
Governor Signs Senate Bill 841 - Flexibility for Local Governments and Businesses



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Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf signed Senate Bill 841 today that helps local communities and businesses respond to the COVID-19 emergency and protect the public. The bill provides flexibility on property tax deadlines, allows remote public meetings and notarization of documents so online vehicle sales can resume.

“This bipartisan legislation gives local governments and businesses additional options to help property taxpayers and address various needs,” said Gov. Wolf. “COVID-19 remains a very real threat and each of us needs to continue doing our part to cut back on physical interactions. This new law is a measured and safe way to provide relief as we continue to monitor the spread of the virus.”

The bill does the following:

- Reauthorizes the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council and requires it to study the impact of COVID-19 on hospitals and health systems.
- Allows local governments to conduct remote public meetings.
- Provides property tax relief by allowing taxing districts to waive late fees and penalties for property taxes paid by December 31, 2020.
- Allows school districts to renegotiate contracts with service providers to ensure payment of personnel and fixed costs during the school closure.
- Allows remote notarization of documents.

The governor [vetoed](#) Senate Bill 613.

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