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House Consumer Protection, Technology and Utilities Committee

Meeting Agenda

June 23, 2026

Room 523 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll Call

HB 507 (Rep. Hanbidge) – Toxic metals in baby food.

- A03760 (Burgos) Changes the agency responsible for testing from the Department of Health to the Department of Agriculture and changes the type of arsenic to be tested for from inorganic arsenic to total arsenic.

HB 550 (Rep. Hanbidge) – BPA chemicals in baby bottles ban.

HB 1135 (Rep. Mihalek) – Banning Paraquat

HB 1213 (Rep. McNiel) – Excessive water usage red flags.

HB 2184 (Rep. Otten) – Ensuring the PUC includes a modernizes version of “public interest” when deciding utility rate cases.

- A03740 (Borowski) This amendment refines how the Public Utility Commission (PUC) applies nine public interest factors across different utility sectors, acknowledging their distinct regulatory priorities. Notably, it adds "safety" as a mandatory ninth factor for all sectors, expands grid modernization to include gas and water infrastructure, and extends the PUC ratemaking deadline to 12 months. It limits the bill's scope to utility rate mechanisms and decisions, requiring a streamlined "relevance determination" for minor proceedings,

while establishing a formal balancing framework and documentation requirement when factors conflict. Finally, it leverages existing DEP and EPA standards and mapping tools to handle environmental determinations and target Environmental Justice (Factor 8) toward specific low-income, overburdened, and minority communities, while replacing "all of the above" language with a modernized, comprehensive energy and demand management strategy.

HB 2377 (Rep. Dougherty) – Caffeine Safety Act.

- Amendment A03702 (Burgos) – increase the amount of caffeine to 250 mg and changes the name of the Act to “The Sarah Katz Caffeine Safety Act”.

HB 2626 (Rep. Davidson) – Bans dynamic pricing in retail stores when the price is displayed electronically.

Any Other Business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 507 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, HILL-EVANS, GIRAL, PIELLI, HOWARD,
CIRESI, SANCHEZ, SHUSTERMAN, FREEMAN, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, O'MARA,
FLEMING, WEBSTER, CERRATO AND GREEN, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

AN ACT

1 Providing for the testing and labeling of baby food and for
2 prohibited levels of toxic heavy metals in baby food; and
3 imposing duties on the Department of Health.

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

6 Section 1. Short title.

7 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Baby Food
8 Protection Act.

9 Section 2. Definitions.

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

13 "Baby food." Food that is pureed or minced to be easily
14 consumed by babies or toddlers under two years of age.

15 "Department." The Department of Health of the Commonwealth.

16 "Secretary." The Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth.

17 "Toxic heavy metal." An individual metal or metal compound

1 that negatively affects the health of individuals.

2 Section 3. Testing of baby food.

3 The department shall test a representative sample of each
4 batch of baby food manufactured in this Commonwealth for the
5 presence of inorganic arsenic, lead, cadmium, mercury or other
6 toxic heavy metal.

7 Section 4. Limits on toxic heavy metals.

8 (a) State limits.--Baby food that exceeds the following
9 limits for toxic heavy metals shall not be sold or otherwise
10 distributed in this Commonwealth:

11 (1) For inorganic arsenic, 10 parts per billion.

12 (2) For lead, five parts per billion.

13 (3) For cadmium, five parts per billion.

14 (4) For mercury, two parts per billion.

15 (b) Federal limits.--

16 (1) If at any time the United States Food and Drug
17 Administration sets a limit on inorganic arsenic, lead,
18 cadmium or mercury in baby food that is lower than the limit
19 specified in subsection (a), the department shall adopt the
20 lower Federal limit.

21 (2) If at any time the United States Food and Drug
22 Administration sets a limit on a toxic heavy metal, other
23 than inorganic arsenic, lead, cadmium or mercury, in baby
24 food, the department shall adopt the Federal limit.

25 Section 5. Labeling.

26 All baby food that has been tested by the department under
27 this act must be affixed with a label noting the levels of
28 inorganic arsenic, lead, cadmium and mercury found in the
29 representative sample from that batch and the presence of other
30 toxic heavy metals.

1 Section 6. Rules and regulations.

2 The department shall adopt or promulgate any necessary rules
3 or regulations to carry out the provisions of this act.

4 Section 7. Expiration.

5 If Federal legislation is enacted on or after the effective
6 date of this section that regulates the testing or labeling of
7 baby food or the limits on toxic heavy metals in baby food, the
8 following apply:

9 (1) Within 90 days of the enactment of the Federal
10 legislation, the secretary shall determine whether the
11 provisions of this act are substantially similar to the
12 Federal legislation or any part of the Federal legislation.

13 (2) If the secretary determines that the provisions of
14 this act are substantially similar to the Federal legislation
15 or any part of the Federal legislation, within 10 days of
16 that determination, the secretary shall transmit a notice to
17 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next
18 available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin that the
19 provisions of this act are substantially similar to the
20 Federal legislation or any part of the Federal legislation.

21 (3) Upon publication of the notice described in
22 paragraph (2), the provisions of this act that have been
23 determined to be substantially similar to the Federal
24 legislation or any part of the Federal legislation shall
25 expire.

26 Section 8. Effective date.

27 This act shall take effect in one year.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 550 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY HANBIDGE, McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, KHAN, GIRAL,
PIELLI, HOWARD, CIRESI, SANCHEZ, SHUSTERMAN, FREEMAN, CEPEDA-
FREYTIZ, O'MARA, OTTEN, CERRATO AND GREEN, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

AN ACT

Providing for bisphenol A-free container products for infants.

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

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the BPA-free
Container Products for Infants Act.

Section 2. Definitions.

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

"Container." A food or beverage container that serves as a
package, parcel or other vessel intended for use in storing,
heating or serving liquids or solids intended for consumption by
infants.

"Infant." A child under one year of age.

Section 3. Bisphenol A-free food and beverage containers for

infants.

(a) Prohibition.--A person may not manufacture, sell or distribute any container intended for use by infants that contains bisphenol A at a level above 0.1 parts per billion.

(b) Manufacturer standard.--A manufacturer under this section:

(1) Shall use the least toxic alternative when replacing bisphenol A in containers as provided under this section.

(2) May not replace bisphenol A with carcinogens rated by the Environmental Protection Agency as A, B or C carcinogens or substances listed as known or likely carcinogens, known to be human carcinogens, likely to be human carcinogens or suggestive of being human carcinogens, as described by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Integrated Risk Information System.

(3) May not replace bisphenol A with reproductive toxicants that cause birth defects, reproductive harm or developmental harm, as identified by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Section 4. Violation of Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

A violation of section 3 constitutes unfair methods of competition and unfair or deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of section 2(4) of the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, and shall be subject to the enforcement provisions, civil penalties and private rights of action contained in that act.

Section 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1135 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY MIHALEK, SHUSTERMAN, ROWE, SCIALABBA, O'MARA, MAJOR, FLEMING, HOGAN, WARNER, KAIL, LABS, LEADBETER, GLEIM, BOROWSKI, BENHAM, METZGAR, SAPPEY, GIRAL, SANCHEZ, KULIK, GAYDOS, NEILSON, KAUFFMAN, OTTEN, RIVERA, GREEN, KERWIN, WEBSTER, BANTA AND PUGH, APRIL 21, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, APRIL 21, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 1, 1974 (P.L.90, No.24), entitled "An
 2 act relating to the labeling, distribution, storage,
 3 transportation, use, application and disposal of pesticides
 4 and devices; providing for registration and examination of
 5 such materials; the licensing of pesticide dealers and pest
 6 management consultants and imposing penalties," providing for
 7 prohibited pesticides.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of March 1, 1974 (P.L.90, No.24), known
 11 as the Pennsylvania Pesticide Control Act of 1973, is amended by
 12 adding a section to read:

13 Section 27.1. Prohibited Pesticides.--(a) It shall be
 14 unlawful to use, or cause the use of, paraquat as a pesticide
 15 in this Commonwealth.

16 (b) As used in this section:

17 "CAS number" means the unique accession number assigned by
 18 the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American

1 Chemical Society, as of the effective date of this section, to a
2 substance.

3 "Paraquat" means the chemical with CAS number 4685-14-7 and
4 any salt of that chemical, including methyl viologen (CAS number
5 1910-42-5) and paraquat bismethylsulfate (CAS number 2074-50-2).

6 Section 2. All regulations are abrogated to the extent of
7 any inconsistency with this act.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect in one year.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1213 Session of
2025

INTRODUCED BY McNEILL, PIELLI, GIRAL, PROBST, HILL-EVANS,
SCHLOSSBERG, SANCHEZ, McANDREW, MERSKI AND PARKER,
APRIL 15, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, APRIL 15, 2025

AN ACT

Amending Titles 53 (Municipalities Generally) and 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in municipal authorities, providing for customer notice of atypical water usage; and, in rates and distribution systems, providing for customer notice of atypical water usage.

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

Section 1. Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 5624. Customer notice of atypical water usage.

A municipal authority shall provide notice to utility customers if the municipal authority determines that the water usage has increased by 200% for one month above the average water usage for the property. The municipal authority shall make reasonable efforts via telephone and electronic mail to inform the utility customer of the increase in usage and assist the utility customer in identifying potential leaks or other wasteful inefficiencies on the property.

Section 2. Title 66 is amended by adding a section to read:
§ 1354.1. Customer notice of atypical water usage.

A public utility shall provide notice to utility customers if the public utility determines that the water usage has increased by 200% for one month above the average water usage for the property. The public utility shall make reasonable efforts via telephone and electronic mail to inform the utility customer of the increase in usage and assist the utility customer in identifying potential leaks or other wasteful inefficiencies on the property.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2184 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY OTTEN, WAXMAN, PROBST, HILL-EVANS, RABB, HADDOCK,
HOWARD, STEELE, SAPPEY, PROKOPIAK, POWELL, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ,
PARKER, FRANKEL, CIRESI, RIVERA, WEBSTER, BRENNAN,
SHUSTERMAN, FREEMAN, VITALI, BOROWSKI, HANBIDGE, D. WILLIAMS
AND O'MARA, JANUARY 30, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

AN ACT

Amending Title 66 (Public Utilities) of the Pennsylvania
Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions, further
providing for definitions; in powers and duties, providing
for public interest; and, in rates and distribution systems,
further providing for rates to be just and reasonable, for
voluntary changes in rates and for rates fixed on complaint
and investigation of costs of production.

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

Section 1. Section 102 of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania
Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

§ 102. Definitions.

Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
provisions of this part which are applicable to specific
provisions of this part, the following words and phrases when
used in this part shall have, unless the context clearly
indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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"Public interest." Factors used to determine public interest by the commission under section 531 (relating to public interest).

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Section 2. Title 66 is amended by adding a section to read:
§ 531. Public interest.

(a) Public interest findings.--When making a decision regarding a utility, the commission shall use the following to determine whether the decision is in the public interest:

(1) The affordability of utility rates for current and future residential customers.

(2) The utility's plans for use of an all-of-the-above energy strategy, including:

(i) development of distributed generation resources;

(ii) development of renewable energy and storage resources;

(iii) generation resources with little or no volatility in fuel prices; and

(iv) demand-side resources, including energy efficiency, to insulate customers from future rate increases and bill increases.

(3) Modernization and improvement of the reliability of Pennsylvania's electric grid, if applicable, including both the transmission and distribution grid.

(4) Protection of public health and the environment, including reduction of air emissions, water withdrawals, water consumption and water discharges.

(5) The potential for economic growth, including:

(i) jobs;

(ii) economic output; and

(iii) State and local tax revenues.

(6) Improvement of utility reliability and resiliency.

(7) Improvements in energy efficiency.

(8) Environmental justice considerations.

(b) Documentation.--The commission shall include public interest findings under subsection (a) in all decisions relating to public utilities.

Section 3. Sections 1301(a), 1308(a) and 1309(a) of Title 66 are amended to read:

§ 1301. Rates to be just and reasonable.

(a) Regulation.--Every rate made, demanded, or received by any public utility, or by any two or more public utilities jointly, shall be just and reasonable, consistent with the public interest and in conformity with regulations or orders of the commission. Only public utility service being furnished or rendered by a municipal corporation, or by the operating agencies of any municipal corporation, beyond its corporate limits, shall be subject to regulation and control by the commission as to rates, with the same force, and in like manner, as if such service were rendered by a public utility.

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§ 1308. Voluntary changes in rates.

(a) General rule.--Unless the commission otherwise orders, no public utility shall make any change in any existing and duly established rate, except after 60 days notice to the commission, which notice shall plainly state the changes proposed to be made in the rates then in force, how the changes proposed are consistent with the public interest and the time when the

changed rates will go into effect. The public utility shall also give such notice of the proposed changes to other interested persons as the commission in its discretion may direct. Such notices regarding the proposed changes which are provided to the utility's customers shall be in plain understandable language as the commission shall prescribe. All proposed changes shall be shown by filing new tariffs, or supplements to existing tariffs filed and in force at the time. The commission, for good cause shown, may allow changes in rates, without requiring the 60 days notice, under such conditions as it may prescribe.

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§ 1309. Rates fixed on complaint; investigation of costs of production.

(a) General rule.--Whenever the commission, after reasonable notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon complaint, finds that the existing rates of any public utility for any service are unjust, unreasonable, inconsistent with the public interest, or in anywise in violation of any provision of law, the commission shall determine the just and reasonable rates, including maximum or minimum rates, to be thereafter observed and in force, and shall fix the same by order to be served upon the public utility, and such rates shall constitute the legal rates of the public utility until changed as provided in this part. Whenever a public utility does not itself produce or generate that which it distributes, transmits, or furnishes to the public for compensation, but obtains the same from another source, the commission shall have the power and authority to investigate the cost of such production or generation in any investigation of the reasonableness of the rates of such public

utility.

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Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2377 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY DOUGHERTY, FREEMAN, GIRAL, McNEILL, HILL-EVANS,
HOHENSTEIN, NEILSON, SANCHEZ, MADDEN, HOWARD, GALLAGHER AND
BELLMON, APRIL 10, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND
UTILITIES, APRIL 13, 2026

AN ACT

Amending Title 3 (Agriculture) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
Statutes, in food protection, providing for caffeine safety.

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

Section 1. Section 5705 of Title 3 of the Pennsylvania
Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

§ 5705. [(Reserved)] Caffeine safety.

(a) Disclosure required.--A proprietor of a retail food
facility that offers for sale a beverage containing at least 80
milligrams of total caffeine per serving, whether as a standard
menu item or temporary menu item, shall clearly and
conspicuously display a disclosure for the beverage.

(b) Contents and placement of disclosure.--The disclosure
required under subsection (a) shall:

(1) state "high caffeine" or use another similar
warning, icon or symbol approved by the department; and

(2) appear directly next to the name of the beverage and

be clearly associated with the beverage on each menu on which the beverage appears.

(c) Enforcement.--If a licensor receives a written complaint or otherwise has reason to believe that a proprietor has violated this section, the licensor shall provide written notice to the proprietor of the alleged violation and order the proprietor to take appropriate corrective action. A proprietor that remains in violation of subsection (a) 30 days after receiving the written notice shall be subject to the penalties under section 5714 (relating to penalties).

(d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Menu." A posted, written or electronic list or display, including a menu board, that identifies the name and price of a beverage offered for sale by a retail food facility.

"Temporary menu item." An item that appears on a menu for less than a total of 60 days in a calendar year, whether consecutively or nonconsecutively.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 90 days.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 2626 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY DAVIDSON, WAXMAN, MAZZOCCO, FREEMAN, CEPEDA-FREYTIZ, DONAHUE, SANCHEZ, CURRY, HILL-EVANS, FLEMING AND CIRESI, JUNE 10, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION, TECHNOLOGY AND UTILITIES, JUNE 12, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 17, 1968 (P.L.1224, No.387),
2 entitled "An act prohibiting unfair methods of competition
3 and unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of
4 any trade or commerce, giving the Attorney General and
5 District Attorneys certain powers and duties and providing
6 penalties," further providing for definitions.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2(4) of the act of December 17, 1968
10 (P.L.1224, No.387), known as the Unfair Trade Practices and
11 Consumer Protection Law, is amended by adding a subclause and
12 the section is amended by adding a clause to read:

13 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act.

14 * * *

15 (4) "Unfair methods of competition" and "unfair or deceptive
16 acts or practices" mean any one or more of the following:

17 * * *

18 (xx.1) Using dynamic pricing to offer or set a price for a
19 good or service in a retail store physically located within this

1 Commonwealth if that price is displayed electronically in a
2 manner which enables a person or automated system to remotely
3 change the price displayed using dynamic pricing.

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5 (14) "Dynamic pricing" means pricing that fluctuates
6 dependent on conditions where models retrain or recalibrate on
7 information in near real time, excluding promotional pricing
8 offers, loyalty program benefits or other temporary discounts or
9 changes to pricing related to retention of existing customers.

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