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WINTER 2018

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If you would like to be kept informed via email about what is going on in the district and in Harrisburg, go to the "Contact my office" menu on www.pahouse.com/Deasy and select "Sign Up for Emails."

REP. DEASY AND SEN. FONTANA

*are Partnering with U.S. Probation & PreTrial Services
and a local workforce development agency to host a*

JOB FAIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
BEECHVIEW

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Social Hall
1810 Belasco Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Rep. Dan Deasy and Sen. Wayne Fontana are partnering with U.S. Probation & PreTrial Services and a local workforce development agency to host this event in an effort to help job seekers. The event will feature local companies looking to fill positions now. We urge anyone looking for employment to attend this event!

Representatives will also be on hand to talk about apprenticeships and other technical training programs to help individuals gain information on acquiring new skills to become gainfully employed.

OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO EMPLOYMENT

ATTEND JOB FAIR'S BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Many job seekers face barriers to employment. Some of those barriers deal with issues related to a past criminal record, issues with transportation because of a suspended driver's license, or lack of a high school diploma (GED) or necessary job skills.

ATTEND ONE OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Driver's License Restoration Process
Presenter: U.S. Probation &
PreTrial Services

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Improving Job Skills & Short Term
Training Programs
Presenter: Building Bridges
for Business

5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Pardon & Record Expungement
Presenters: U.S. Probation &
PreTrial Services & Building
Bridges for Business

** FOR GED INFORMATION – VISIT THE
TABLES STAFFED BY THE GREATER
PITTSBURGH LITERACY COUNCIL AND
GOODWILL INDUSTRIES **

PENNSYLVANIA'S RECORD EXPUNGEMENT ACT

A relatively new law in Pennsylvania provides for criminal record expungement in specific situations.



This act, which I voted for, will help many Pennsylvanians become employed, as some lesser transgressions of their past will be shielded from potential employers. There are too many cases in which people make a mistake when they are young and it wreaks havoc on their lives for years to come.

Making record expungement more accessible prevents a completed sentence from becoming an indefinite sentence.

Under the law, a person convicted of a third-degree misdemeanor or a second-degree misdemeanor, if at least 10 years have passed since they have completed their sentence, can request the opportunity to appear before a judge and request an order for limited access to their criminal record. Criminal justice and government agencies are not subject to the order for limited access, and they still are able to see a person's entire criminal record information.

All violent offenses punishable by imprisonment of more than two years, and many other offenses of a serious nature, are not eligible for an order of limited access.

For more information about record expungement in Allegheny County under Act 5 of 2016, contact the Court at 412-350-2671 or visit the website at: <http://www.alleghenycounty.us/court-records/criminal/expungements.aspx>.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT REAL ID.

What is REAL ID?

Passed by Congress in 2005, the REAL ID Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards, and prohibits federal agencies from accepting, for official purposes, licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards.

DHS has stated that beginning Jan. 22, 2018, travelers who have driver's licenses issued by a state that is not yet compliant with REAL ID and that has not received an extension will need to show an alternative form

Pennsylvania has been granted an extension to the REAL ID Act through Oct. 10, 2018. What does that mean?

The extension means that current PennDOT-issued driver's licenses and identification cards can be used to enter federal facilities and board domestic commercial flights through Oct. 10, 2018.

What is Pennsylvania doing about REAL ID?

On May 26, 2017, Gov. Tom Wolf signed Act 3 of 2017 (SB133) into law, which did the following:

- Repealed Act 38 of 2012, which prohibited any state agency from complying with REAL ID.
- Created an opt-in system, where Pennsylvanians can choose to get a standard-issued driver's license or photo ID that DOES NOT comply with REAL ID, or a new driver's license or photo ID that DOES comply with REAL ID.
- Prohibited the commonwealth from mandating REAL ID for any reason.

With the enactment of Act 3 of 2017, the PA Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is currently in the process of working with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to implement REAL ID. On Aug. 25, 2017, PennDOT submitted an initial report to the General Assembly outlining the planned deployment and costs of REAL ID.

How will REAL ID affect Pennsylvania residents?

A standard-issued PA driver's license and photo ID does not currently comply with REAL ID. As a result of Act 3 of 2017, PennDOT applied for an extension for compliance until October 2020. DHS has recently granted Pennsylvania an enforcement extension through Oct. 10, 2018.

of acceptable identification for domestic air travel. **Because Pennsylvania is currently under a REAL ID extension, travelers with PennDOT-issued driver's licenses or ID cards may continue to use their licenses as usual.**

REAL ID does NOT apply to the following:

- Entering federal facilities that do not require a person to present identification, such as a post office or Social Security office;
- Voting or registering to vote;
- Applying for or receiving federal benefits;
- Being licensed by a state to drive;
- Accessing health or life-preserving services (including hospital and health clinics), law enforcement, or constitutionally protected activities (including a defendant's access to court proceedings and jury duty);
- Participating in law enforcement proceedings or investigations.

What changes are needed for a PA driver's license and photo ID to comply with REAL ID?

To comply with REAL ID, a state-issued ID must contain: (1) full legal name; (2) date of birth; (3) gender; (4) driver's license or ID card number; (5) digital photograph of the person; (6) address of principal residence; (7) person's signature; (8) physical security features designed to prevent tampering, counterfeiting, or duplication of the document for fraudulent purposes; and (9) a common machine-readable technology, with defined minimum data elements.

Additionally, a system of state-issued licenses and IDs must require in-person presentation of documents verifying your identity, as well as certain technology, security and application processing requirements.

How much will it cost Pennsylvania to implement REAL ID?

According to PennDOT's initial report to the General Assembly as required by Act 3 of 2017, the total start-up costs to implement REAL ID between August 2017 and March 2019 are approximately \$24 million to \$30 million. The most significant cost of compliance will be from PennDOT creating new facilities and hiring more staff to handle the anticipated increased customer traffic from REAL ID applications.

After start-up, the ongoing costs will be approximately \$26.3 million to \$28.5 million in the first full year of operation, and will decrease to approximately \$17 million to \$20 million for each year thereafter.

Will I have to get a REAL ID once they're available? Will this be in addition to my license or photo ID?

No, a REAL ID is not mandatory. Once implemented, Pennsylvanians can choose to get either the standard-issued driver's license or photo ID that DOES NOT comply with REAL ID, or a driver's license or photo ID that DOES comply with REAL ID. If you choose to get a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or photo ID, it will replace your standard version.

When will REAL IDs be available in Pennsylvania and how much will they cost?

PennDOT estimates that the optional REAL ID-compliant driver's licenses and photo IDs will be available by Spring 2019.

A REAL ID-compliant driver's license or photo ID will cost a one-time fee of \$30, plus a renewal fee (current renewal fee is \$30.50 for a four-year non-commercial driver's license or photo ID). The expiration date of your initial REAL ID product will include any time remaining on your existing non-REAL ID product, plus an additional four years, unless the customer is over 65 and has a two-year license. This means that you will not "lose" time that you've already paid for. After the initial REAL ID product expires, the customer will pay no additional fee – beyond regular renewal fees – to renew a REAL ID.

What can I do now to get ready for REAL ID?

REAL ID products will not be available until Spring 2019. However, PennDOT is encouraging customers who want a REAL ID to start gathering and verifying the required documents as soon as possible. To get a REAL ID product, PennDOT must verify the following documents:

- Proof of identity (original or certified copy of a birth certificate with a raised seal or valid U.S. passport);
- Proof of Social Security number (Social Security card);
- Proof of all legal name changes (marriage license or court order issued by your county's family court);

- Two proofs of current, physical PA address (current, unexpired PA license or ID, and a no more than 90-day-old bank statement or utility bill with the same name and address).

If you obtained your first PA driver's license or ID after September 2003, PennDOT may already have these verified documents on file. As a result, beginning in March 2018, these customers can visit the PennDOT website and request that PennDOT confirm that the customer's documents are on file. If on file, you can pay the one-time fee and receive a REAL ID product through the mail once available without visiting a Driver's License Center.

If your documents are not on file, or if you obtained your first PA driver's license or ID before September 2003, you can bring in the required documents to a Driver's License Center to be verified in person beginning September 2018. You would then receive the REAL ID product through the mail once available.

If I don't have a REAL ID-compliant license or photo ID, can I still board a flight? What about children?

Since Pennsylvania was granted an enforcement extension through Oct. 10, 2018, a PA driver's license or photo ID can be used at airports through at least that date. If no other extensions are granted past Oct. 10, 2018 and an adult passenger does not have a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or photo ID, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will accept any of the following instead:

- U.S. passport or U.S. passport card;
- DHS trusted traveler cards (Global Entry, NEXUS, SENTRI, FAST);
- U.S. military ID (active duty or retired military and their dependents, and DoD civilians);
- Permanent resident card or border crossing card;
- DHS-designated enhanced driver's license;
- Airline or airport-issued ID (if issued under a TSA-approved security plan);
- Federally recognized, tribal-issued photo ID;
- HSPD-12 PIV card or U.S. Merchant Mariner credential;
- Foreign government-issued passport;
- Canadian provincial driver's license or Indian and Northern Affairs Canada card;
- Transportation worker identification credential;
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Card (I-766).

The TSA does not require children under 18 to provide identification when traveling with a companion within the United States. All passengers and children must present a U.S. passport when traveling outside the United States.

What if I don't drive, or can't drive?

If you don't already have a REAL ID such as a passport or military ID, and you don't or can't drive, you will have the option to get a REAL ID-compliant photo ID.

AROUND THE DISTRICT ...



MT. WASHINGTON

Rep. Deasy and Rep. Harry Readshaw partnered with Allegheny County Sheriff's Department/Project DUMP to collect unwanted and unneeded perscription medications from seniors at the Mt. Washington Healthy Active Living Center. Pictured with Deasy and Readshaw is Deputy Joe Cirigliano from the Sheriff's Office.



BROOKLINE

Rep. Deasy joined Pittsburgh City Councilman Anthony Coghill, Rep. Dan Miller, County Councilman Bob Palmosina and Sen. Wayne Fontana at an elected officials' event at Brookline Teen Outreach.



BEECHVIEW

Rep. Deasy has a satellite office at the Beechview Healthy Active Living Center. His staff is on hand every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon to assist residents with state-related matters. Here, Deasy is pictured with County Councilman Bob Palmosina and Renee Flaherty, director of the Beechview Center.



THORNBURG

Rep. Deasy visits with Thornburg Borough Mayor Tom Mackin. Deasy worked with Mackin and the borough to secure funding last year to re-open Cornell Street, which was closed due to a landslide.

CRAFTON

Rep. Deasy recently attended the Crafton Volunteer Fire Dept. dinner where he recognized Mr. Roy Hermes for his 65 years of volunteer service with the department. Deasy is pictured here with Hermes, Sen. Wayne Fontana and Crafton Fire Chief Mike Crown.



McKEES ROCKS

Rep. Deasy and Rep. Anita Kulik discuss issues with Sto-Rox School District Superintendent Frank Dalmas at the Sto-Rox Opioid Crisis Summit held at the Sto-Rox Primary Center.



WEST END

Rep. Deasy presented Pittsburgh Police Officer Tiffany Kline-Costa a legislative citation from the PA House of Representatives in recognition of her Officer of the Year award.

INGRAM

Rep. Deasy recently met with Ingram Police Chief Jack Doherty and Borough Secretary Debbie Stecko to discuss local issues.



LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OPEN

DEADLINE TO FILE IS APRIL 1

It has been an extremely cold winter, which has driven home heating costs through the roof. Many families are struggling to pay those heating bills. Do you need help paying your home heating bill?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is available in the form of cash grants to help low-income households pay for regular home heating fuel and utility bills, and crisis grants, which assist with heating emergencies such as furnace failures and unexpected fuel shortages.

Eligibility is based on household size, income level, type of heating and fuel region. Applicants must provide proof of income, household size, and a recent bill or

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$18,090
2	\$24,360
3	\$30,630
4	\$36,900
5	\$43,170
6	\$49,440
7	\$55,710
8	\$61,980
9	\$68,250
10	\$74,520
Each Additional Person Add	\$6,270

statement from their utility company or fuel dealer verifying their customer status and the type of fuel used.

Forms are available in my office and my staff will help you file them for free. LIHEAP grant applications are also available online at www.compass.state.pa.us.

The Dollar Energy Fund also provides home heating assistance. You must apply for LIHEAP before applying for a Dollar Energy Fund grant.

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services will accept Dollar Energy Fund grant applications Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Human Services Building, 1 Smithfield St. in Pittsburgh.

Visit <https://www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/application-process/> for a step-by-step guide to the application process.

As always, please feel free to contact my office at 412-928-9514 if you have questions about this program or need an application.



IRS SCAMS – BEWARE

We are at the height of income tax season. The IRS, as stated on its website (<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts>), is asking taxpayers to remember that thousands of people have lost millions of dollars and their personal information to tax scams. Scammers use the regular mail, telephone, or email to set up individuals, businesses, and payroll and tax professionals.

Always remember that the IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers by email, text messages or social media channels to request personal or financial information. Recognize the telltale signs of a scam. See also: How to know it's really the IRS calling or knocking on your door at: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/how-to-know-its-really-the-irs-calling-or-knocking-on-your-door-0>.

IRS-Impersonation Telephone Scams

A sophisticated phone scam targeting taxpayers, including recent immigrants, has been making the rounds throughout the country. Callers claim to be IRS employees, using fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. They may know a lot about their targets, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling.

Victims are told they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a gift card or wire transfer. Victims may be threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver's license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may be told they have a refund due to try to trick them into sharing private information. If the phone isn't answered, the scammers often leave an "urgent" callback request.

Some thieves have used video relay services (VRS) to try to scam deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals. Taxpayers are urged not to trust calls just because they are made through VRS, as interpreters don't screen calls for validity. For details see the IRS video: Tax Scams via Video Relay Service at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LHYB-g-pTTc>.

Limited English Proficiency victims are often approached in their native language, threatened with deportation, police arrest and license revocation, among other things. IRS urges all taxpayers caution before paying unexpected tax bills. Please see: IRS Alerts Taxpayers with Limited English Proficiency of Ongoing Phone Scams at: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-alerts-taxpayers-with-limited-english-proficiency-of-ongoing-phone-scams-urges-caution-before-paying-unexpected-tax-bills>.

Note that the IRS doesn't:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Don't fall victim to these scams. For more information or to report a phone scam, contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 800-366-4484. Report an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, or an IRS-related component like the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov.



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Protect yourself from identity theft!

Join **State Rep. DAN DEASY** and **Sen. WAYNE FONTANA**
as they co-host

FREE SHREDDING EVENTS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GREEN TREE BOROUGH

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018

9 A.M. – NOON
Green Tree Park
905 Green Tree Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15220

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CRAFTON AND INGRAM BOROUGHS

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018

9 A.M. – NOON
Crafton Park
167 W. Steuben Street
Crafton, PA 15205

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM

My office has received the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications for eligible residents to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid in 2017, and my staff is ready to help!

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 or older; widows and widowers age 50 or older; and people with disabilities age 18 or older. They can apply for a rebate on their rent or property taxes. The income guidelines for applying are \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 a year for renters. Half of Social Security payments and even Social Security COLAs are excluded from income calculations. The maximum standard rebate is \$650.

IN 2017, MY STAFF COMPLETED HUNDREDS OF REBATE APPLICATIONS FOR MY CONSTITUENTS THAT RESULTED IN REBATES TOTALING NEARLY \$300,000!

The rebates

are distributed beginning July 1. The deadline to apply, for now, is June 30, but it is routinely extended until the end of the year.

Please ignore offers to assist with filing the application for a fee. My office offers help at no charge, and the state Revenue Department does not charge to process your application.

For an application or for assistance in completing the application, please visit my office at 436 S. Main St., Suite 100 in the West End.