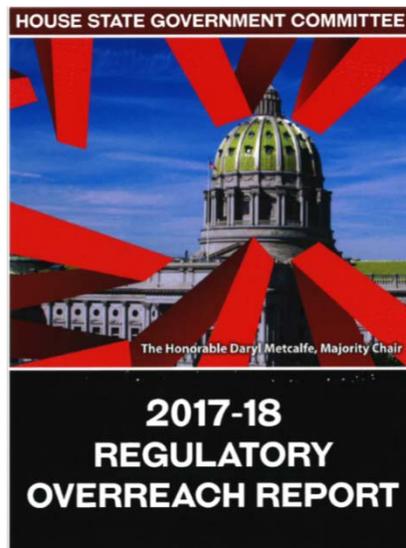


The Regulatory Process and Proposals for Reform

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Regulatory Overreach

“The Regulatory Overreach Report is a compilation of the findings from a series of public hearings that I convened to gather testimony from various employers, organizations and experts on state regulatory policy,” said House State Government Committee Chairman Daryl Metcalfe (R-Butler). “Without question, this report clearly demonstrates that it’s long-past time for the Legislature to avenge the ever-increasing injustices of Pennsylvania’s restrictive regulatory environment. Overregulation caused by unelected government bureaucrats is killing family-sustaining jobs, strangling opportunity and crippling economic growth.”

Regulatory Reform Bills 2017-2018 Regular Session

HB 209 (Phillips-Hill): Establishes the Independent Office of the Repealer to review statutes and regulations for possible revision/repeal.

HB 1237 (Keefer): Requires concurrent resolutions by the General Assembly for economically significant regulations.

HB 1792 (Benninghoff): Gives the General Assembly the ability to initiate the repeal of any regulation in effect in PA, by a concurrent resolution and prohibits that regulation from being promulgated in the future unless authorized by law.

HB 1959 (Rothman): Establishes the Permit Administration Act to provide for the management, tracking and oversight of permit applications by State agencies which administer permits in the Commonwealth.

HB 1960 (Ellis): Establishes the State Agency Regulatory Compliance Officer Act

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HB 209 (Phillips-Hill) – **HB 1055 (Klunk)**

HB 1237 (Keefer) – **HB 806 (Keefer)**

HB 1792 (Benninghoff) – **HB 430 (Benninghoff)**

HB 1959 (Rothman) – **HB 509 (Rothman)**

HB 1960 (Ellis) – **HB 762 (O'Neal)**

House Bill 1055
(Klunk)

Establishes the Independent Office of the Repealer.

Requires the office to review existing regulations and statutes.

Establishes a website to receive suggestions and comments.

Requires the office to submit a report to the General Assembly.

“Establishing the Office of the Repealer will allow Pennsylvania to focus on sensible, not outdated, burdensome regulation so that the Commonwealth can be a place where people want to live and do business once again,” said Phillips-Hill.”

House Bill 806 (Keefer)

"Economically significant regulation." A regulation that, if promulgated and implemented, may reasonably be expected to result in direct or indirect cost to the Commonwealth, to its political subdivisions and to the private sector in excess of \$1,000,000 on an annual basis.

Requires a concurrent resolution from the General Assembly to approve any economically significant regulation.

"Since taking office last January, I have heard from many business owners and residents about the suffocating regulations Pennsylvania imposes," Keefer said. "My bill would transform the Commonwealth into a less bureaucratic state and would enhance the review of proposed regulations that stifle economic growth."

House Bill 430 (Benninghoff)

Prohibits an agency from reissuing the same or similar regulation in the future unless it is specifically authorized by a law enacted after the concurrent resolution is approved.

Allows a committee to report a concurrent resolution to initiate the repeal of any regulation currently in effect.

"State government has a history of piling on unnecessary, costly regulations that, in the end, only hurt everyday Pennsylvanians," Benninghoff said. "Every dollar that is spent dealing with Pennsylvania's overzealous state agencies is a dollar that could have, and should have, been spent hiring a new employee, increasing wages, buying new equipment or giving back to the local community. It's time to remove these unnecessary impediments to job creation in Pennsylvania."

House Bill 509
(Rothman)

Establishes the Permit Administration Act.

Requires all state agencies to conduct an initial review of the agency's permit decisions and delays for the previous calendar year – the agency must report its findings to the General Assembly.

Requires all state agencies to compile a list of all permits issued by the state agency and establish a tracking system for permit applications.

"My bill is a common sense proposal to make the permitting process more transparent, boost economic growth and promote job creation," Rothman said. "My bill would create a system so applicants can track the progress of their permits. The reform also would require an explanation of the statutory reasons for a permit denial."

House Bill 762
(O'Neal)

Establishes the State Agency Regulatory Compliance Officer Act.

Requires agencies to designate an employee as the agency's regulatory compliance officer.

Thank You

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