



## **House Transportation Committee**

### ***Meeting Agenda***

Tuesday, February 3, 2025 at CALL OF THE CHAIR  
Room B31 Main Capitol Building

Call to Order

Roll call

- **SB 997 (Flynn)** – Adds one member of the Pennsylvania Online Messengers Association Board of Directors to the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.
- **SB 1058 (J. Ward)** – Updates the reference to E85, or FlexFuel, in the definition of Alternative Fuels to align it more closely to federal and international standards.

Any other business

- **SB 468 (Langerholc)** – Allows PennDOT to enter into interstate agreements for the research and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems (drones).

Adjournment



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB0997 PN1163	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jessica Sander (717) 772-1786
<b>Committee:</b>	Transportation	<b>Executive Director:</b>	Kyle Wagonseller
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Flynn, Marty		
<b>Date:</b>	1/23/2026		

### **A. Brief Concept**

Adds one member of the Pennsylvania Online Messengers Association Board of Directors to the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

Amends Section 7804 (relating to Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee) of Title 75 to increase the number of public committee members from 23 to 24 by adding one member of the Pennsylvania Online Messengers Association Board of Directors. With legislative appointees, this addition will bring the total number of committee members to 32.

### **Effective Date:**

60 days.

### **G. Relevant Existing Laws**

Section 7804 of Title 75 provides for the Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee. The Committee is currently consists of the following 31 members:

1. The Secretary of Transportation.
2. The Chairman of the PA Public Utility Commission.
3. The Chairman of the PA Turnpike Commission.
4. The Commissioner of the PA State Police.
5. The Chairman and Minority Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee.
6. The Chairman and Minority Chairman of the House Transportation Committee.
7. 23 members of the public representing specific areas of concern who have extensive experience and knowledge of motor carrier transportation and safety activities throughout Pennsylvania, appointed by the Governor as follows:
  1. One representative from the PA Chamber of Business and Industry.
  2. One representative from the PA Chiefs of Police Association.
  3. One representative from the Special Court Judges Association of PA.
  4. Two persons representing the interests of independent truckers.
  5. Two representatives from the PA Motor Truck Association.
  6. One representative from the PA Manufactured Housing Association.
  7. One representative from the PA AAA Federation.
  8. One representative from the PA Public Transportation Association.
  9. One representative from the PA Bus Association.
  10. One representative from the PA School Bus Association.
  11. One representative from the PA Forest Products Association.
  12. One person representing the interests of motor carrier drivers.
  13. One representative from the railroad industry in Pennsylvania.
  14. One person representing the interests of local government.
  15. One person representing the interests of the motor carrier manufacturing industry.
  16. Six representatives from the transport industry, each representing one of the following areas:
    1. Bulk products.

2. Moving and Storage.
3. Petroleum.
4. Natural gas.
5. Coal.
6. Construction material transportation

**E. Prior Session** (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)

N/A

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 997 Session of  
2025

INTRODUCED BY FLYNN, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

REFERRED TO TRANSPORTATION, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in motor carrier safety, further providing for  
3 Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 7804(a) introductory paragraph and (7)  
7 introductory paragraph of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes are amended and subsection (a)(7) is  
9 amended by adding a subparagraph to read:

10 § 7804. Motor Carrier Safety Advisory Committee.

11 (a) Creation.--There is hereby created a Motor Carrier  
12 Safety Advisory Committee which shall consist of the following  
13 [31] members:

14 \* \* \*

15 (7) [Twenty-three] Twenty-four members of the public  
16 representing the areas of concern specified who shall have  
17 extensive experience and knowledge of motor carrier  
18 transportation and safety activities throughout this  
19 Commonwealth, to be appointed by the Governor as follows:

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(xx) One member of the Pennsylvania Online  
Messengers Association Board of Directors.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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<b>Bill No:</b>	SB1058 PN1270	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Jessica Sander (717) 772-1786
<b>Committee:</b>	Transportation	<b>Executive Director:</b>	Kyle Wagonseller
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Ward, Judy		
<b>Date:</b>	1/27/2026		

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### **A. Brief Concept**

Updates the reference to E85, or FlexFuel, in the definition of Alternative Fuels to align it more closely to federal and international standards.

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

This bill amends Section 9002 (relating to definitions) of Chapter 90 (Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax) of Title 75 to update the reference to E85, or FlexFuel, by amending the definition of "alternative fuels." The bill removes current language referring to "gasoline-alcohol mixtures containing at least 85% alcohol by volume" and replaces it with "gasoline-ethanol mixtures containing 51% to 85% ethanol by volume as specified by the ASTM International D5798 standard as it existed on the effective date of this definition or a revised standard determined by ASTM International and specified by the department through regulation."

The definition of "liquid fuels" is also amended to reference the ASTM International method D-86.

### **Effective Date:**

60 days.

### **G. Relevant Existing Laws**

Per Section 9002 (relating to Definitions) of Chapter 90 (Liquid Fuels and Fuels Tax) of Title 75, E85, or FlexFuel, is taxable at the Alternative Fuels Tax rate and remitted by an Alternative Fuels Tax Permit Holder at the dealer-user level, but only if the product is a minimum of 85 percent ethanol with 15 percent gasoline. Other seasonal blends of this product (such as those containing 51 percent to 84 percent ethanol) are to be taxed at the Liquid Fuels rate and remitted by PA Registered Distributors at the distributor level.

In 2026, E85 is taxed at a rate of \$0.413/gallon. Liquid fuels (motor gasoline and gasohol) are taxed at a rate of \$0.576/gallon.

### **E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)**

No prior session information available.

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 1058 Session of  
2025

INTRODUCED BY J. WARD, STEFANO AND VOGEL, OCTOBER 16, 2025

SENATOR J. WARD, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 22, 2025

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in liquid fuels and fuels tax, further providing  
3 for definitions.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The definitions of "alternative fuels" and  
7 "liquid fuels" in section 9002 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

9 § 9002. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter  
11 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

13 "Alternative fuels." Natural gas, compressed natural gas  
14 (CNG), liquified natural gas (LNG), liquid propane gas and  
15 liquified petroleum gas (LPG), alcohols, [~~gasoline-alcohol~~  
16 ~~mixtures containing at least 85% alcohol by volume,~~] gasoline-  
17 ~~ethanol mixtures containing 51% to 83% 85% ethanol by volume as~~ <--  
18 ~~specified by the ASTM International D5798 standard as it existed~~  
19 ~~on the effective date of this definition or a revised standard~~

1 determined by ASTM International and specified by the department  
2 through regulation, hydrogen, hythane, electricity and any other  
3 fuel used to propel motor vehicles on the public highways which  
4 is not taxable as fuels or liquid fuels under this chapter.

5 \* \* \*

6 "Liquid fuels." All products derived from petroleum, natural  
7 gas, coal, coal tar, vegetable ferments and other oils. The term  
8 includes gasoline, naphtha, benzol, benzine or alcohols, either  
9 alone or when blended or compounded, which are practically and  
10 commercially suitable for use in internal combustion engines for  
11 the generation of power or which are prepared, advertised,  
12 offered for sale or sold for use for that purpose. The term does  
13 not include kerosene, fuel oil, gas oil, diesel fuel, tractor  
14 fuel by whatever trade name or technical name known having an  
15 initial boiling point of not less than 200 degrees fahrenheit  
16 and of which not more than 95% has been recovered at 464 degrees  
17 fahrenheit (ASTM International method D-86), liquified gases  
18 which would not exist as liquids at a temperature of 60 degrees  
19 fahrenheit and pressure of 14.7 pounds per square inch absolute  
20 or naphthas and benzols and solvents sold for use for industrial  
21 purposes.

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23 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

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<b>Bill No:</b>	SB0468 PN0893	<b>Prepared By:</b>	Kyle Wagonseller (717) 772-1786,6518
<b>Committee:</b>	Transportation	<b>Executive Director:</b>	Kyle Wagonseller
<b>Sponsor:</b>	Langerholc, Wayne		
<b>Date:</b>	10/2/2025		

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### **A. Brief Concept**

Allows PennDOT to enter into interstate agreements for the research and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems (drones).

### **C. Analysis of the Bill**

This bill amends Title 74 (Transportation) to create a new Chapter 67 (related to Unmanned Aircraft Systems) providing for interstate agreements for research and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems.

This bill defines the following terms:

- "Educational partner" is a school entity or an institution of higher education.
- "School entity" is a public school, including a charter school or cyber charter school, private school, nonpublic school, intermediate unit or area career and technical school, operating within PA.
- "Unmanned aircraft system" or "UAS" is an aircraft operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft.

This bill authorizes PennDOT to negotiate one or more interstate agreements with an agency or educational partner recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration for the research, testing, deployment, training or education of unmanned aircraft systems. The Governor must approve or disapprove each agreement negotiated by PennDOT. An agreement becomes effective upon approval by the Governor.

Following approval of an agreement, PennDOT must approve at least one entity to administer the research, testing and deployment of, and training or education or use of, a UAS on behalf of PennDOT. To be approved, an entity must be located on or near an airport in PA or an educational partner that offers aviation courses.

An interstate agreement must operate in:

1. A county of the fourth class with a population between 133,000 and 134,000 based on the most recent Federal decennial census (Cambria).
2. A county of the sixth class with a population between 74,000 and 75,000 based on the most recent Federal decennial census (Somerset).
3. Any other county in PA as approved by PennDOT.

A UAS may operate under this bill only if it is:

1. operated by a party to an interstate agreement entered into or otherwise authorized by a party or PennDOT.
2. authorized to operate and is operating in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines.

PennDOT may promulgate temporary regulations to implement this bill that must expire no later than three years after publication or promulgation of final form regulations, whichever is earlier. PennDOT's authority to adopt temporary regulations expires three years after the effective date.

PennDOT must transmit notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next available issue of the PA Bulletin when an interstate agreement is entered into and becomes effective.

**Effective Date:**

60 days.

**G. Relevant Existing Laws**

There is no relevant existing law related to interstate agreements for research and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems. Unmanned aircraft systems are primarily regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

**E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes)**

SB1338 (Langerholc) was introduced in the 2023-24 legislative session. It was approved by the Senate Transportation Committee (14-0) on 10/9/24. It received second consideration in the Senate on 10/21/24 and was subsequently re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on 10/21/24. There was no further action.

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## SENATE BILL

No. 468 Session of  
2025INTRODUCED BY LANGERHOLC, STEFANO, J. WARD, MASTRIANO,  
PENNYCUICK AND VOGEL, MARCH 18, 2025

SENATOR J. WARD, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, JUNE 4, 2025

## AN ACT

1 Amending Title 74 (Transportation) of the Pennsylvania  
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for interstate agreements  
3 for research and deployment of unmanned aircraft systems.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
7 Statutes is amended by adding a chapter to read:

CHAPTER 67UNMANNED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMSSubchapter

11 A. Interstate Agreements for Research and Deployment

12 B. (Reserved)

SUBCHAPTER AINTERSTATE AGREEMENTS FOR RESEARCH AND DEPLOYMENTSec.

16 6701. Definitions.

17 6702. Interstate agreements.

18 § 6701. Definitions.

1     The following words and phrases when used in this subchapter  
2     shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
3     context clearly indicates otherwise:

4     "Department." The Department of Transportation of the  
5     Commonwealth.

6     "Educational partner." A school entity or an institution of  
7     higher education.

8     "Institution of higher education." As defined in section  
9     1501-L of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as  
10    the Public School Code of 1949.

11    "School entity." A public school, including a charter school  
12    or cyber charter school, private school, nonpublic school,  
13    intermediate unit or area career and technical school, operating  
14    within this Commonwealth.

15    "Unmanned aircraft system" or "UAS." An aircraft operated  
16    without the possibility of direct human intervention from within  
17    or on the aircraft.

18    § 6702. Interstate agreements.

19    (a) Agreements authorized.--The department, on behalf of the  
20    Commonwealth, may negotiate one or more interstate agreements  
21    with an agency or educational partner recognized by the Federal  
22    Aviation Administration for the research, testing, deployment,  
23    training or education of unmanned aircraft systems.

24    (b) Approval required.--The Governor shall approve or  
25    disapprove each agreement negotiated by the department under  
26    subsection (a). An agreement shall become effective upon  
27    approval by the Governor.

28    (c) Administration of agreement.--Following approval under  
29    subsection (b), the department shall approve at least one entity  
30    to administer the research, testing and deployment of, and

1 training or education or use of, a UAS on behalf of the  
2 department. To be approved, an entity must be:

3 (1) located on or near an airport in this Commonwealth;  
4 or

5 (2) an educational partner that offers aviation courses.

6 (d) Location.--An interstate agreement shall operate in:

7 (1) A county of the fourth class with a population  
8 between 133,000 and 134,000 based on the most recent Federal  
9 decennial census.

10 (2) A county of the sixth class with a population  
11 between 74,000 and 75,000 based on the most recent Federal  
12 decennial census.

13 (3) Any other county in this Commonwealth as approved by  
14 the department.

15 (e) Operation of UAS.--A UAS may operate under this  
16 subchapter in this Commonwealth only if the UAS is:

17 (1) operated by a party to an interstate agreement  
18 entered into under this section or otherwise authorized by a  
19 party or the department consistent with an interstate  
20 agreement entered into under this section; and

21 (2) authorized to operate and is operating in compliance  
22 with all Federal, State or local APPLICABLE laws, regulations <--  
23 and guidelines.

24 (f) Regulations.--

25 (1) The department may promulgate temporary regulations  
26 to implement this subchapter that shall expire no later than  
27 three years after publication or upon promulgation of final-  
28 form regulations, whichever is earlier. The temporary  
29 regulations shall not be subject to the following:

30 (i) Section 612 of the act of April 9, 1929

1 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of  
2 1929.

3 (ii) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the act  
4 of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to as the  
5 Commonwealth Documents Law.

6 (iii) Section 204(b) of the act of October 15, 1980  
7 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys  
8 Act.

9 (iv) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181),  
10 known as the Regulatory Review Act.

11 (2) The department's authority to adopt temporary  
12 regulations under paragraph (1) shall expire three years  
13 after the effective date of this paragraph.

14 (g) Publication of interstate agreements.--The department  
15 shall transmit a notice to the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
16 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania  
17 Bulletin when an interstate agreement under this section is  
18 entered into and becomes effective.

19 SUBCHAPTER B

20 (Reserved)

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.