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Don’t leave pets in hot cars

I also supported legislation that would protect pets from being left in hot vehicles. Under the measure, police or humane officers would have the authority to remove a dog or cat from an unattended motor vehicle if they believe the animal’s life is in danger. This would not have been possible without the efforts of animal lovers and their furry friends from across the commonwealth working together to push for these reforms. It is now a felony to tortured a pet, and anyone who faces scientists and humane society police officers who would be able to remove a dog or cat from an abandoned vehicle will not be held liable for any damages. This bill awaits action in the Senate.

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On a similar note, I also supported a bill to expand the list of offenses that may result in forfeited elected official pension benefits. Unlike H.B. 325, any elected official who pleads guilty or is found guilty by a judge or jury of a felony, or crime punishable by five years imprisonment will result in forfeiture of their pension benefits. The bill now has this bill. I think elected officials must be held accountable for breaching the trust of the public.

Currently, pension forfeiture is only triggered by a limited number of offenses related to public office. They include: forgery, tampering with records or identification, bribery, perjury, misapplication of government property, bribery, perjury, intimidation.

Limited number of offenses related to public office. They result in elected officials’ insurance. They put to the test any change to the law. Those changes are part of a broader pension reform package.

No proposal is perfect. Pennsylvania’s pension crisis is not going to be solved overnight. What the governor proposed is a step in the right direction, but a significant first step toward fiscal solvency of our public pension system. The new law was the result of years of bipartisan work and compromise. It does so by increasing employee contributions for new hires while reducing future benefits for current employees. As a longtime advocate for responsible pension reform, I was pleased to see this legislation pass the House and Senate and be signed into law.

As a third-grade student, I met with the governor to discuss pension reform. He asked us to write down our ideas. I wrote, “If people don’t pay taxes, they should be fired.” I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister. I was passionate about this issue. My mother was a teacher, and I was educated by her and my sister.
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As a lifelong advocate for pension reform, I voted in favor of a change to the state’s pension system.

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The new system offers future public employees a choice among three retirement options – a hybrid defined benefit/defined contribution plan and a defined contribution retirement plan.

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As a longtime advocate for responsible pension reform, I voted for a change to the state’s pension system. The new law is important because it levels the playing field for public employees and public school teachers hired after 2019.

Medical marijuana 15 years on

On April 17, 2016, Gov. Wolf signed the medical marijuana bill into law. It was an historic event, and I was pleased to have played a large part in developing the legislation and working to get the bill passed into law.

However, it takes time to set up a program of this magnitude that has the safeguards we need.

While the Department of Health continues to make progress, here is a look at what’s been accomplished so far:

Medical marijuana 15 years on

So far, the Health Department has:

- Issued more than 6,000 patient certifications for medical marijuana (as of June 2019), which makes the program currently the only legal medicinal program in the state of Pennsylvania.

Due to this successful implementation of the medical marijuana program, the Health Department has adhered to the timelines set for this year.

House passes bill eliminating waiting period for marriage licenses

There is a provision in Pennsylvania law that requires a 60-day waiting period for marriages between same-sex couples.

On March 13, 2019, the Senate passed a bill that eliminates the waiting period for same-sex couples wishing to marry.

The House of Representatives passed the bill, H.B. 31, in early February.

Petraeus pushes for Officer Down alert system

I support a bill that would create the Officer Down system. The bill would allow families of officers killed or severely injured to post status updates on social media indicating when the officer is down.

This is an important bill that would allow public officers to have access to a system similar to the Amber Alert system.

I am currently working to pass this important bill and make communities safer.

Increasing awareness of organ donation

We have passed legislation that would increase the awareness of organ donation in Pennsylvania.

Mandatory minimum sentences key to protecting citizens

In March, the House passed a bill that would increase the mandatory sentence for certain crimes in Pennsylvania.

Police body cameras subject of new law

Police agencies in Pennsylvania have been testing body cameras regularly as a way to protect both the police and the public. The police are now required to wear body cameras on the job, as well as adding a new section to the state law about public hearings in Luzerne County.

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No proposal is perfect. Pennsylvania’s pension crisis is not going away by layoffs that result in new employees joining the system, but a significant step forward that is necessary reforms to account for the system’s risk to taxpayers.

So far, the Health Department has:

- Launched the Medical Marijuana Patient and Caregiver Registry, https://padohmmp.custhelp.com/app/login
- Registered more than 100 physicians to participate in the program.
- Granted 12 grower/processor permits — two grower/processors for each of the six medical marijuana regions across Pennsylvania (we are in region 5 — Southwest); two growers already have been approved to start growing — one in Jefferson County and the other, Luzerne County.
- Granted licenses to 40 dispensaries.
- More than 6,000 patients have registered for the program.

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Police departments across the state are buying body cameras as a way to show the public and the police officials do the job to the best of their abilities.

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Deadline lastapproaching for Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications, help available
H.B. 31 is a bill that would expand the definition of marriage in Pennsylvania to include couples applying for their marriage license must wait three days before receiving it. In this time, the Department of General Services will conduct an investigation to determine whether the couple applying for the marriage license is the same. If the couple has been required for 20 years, there’s no need to delay when the couple’s intent to marry is already evident.

The offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public;

State’s medical marijuana law legal in Pennsylvania
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Petraeus pushes for Officer Down alert system
I support a bill that would create the Officer Down system. I would do for law enforcement officers what the Amber Alert system does for a kidnapper's victim. The Pennsylvania State Police was an advocate for this bill.

Mandatory minimum sentences key to protecting victims
In an effort to better protect the public, I worked with my colleagues in the House Judiciary Committee to pass a bill that would bring mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

Statute of limitations bill moves to House for consideration
Earlier this year, the House Judiciary Committee considered a bill that would abolish the statute of limitations for the future criminal prosecutions of child sexual abuse, allowing authorities who can prove guilt to charge defendants for offenses that occurred more than 30 years ago.

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The bill would give our exploited children a second chance at a successful, productive life. We owe them that chance. It would create a robust network system for children to safely and stable housing, education, life-skills training, and counseling to continue the fight against the sex trafficking. It would not support legalized prostitution.

We must work together to keep our communities and citizens safe. As a father of four sons and a daughter, it is important to me to continue to fight to protect children who may fall victim to this heinous crime. At the end of the June, the General Assembly—without my support—passed a bipartisan spending bill for the next fiscal year that included over a half billion dollars more than last year! If I had not voted against it, and if I had voted for the last four months for legislation to agree how to get it done. Petrarca votes ‘no’ on budget-related bills that include tax, fee increases, heavy cuts.

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Liber's Law signed
New protections for animals

In a rare outdoor ceremony in June, the governor signed and enacted Liber's Law—the comprehensive overhaul of Pennsylvania's animal protection laws. The new law gives voice and rights for animals who provide us companionship and service, but can't speak for themselves. The governor was proud to support the effort and the law that comprised his commitment, which culminated with Act 17 of 2017 — better known as Liber's Law named for the cute Boston terrier pup who was rescued from a Lancaster County farm after weeks of severe neglect.

This would not have been possible without the efforts of animal lovers and their fur friends across from the commonwealth working together to push for these reforms. It is now a felony to torture a pet, and anyone who severely neglects a dog or a horse loses a dog or a horse in extreme weather will face serious criminal charges and fines.

Those convicted of abusing or neglecting animals face further criminal charges.

Another provision offers limited civil immunity for law enforcement officers who remove a cat or dog from an unattended vehicle.

The bill would give our exploited children a second chance at a successful, productive life. We owe them freedom, not the chains of captivity they experienced in their first one.

The bill would also end the statute of limitations regarding sexual abuse crimes against children.

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In the meantime, Puredott is working to bring our driver's licenses into compliance with standards that Real ID-compliant licenses and IDs will be available at the customer's option in 2019. We must continue to gain access to federal buildings and military bases and continue to fly from commercial airports.

The governor signed the bill into law, which hopefully should put the state on track to end the months-long shortfall that threatened to disrupt travelers and businesses. Pennsylvania has not had a driver's license renewal fee increase in four years, and we have not abolished the statute of limitations regarding sexual abuse crimes against children, including human trafficking.

We must continue working together to end the harm of this crime.

As a father of four sons and a daughter, it is important to me that we keep our kids safe.

As children are victims, not criminals, and we must protect them and give all our love.

If you see something suspicious, say something.

We must work together to keep our communities and families safe, and provide a brighter future for tomorrow's Pennsylvanians.

Liber joins the governor by adding his paw print to the new law. This new law is landmark legislation that will help provide a better future for tomorrow's Pennsylvanians.

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For now, please know that the passage of this law gives us some breathing room and offers some peace of mind in knowing that you can visit a federal building or fly without being turned away at the gate.