

ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS
Bill Status Report
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Track: Environment		
HB 2	Quigley	Act providing for submission of a question to the electorate authorizing incurring of indebtedness for the maintenance & protection of the environment, open space preservation, watershed protection & other environmental in
	Bill History:	03-16-05 S Rereferred to Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 3	Quigley	Amends Title 27 (Environmental Protection) establishing the Environmental Endowment Account & the Environmental Stewardship Sinking Fund; continuing Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund; further providing for agencies; etc.; and making a repeal.
	Bill History:	03-14-05 S Received in the Senate and referred to Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 26	Frankel	Act providing for tax credits for historic commercial sites; and conferring powers & duties on the Department of Community & Economic Development, the PA Historical & Museum Commission & the Department of Revenue.
	Bill History:	01-25-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance
HB 27	Tangretti	Amends the Tax Reform Code further providing for sales & use tax definitions, tax exclusions, for personal income tax definitions & for classes of personal income; providing for a credit against personal income tax; & for duties of PHMC.
	Bill History:	01-25-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance
HB 87	Steil	Amends act entitled "An act authorizing PA & local govt units to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses," defining "municipal services"; providing for property acquired in fee simple & for local taxing option & editorial change
	Bill History:	03-21-05 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 88	Steil	Act enabling certain counties & municipalities to develop comprehensive watershed storm water plans & to regulate storm water within designated watershed boundaries; imposing duties & conferring powers; & providing for financing & for waiver
	Bill History:	02-08-05 H Rereferred to House Local Government
HB 98	George	Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) further defining "communication to the gov't & "enforcement of environmental law & regulation" for purposes of participation in environmental law or regulation; & further providing for immunity.
	Bill History:	01-25-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 136	Fleagle	Amends The Second Class Township Code authorizing appropriations to watershed associations.

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	Bill History:	03-21-05 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 183	Ross	Amends the act entitled, "An act authorizing the Commonwealth of PA & the local government units thereof to preserve, acquire or hold land for open space uses," further providing for local taxing options; & providing for land trusts.
	Bill History:	03-21-05 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 197	Major	Amends Title 74 (Transportation) designating a portion of State Route 6 in Wyoming County as a scenic byway.
	Bill History:	02-02-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 198	Major	Amends Title 74 (Transportation) designating a certain portion of State Route 92 in Susquehanna County as a scenic byway.
	Bill History:	02-02-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 207	Readshaw	Amends the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act further providing for definitions; and providing for additional use of funds for financial assistance.
	Bill History:	02-02-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government
HB 213	Godshall	Amends Titles 18 (Crimes and Offenses) and 42 (Judiciary) adding an offense and a civil action relating to ecoterrorism.
	Bill History:	03-16-05 H Final Passage (Vote: Y:168/N: 16)
HB 215	Ruffing	Act establishing Landslide Insurance & Assistance Program within PEMA; providing for related powers & duties of PEMA; establishing & providing for powers & duties of the LIAB; establishing Landslide Insurance Fund & Assistance Fund.
	Bill History:	02-02-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
HB 218	Reed	Amends the Downtown Location Law further providing for definitions.
	Bill History:	02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Commerce
HB 221	Casorio	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) imposing a moratorium on the implementation or continued use of a vehicle emission inspection program until certain standards and studies of on-board vehicle emission diagnostic testing systems are completed.
	Bill History:	02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 238	Wansacz	Act requiring host municipality agreements for certain municipal and residual waste facilities; and providing for proximity to State parks.
	Bill History:	02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 243	Semmel	Act establishing the Flood Insurance Premium Assistance Program to provide premium assistance to eligible Pennsylvania residents who purchase flood insurance; and imposing powers and duties on the Insurance Department.

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		Bill History: 03-31-05 H Meeting set for 9:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan O...House Insurance
HB 260	George	Act providing for submission to the electorate of a question of indebtedness for environmental initiatives and for utilization of indebtedness.
		Bill History: 02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 281	Haluska	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for the registration of dirt bikes operated on certain lands of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
		Bill History: 02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 314	Hanna	Amends act requiring rents & royalties from oil & gas leases of PA land to be placed in special fund for conservation, recreation, dams & flood control; authorizing Sec. of Forests & Waters to determine need for & location of such projects
		Bill History: 02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 323	Hanna	Amends The Second Class Township Code authorizing testing of sewage sludge.
		Bill History: 02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 326	George	Act establishing moratorium on issuance of certain permits relating to municipal waste landfills; providing for rescission of unused capacity, municipal control & for rebuttable presumptions & defenses; authorizing grants for recycling.
		Bill History: 02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 432	Maitland	Amends The Second Class Township Code providing for the purchase of agricultural lands and for agricultural conservation easements.
		Bill History: 02-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government
HB 500	Vitali	Act providing for report on global warming impacts and economic opportunities, for greenhouse gases inventory, for greenhouse gases plan of action and for duties of the Department of Environmental Protection.
		Bill History: 02-16-05 H Discussed in House Appropriations Budget He...House Appropriations Members ions
HB 504	Killion	Amends the Tax Reform Code providing for tax incentives for historic preservation.
		Bill History: 02-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance
HB 532	Baker, M	Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for the right to hunt, fish and harvest game.
		Bill History: 02-15-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Game

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		and Fisheries
HB 551	O'Neill	Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) further providing for adjustments from the Environmental Stewardship Fund. Bill History: 02-15-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 553	Bebko-Jones	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) further providing for emission inspections; and promulgating regulations. Bill History: 02-15-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 608	Semmel	Amends Hazardous Material Emergency Planning & Response Act further providing for certified hazardous material response teams; est. low-interest revolving loan program for certain business entities that store or handle hazardous materi Bill History: 02-16-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Veterans Affairs/Emergency Preparedn
HB 612	Rubley	Amends the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority Act further providing for definitions. Bill History: 03-16-05 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 619	Hershey	Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law further providing for definitions, or agricultural security areas, for evaluation criteria and for purchase of agricultural conservation easements. Bill History: 03-21-05 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 620	Godshall	Act prohibiting sale or distribution of any gasoline containing methyl tertiary butyl ether; requiring DEP to report to the General Assembly; providing for public notice of spill; and imposing a penalty. Bill History: 02-16-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 629	Bunt	Amends the Agricultural Area Security Law further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements; and abrogating a regulation. Bill History: 03-21-05 H Rereferred to House Appropriations
HB 633	Hershey	Amends the Public School Code further providing for definitions, for purchases of alternative fuel vehicles and for minimum school building design standards; and making editorial changes. Bill History: 02-16-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Education
HB 681	Bunt	Act authorizing the incurring of indebtedness, with the approval of the electors, of \$150,000,000 to provide additional funding for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements for preservation of agricultural land & making a repeal. Bill History: 03-01-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and Rural Affairs
HB 682	Bunt	Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) further providing for the Environmental Stewardship Fund.

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	Bill History:	03-01-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and Rural Affairs
HB 687	Frankel	Act providing for a program for the purchase of certain types of environmental liability insurance and for grants for the costs of premiums.
	Bill History:	03-01-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
HB 718	George	Act prohibiting the production, sale and distribution of gasoline containing methyl tertiary-butyl ether; and prescribing a penalty.
	Bill History:	03-01-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
HB 775	Corrigan	Amends the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act providing for recycling of cathode ray tubes; and making editorial changes.
	Bill History:	03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 800	Solobay	Amends act re administration of a Coal Mine Subsidence Insurance Fund within the Department of Environmental Protection providing for additional disbursements from fund.
	Bill History:	03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Insurance
HB 806	Scavello	Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) providing for dam & flood control project loans; authorizing certain indebtedness; providing for referendum; & establishing Dam & Flood Control Project Fund & Revolving Loan Fund.
	Bill History:	03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 809	Pistella	An Act requiring State governmental departments & agencies, public utilities & pipeline entities to notify municipalities of any governmental project or proceeding that would involve the taking of real property within the municipality.
	Bill History:	03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 811	Pistella	An Act providing for a program to promote economic development in downtown areas; est. the Discover PA's Downtowns program; further providing for duties of the Dept. of Community and Economic Development; making an appropriation.
	Bill History:	03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Commerce
HB 812	Pistella	Act providing incentives for use of waste, coal bed methane & coal mine methane for production of electricity; establishing the Coal Waste Fund; providing for tax credit; and prohibiting certain surface disposal of coal waste.
	Bill History:	03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 882	Grucela	Act providing for carbonate/sinkhole requirements.

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		Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 883	Grucela	Act establishing a sinkhole damage assistance program; providing for grants and loans; and making an appropriation.
		Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 893	Semmel	Amends act re shutting off water supply for nonpayment of sewer, sewerage or sewerage treatment rentals further providing for shutting off water if sewer charge not paid, for notice & statement of defense; requiring certain procedures.
		Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Consumer Affairs
HB 899	Gannon	Amends Title 66 (Public Utilities) providing for utility industry restructuring.
		Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Consumer Affairs
HB 927	Yudichak	Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources) further providing for water resources planning definitions, for the State water plan and for regional water resources committees.
		Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 935	Hanna	Amends the Oil and Gas Act further providing for the definition of "department"; and providing for securing compensation for surface damage.
		Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 936	Hanna	Amends Title 35 (Health and Safety) providing for review and update of State, county and local flood maps.
		Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HB 965	Hickernell	Amends act entitled "An act providing for a commercial downtown enhancement program to be administered by the Department of Community & Economic Development," further providing for the Main Street Program.
		Bill History: 03-15-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Government
HB 968	Preston	Amends the Tax Reform Code excluding the purchase price of electronic vehicles, hybrid electric vehicles and zero emission vehicles from the sales and use tax.
		Bill History: 03-15-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Finance
HB 969	Preston	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) reenacting & amending provisions relating to electric, hybrid electric & zero-emission vehicles; & exempting hybrid electric vehicles from the requirement for periodic inspection of vehicles.
		Bill History: 03-15-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

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HB 1103	George	Act making an appropriation to the Department of Public Welfare for emergency energy assistance. Bill History: 03-18-05 H Filed
HB 1108	Rubley	Amends the PA Infrastructure Investment Authority Act establishing the Water & Wastewater System Connection Funding Program to provide certain grants & low-interest loans; providing for transfer of certain moneys; & making editorial changes. Bill History: 03-21-05 H Filed
HB 1114	Yudichak	Amends the act relating to recycling & refuse of waste tires; providing for proper disposal of waste tires & the cleanup of stockpiled tires further providing for definition of "waste tire", for waste tire registry & for remediation liens. Bill History: 03-21-05 H Filed
HB 1175	Allen	Amends PENNVEST Act re financial assistance Bill History: 03-24-05 H Filed
HB 1190	Yudichak	Amends Land Recycling & Env. Act re remining Bill History: 03-24-05 H Filed
HR 5	George	Resolution urging the President of the United States to immediately release \$200 million in emergency contingency funds for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for fiscal year 2005. Bill History: 01-25-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Intergovernmental Affairs
HR 60	Hanna	Resolution urging the Federal Emergency Management Agency to review and update state, county and municipal flood maps every ten years. Bill History: 02-08-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Local Government
HR 108	McCall	Resolution memorializing the Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring coal miners. Bill History: 03-15-05 H Adopted (Vote: Y:195/N: 0)
HR 126	Dally	Resolution memorializing the President & Congress & the Governor of New York to support & to approve legislation that would give states authority to place reasonable restrictions upon the importation of solid waste. Bill History: 03-14-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HR 153	LaGrotta	A Resolution urging PA Infrastructure Investment Authority & the Department of Environmental Protection to establish a task force to study the feasibility of implementing a water resource restoration sponsorship program. Bill History: 03-16-05 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Resources and Energy
HR 183	Rubley	Resolution re Safe Drinking Water Week

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		Bill History: 03-24-05 H Filed
HR 184	Rubley	PA Hiking Week May 28-June 5, 2005
		Bill History: 03-24-05 H Filed
SB 12	Tomlinson	Act providing for home energy assistance to certain persons through payment of matching funds to the hardship funds of certain home energy providers & for powers & duties of the Department of Public Welfare.
		Bill History: 02-04-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 54	Rhoades	Act establishing the Biosolids Land Application Study Commission.
		Bill History: 01-24-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 58	Rhoades	Act requiring host municipality agreements for certain municipal & residual waste facilities; and establishing a moratorium.
		Bill History: 01-24-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 129	Musto	Amends Title 18 (Crimes) prohibiting the unauthorized taking of newspapers from municipal recycling containers placed for collection; and prescribing a penalty.
		Bill History: 02-01-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 133	Musto	Amends the Wild Resource Conservation Act further providing for limitation on General Money Fund.
		Bill History: 02-08-05 S Rereferred to Senate Appropriations
SB 134	Musto	Amends an Act re recycling and reuse of waste tires providing for the definition of "waste tire" and "waste tire recycling facility"; providing for the disposal of whole waste tires; prohibiting facilities in certain locations; for EQB; etc.
		Bill History: 02-01-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 135	Musto	Amends the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act providing for restrictions on the disposal of newsprint.
		Bill History: 02-01-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 149	White, Mary Jo	Act providing for the Hazardous Sites Cleanup Fund, for its funding and for expenditures from the fund; and making repeals.
		Bill History: 02-16-05 H Received in the House and referred to House Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 197	Rafferty	Amends the Solid Waste Management Act, further providing for permit and license application requirements and for enforcement orders; and providing for repeat violations.
		Bill History: 02-07-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy

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SB 232	Tomlinson	Amends the Dam Safety & Encroachments Act, further providing for definitions; abolishing annual charges for the use of Commonwealth's submerged lands; and making editorial changes. Bill History: 02-09-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 290	Conti	Act providing for minimum energy efficiency standards for certain appliances and equipment; & providing for the powers and duties of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and of the Attorney General. Bill History: 02-15-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 291	Conti	Amends the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, providing watershed zoning cooperation among adjoining municipalities. Bill History: 03-16-05 S Set on the Senate Calendar
SB 309	Stack	Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) providing for depositing of rubbish on State and municipal parks and State forests. Bill History: 02-16-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 335	Greenleaf	Amends the Conservation & Natural Resources Act further providing for ecological and geological services. Bill History: 03-14-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Government
SB 397	Punt	Amends the Noncoal Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act providing for the operation of green field quarries. Bill History: 03-14-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 409	Erickson	Amends the Tax Reform Code providing for an alternative energy expense tax credit. Bill History: 03-21-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 410	White, Mary Jo	Amends the Environmental Education Act providing for the establishment of the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education & the Pennsylvania Center for Environmental Education Board; and making editorial changes. Bill History: 03-21-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 410	White, Mary Jo	Amends Env. Education Act re learning centers Bill History: 03-21-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Environmental Resources and Energy
SB 434	Corman	Amends Tax Reform Code re brownfields Bill History: 03-22-05 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance