

Towing from A-5

support from Pennsylvania officials.

In a letter dated February 10, 2026, Donald Beishl, Chief of Staff to Pennsylvania Senator Doug Mastriano, expressed support for Troy's Law and thanked Kentucky advocates for their efforts to advance the legislation.

The letter stated:

"Troy's Law is an important proposal aimed at improving safety for tow truck operators by allowing the use of rear-facing blue flashing lights while stopped and assisting motorists on highways. Named in honor of Troy Caldwell, a tow operator

who was tragically killed while working on I-64 in 2024, the legislation is intended to increase visibility and encourage drivers to slow down, while appropriately restricting the use of blue lights during active towing."

The letter further noted that Pennsylvania had enclosed copies of its enacted Move Over bills and letters of support sent to Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear, Senate President Robert Stivers, and House Speaker David Osborne. Pennsylvania officials offered to serve as a resource and share their experience as Kentucky considers the

measure.

Kentucky does not need to lead the nation on this issue. But we should not lag behind when other states have already shown that stronger visibility laws can save lives.

Every time a tow operator steps out of a truck onto a highway shoulder, there is risk. Every time traffic speeds past without slowing down, that risk increases. And every time legislation designed to improve safety sits idle, families continue to wait and wonder whether their loved one will make it home.

This is not a partisan is-

sue. It is not about politics. It is about protecting hard-working men and women who serve the public every single day.

The question remains: How many more funerals will it take before action is taken?

Troy's Law deserves a vote. It deserves open debate. And Kentucky's tow operators deserve to know that their safety matters.

It is time to move Troy's Law out of committee and put it to a vote.

Lives depend on it.

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Update from A-3

create a new statewide leadership training program for new school principals. Beginning in the 2027–2028 school year, principals in their first five years on the job would participate in a structured, cohort-based practicum that provides mentoring, professional training, and peer support. The program is designed to better prepare principals for instructional leadership, school safety, accountability, and managing staff and student needs—without adding new financial burdens for school districts. Most participation costs would be covered by the state, and training hours could count toward existing professional requirements.

Senate Bill 71 SB 71 strengthens fiscal oversight and governance by expanding required training for local school board members. The bill establishes a structured in-service training framework that includes finance, ethics and open meetings and open records education, with requirements tailored to a board member's length of service. It also adds training related to superintendent evaluation and requires boards to formally review budget roles and responsibilities with district leadership. SB 71 makes reforms to ensure school board members have a consistent understanding of financial responsibilities and public resource management. It aims to improve financial decision-making and accountability in public education.

Senate Bill 136 Updates Kentucky's unemployment insurance fraud procedures by requiring the Education and Labor Cabinet to refer suspected fraud cases directly to the U.S. Department of Labor and local prosecutors. It removes the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the U.S. Department of Justice from the referral process, streamlining investigations and clarifying lines of accountability. The bill also requires referrals to be made within 30 days of detecting suspected fraud and ensures no employment termination occurs without a legal finding of guilt under state evidentiary standards.

Senate Bill 183 Strengthens corporate accountability in Kentucky by requiring proxy advisory firms—companies that influence shareholder votes—to prioritize financial reasoning over political or ideological agendas. The bill builds on the 2025 bill of the same number by expanding the law's standards to cover all publicly traded companies doing business in Kentucky, not just those incorporated here. If a proxy firm bases its recommendations on environmental, social or other non-financial factors, it must clearly disclose that information to shareholders, the company

and the attorney general, explaining how those interests shaped its advice. SB 183 treats violations as deceptive business practices under Kentucky law and empowers companies, shareholders and state officials to take legal action. It also bars proxy firms from giving materially different advice to different clients without disclosure. By holding major players like ISS and Glass Lewis accountable, SB 183 ensures proxy recommendations align with sound financial judgment and protect long-term investor value.

Senate Bill 45 is my legislation to protect Kentucky's agriculture community and ensure that a vital part of our economy is not undermined by overreach or radical activist efforts aimed at shutting down lawful operations.

SB 45 strengthens protections for agritourism and working-animal activities across the commonwealth by making clear that local governments cannot impose unreasonable or impractical restrictions on legitimate agricultural businesses. Kentucky's farms and rural enterprises are already subject to health, safety, zoning, and animal welfare laws. This bill ensures they can continue operating within those existing standards without facing burdensome or politically motivated regulations.

The legislation clarifies and modernizes our agritourism statutes by formally recognizing activities such as farm tours, rodeos, livestock exhibitions, carriage rides, and other working-animal events when conducted in compliance with current law.

It prevents cities, counties, and other political subdivisions from adopting rules that create undue obstacles for farmers and operators, while preserving full authority to enforce animal welfare, public safety, and criminal laws.

Kentucky agriculture is more than a tradition, it is a cornerstone of our economy and our way of life. Senate Bill 45 ensures that family farms, rural businesses, and responsible animal-related operations remain protected, competitive, and free to operate without unnecessary interference.

Senate Bill 118 Updates Kentucky law to establish clear consumer protections and regulatory standards for credit personal property insurance sold with closed-end loans, including coverage for financed collateral. The bill limits the amount and term of coverage, requires insurers to reflect a genuine risk of loss, and prohibits bundling or pricing practices that increase borrowers' costs. It strengthens transparency by requiring timely disclosure of coverage and costs and ensures refunds of unearned premiums when policies are canceled early. SB 118 requires insurers to

file policy forms and rates with the Department of Insurance while clarifying that vehicle financial protection products are regulated separately.

Senate Bill 145 Expands flexibility and modernizes licensing rules for alcoholic beverage caterers while improving efficiency at the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). The measure allows licensed caterers to sell alcoholic beverages at restaurants, removes outdated storage and Sunday sale restrictions and prevents the ABC from imposing arbitrary limits on event size or frequency. It prevents bureaucratic delays and provides greater certainty for Kentucky businesses by requiring the ABC to approve or deny all license applications within 45 days. The bill carries an emergency designation, which allows the changes to take effect immediately upon the bill's filing with the Secretary of State's Office.

Senate Bill 153 Strengthens accountability for contractors and protects homeowners from fraudulent and abusive practices, particularly following natural disasters. The bill targets deceptive marketing, damage inducement, improper financial relationships and unenforceable contract terms tied to insurance-funded repairs. It requires clear notice before assignment of insurance benefits and prevents contractors from collecting illegal or misleading fees. During declared emergencies, SB 153 authorizes the Attorney General to require contractor registration, limit aggressive in-person solicitation and require proof of registration at job sites while coordinating with local governments. The bill also strengthens enforcement by requiring prosecutors to refer suspected fraudulent insurance activity to the Department of Insurance for review. Recent enforcement actions, including court-ordered bans against contractors engaged in fraudulent conduct, underscore the need for stronger accountability tools to protect Kentucky families after disasters.

Senate Bill 155 Establishes a clear framework for responding quickly and effectively to animal health emergencies that threaten livestock, poultry or other domesticated animals across Kentucky. The bill authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the state veterinarian, to declare an animal health emergency and take targeted action when disease outbreaks, severe conditions or supply disruptions put animal welfare at risk. SB 155 grants emergency authority to deploy veterinary services, order quarantines, restrict the movement of animals or equipment, waive transportation rules for feed and medicine and

secure critical goods and services without delay. The measure supports coordination with local, state and federal partners to protect Kentucky agriculture, food supply chains and rural communities.

Senate Bill 158 Sets clear rules to protect consumers when buying optional financial products tied to vehicle purchases, such as debt cancellation or value protection plans. The bill makes sure these products are optional, clearly disclosed and priced separately from loan interest. It prevents lenders or dealers from requiring consumers to buy them as a condition of financing or a vehicle sale. SB 158 establishes consistent standards for contracts and applies to new agreements beginning Jan. 1, 2027, helping provide transparency and fairness for Kentucky vehicle buyers.

Senate Bill 160 Improves oversight of licensed child care centers while ensuring fair and consistent treatment for providers across Kentucky. The bill establishes clear standards the Cabinet for Health and Family Services must follow when reviewing violations and considering corrective action, suspension or revocation. It prevents a single violation of a corrective plan from automatically triggering license revocation unless the violation alone justifies that action, and it allows providers up to five business days to submit the requested documentation. SB 160 requires structured weekly support for new centers operating under preliminary licenses and limits violations during that probationary period, except in cases involving serious safety concerns. The reforms apply to pending licensing actions and take effect immediately, promoting accountability while preserving strong protections for child safety statewide.

Senate Bill 172 Known as the Fuel Surcharge Stability Act, SB 172 helps stabilize bills and improve affordability by allowing the Public Service Commission to extend the period during which utilities recover fuel costs, reducing sudden rate spikes for consumers. The bill requires coal severance taxes to be considered during fuel adjustment reviews and gives regulators flexibility to smooth fuel cost recovery when requested by a utility. The measure includes an emergency clause to take effect immediately, supporting greater rate stability for Kentucky households and businesses.

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Administration has been granted in the District Court of Carter County upon the following fiduciary appointments.

Dakota Alexander Beard, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix/Administrator, Brian and Lisa Beard, 245 Paradise Hill, Grayson, KY. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Robert W Miller, P O Box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment December 5th, 2025.

Marie Wilburn, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Keith Wilburn, 3105 Maple Leaf Sp. Lexington, KY 40509. Date of appointment November 26, 2025.

Kathy Ryna Wilburn, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Amy Bledsoe, 84 Edison Road, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. W. Jeffrey Scott, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment November 21, 2025.

Jo Ann Kiser, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Alisa Kiser Messer, 615 St Hwy 1773, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Whitley Hill Bailey, 106 Park Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment December 11, 2025.

Carl Adren Fannin, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Opal Ann Fannin, 2589 Jordan Fork, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. W. Jeffrey Scott, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment December 8th, 2025.

Marsha Lynn Marcus Hall, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Hon. Sarah Hall, 611 Kewanna Drive, Jeffersonville, IN 47130. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Sarah N Hall of FBT Gibbons LLP, 400 W Market Street Suite 3200, Louisville, KY 40202. Date of appointment December 11th, 2025.

Ray Dearl McCoy, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Rhonda Reynolds, 114 Binion Cem. Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon Hamilton, P O box 1387, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment December 17, 2025..

Charles R Teague, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Teresa Sagraves, 21 River Lane, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. W. Jeffrey Scott, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment December 17, 2025.

Terry Martin Horsley, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Micky Brown, 2202 Grahn Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Patrick Flannery, P O Box 1269. Date of appointment January 2, 2026.

Don Everman Jr. deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Valerie Everman, 81 Speaks Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Kayla D Porter, 117 South Hord Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 2, 2026.

Christopher Bradford, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Hannah Bradford, 88 Tulip Drive, Grayson , KY 41143. Date of appointment January 15th, 2026.

Lou Ella Thompson, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Bobby Dale Thompson, 630 Mason Circle, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Brandon Hamilton, P O Box 1387, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment January 15th, 2026.

Joyce Houck, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Regan Willer, 117 Ever charm Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Kayla D Porter, 117 South Hord Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 6th, 2026.

Rodrick Burnett, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Tony Pope, P O Box 433, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 28, 2026.

Marcella Joan Herren, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Denise Knipp, 315 Oscar Lane, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 12th, 2026.

Ralph John Binion, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Katelyn Binion, 6130 E US Hwy 60, Rush, KY 41168, Date of appointment February 10th, 2026.

Betty Zane Criswell, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, David Criswell, P O Box 129, Hitchens, KY 41146. Attorney for Estate, Hon. Randall J Greer, P O Box 145, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 10th, 2026.

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specific procedures or services that violate sincerely held religious, moral or ethical beliefs. The bill prohibits retaliation or discrimination against doctors, nurses and other providers for exercising conscience protections while preserving federal requirements related to

emergency medical treatment and sexual assault evidence collection. SB 72 clarifies key definitions, strengthens due process protections by requiring timely notice and response to complaints, and establishes enforcement tools for violations. By reinforcing conscience protections alongside patient safety standards, the bill aims to retain experienced providers and attract new health care professionals to the commonwealth.

Senate Bill 110 Modernizes Kentucky's vehicle titling and registration system by continuing the transition to secure electronic processes that reduce paperwork, improve efficiency and better serve vehicle owners, lenders and county clerks. The bill requires lienholders to use the electronic lien system beginning in 2027 and ensures the state's electronic titling and centralized lien systems are fully operational before broader implementation. It allows vehicle titles to be stored electronically with an option to request a printed

copy, expands the use of email or text notifications for registration and tax notices and authorizes the Transportation Cabinet to set certain titling and registration fees through administrative regulation beginning in 2027.

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reliable for Kentuckians. Each of these bills now move to the House for consideration.

Several important measures also cleared Senate committees this week and are now headed to the full Senate for a vote.

Natural Resources and Energy

Senate Bill 57 Advances a new Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program designed to accelerate nuclear energy development in Kentucky by supporting early federal permitting and structured partnerships between the state, utilities and private-sector partners. The legislation allows the state to invest up to \$25 million per project while incorporating strict accountability measures, milestone requirements and financial safeguards to protect taxpayers. Projects will be evaluated based on site suitability, regional economic impact and geographic diversity, with final approval retained by the General Assembly. The proposal positions Kentucky to compete for advanced nuclear investment as a part of our energy portfolio and provide long-term economic growth.

Committee passage is a notable step in the legislative process. It allows subject-matter experts and stakeholders to weigh in before measures reach the Senate floor.

As we move into week seven, floor action will continue to increase and our attention will begin turning more toward budget discussions and key priority legislation.

I remain committed to working hard on behalf of the people of the 18th District, so your voice is represented in every vote taken.