

WEEKLY SESSION NOTES

SENATE REPUBLICAN POLICY COMMITTEE – JOHN PIPPY, CHAIRMAN

Monday, March 16, 2009

[Senate Bill 434](#) (Greenleaf) would amend Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the monetary limits of parental liability for the tortious acts of their children. The bill would increase the limit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 for injuries to one person and from \$2,500 to \$4,000 for injuries to more than one person. **[Passed: 48-0.](#)**

Tuesday, March 17, 2009

[Senate Bill 170](#) (Brubaker) would amend Title 7 (Banks and Banking) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit a mortgage licensee engaging in the mortgage loan business from being the exclusive recipient or designating the exclusive recipient of notices or other communications sent from a lender or servicer to a consumer. **[Passed: 48-0.](#)**

[Senate Bill 171](#) (Brubaker) would amend the Banking Code to protect employees in the banking industry from retaliation for making a good faith report of a violation of the law or for cooperating in an investigation. **[Passed: 48-0.](#)**

[Senate Bill 391](#) (Greenleaf) would repeal Act 513 of 1862, an obsolete act relating to the commitment of destitute and vagrant children in the City of Philadelphia. **[Passed: 48-0.](#)**

[Senate Resolution 55](#) (Pileggi) recognizes the month of March 2009 as “Brain Injury Awareness Month” in Pennsylvania. **[Adopted by Voice Vote.](#)**

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

[Senate Bill 436](#) (Costa) would amend the Crimes Code to clarify the definition of burglary. Under the bill, a person would commit burglary if, with the intent to commit a crime therein, the person enters a building or occupied structure, or separately secure or occupied portion thereof, that is adapted for overnight accommodations in which a person is present at the time of the offense. The same provisions would apply regardless of whether the structure is adapted for overnight accommodations and/or a person is present at the time of the offense. It would be a defense to prosecution if at the time of the commission of the offense, the building or structure was abandoned, the premises were open to the public, or the actor is licensed or privileged to enter. **[Passed: 49-0.](#)**