prohibited on holidays.

## **LEGISLATION:**

Representative Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon) re-introduced the mobile food truck licensing bill ([HB 671](#)) for the PA State Showmen's Association (PSSA). Again, this language would establish the concept of an 'operating base location.' Mobile units would be required to pay food licensing fees based on the operating base location instead of fees in multiple jurisdictions. In addition, while conducting business in jurisdictions other than their base location, mobile units can still be inspected by that jurisdiction, but they are not responsible for inspection fees.

This past May, we were able to successfully get the bill passed out of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee with a unanimous vote. Then several county health departments came forward with their opposition and the full House vote was postponed.

The counties are concerned about the elimination of inspection fees in jurisdictions outside the operating base location. We recently convened a stakeholder conference call including Representative Heffley, Representative Pete Schweyer (D-Lehigh), staff from Representative Frank Dermody's office, among others, to try and negotiate to get this bill moving again. Right now, we are looking to maintain the licensing and inspection fees in the mobile food truck's operating base location. The food trucks that are operating outside the base location and as part of an event will be exempt from additional inspection fees. However, inspection fees could be imposed on any food trucks that aren't operating as part of an event (street trucks) regardless of location. We will keep you updated on our progress.

In the meantime, we continue to emphasize the importance of local legislator outreach. If legislators hear that their constituents support the bill, then there is a greater better chance for

this bill to successfully move through the legislative process and across the finish line. Please visit this website for your local legislator's contact information:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>.

Attached please find a full listing of bills we are currently tracking for the association. We'll continue to monitor all new proposals and keep you apprised.

### ***REGULATIONS***

We are continuing to monitor for any potential movement with the Department of Agriculture's (Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards) updates to the amusement regulations. PSSA sent a letter to the Bureau's Director outlining concerns with the current draft. In addition, several PSSA board members met with the Director of the Bureau to discuss the draft in detail.

So far this year, the Amusement Ride Safety Board held one stakeholder meeting regarding the draft and they did not discuss the draft at their recent meeting in August.

### ***RECEPTION:***

In June, Milliron Goodman hosted the biennial PSACF legislative reception in our offices. We had great turnout from legislators as well as Capitol staff. As we know, it's always helpful to build relationships with local legislators and those who work on committees relevant to the county fairs, such as the Agriculture Committees. The more familiar they are with you and your industry, the more likely they are to support the association on future legislative efforts.

Please contact our office with any questions or concerns. We look forward to continuing to work with you.