

## **HARRISBURG OVERVIEW:**

Now that the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have completed the budget hearings with the state agencies, the General Assembly will begin their 2019-2020 budget discussions. The legislature has until June 30<sup>th</sup> to pass a balanced budget.

Throughout the budget season, a couple key issues we will be keeping a close eye on for PSACF are:

- Minimum wage hikes:
  - Governor Wolf called for an increase of Pennsylvania's hourly minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$12 this year. Then there would be .50¢ increases every year until 2025, raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour within 5 years. While Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman (R-Centre) has indicated that they are open to discussions about an increase, they are not necessarily agreeable to the full \$15 level. We will continue to advocate on your behalf during these negotiations.
- County fair line item:
  - The Governor's budget proposal kept the fair line item fully-funded. We will continue to work to protect your funding throughout the budget process. But we do need your help advocating. As part of our lobbying efforts, we emphasize the importance of local legislator outreach. The more legislators hear from constituents about the importance of protecting this line item, the better chance we see it become part of the final budget package. Here's a quick link for members to identify their legislators: [FIND MY LEGISLATOR](#).

## **LEGISLATION:**

Representative Doyle Heffley (R-Carbon) has introduced [HB 671](#), the mobile food truck licensing legislation. 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. 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 bill was introduced and referred to the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, so we are now working to move it out of committee. Again, the more legislators hear from you, the better chance we have to move this bill forward.

We are also closely monitoring Representative Melissa Schusterman's (D-Chester) [HB 996](#), which would prevent the transport of exotic animals for public performances. We will continue working with House Republicans, including Chairman Dave Millard, on voicing the industry's strong opposition to the language.

Attached please find a full listing of bills we are currently tracking for the association.

## ***REGULATIONS***

As you know, the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Ride and Measurement Standards is currently working to draft potential updates to the amusement regulations. We are working closely with the PSSA board and continuing to stay at the forefront of these discussions. PSSA has sent a letter to the Bureau's Director outlining concerns with the current draft. In addition, several board members have met with the Director of the Bureau to discuss the draft in detail.

So far, the Amusement Ride Safety Board held one stakeholder meeting regarding the draft. But we anticipate additional discussions, so we will let you know when the next meeting is scheduled. Again, there are showmen representatives on the board, so the industry's voice will be heard.

## ***RECEPTION:***

The PSACF's legislative reception is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the Milliron Goodman office (200 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 1500, Harrisburg). This is a great way to meet some legislators and raise overall awareness for your industry.

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