



JUNE 2, 2026 | DAY OF ADVOCACY

PRIORITY LEGISLATION BEFORE THE SENATE



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

HB 554 – Social Worker Licensure Compact Model (Rep. Abney)

Passed House 187-15 (6/4/25) | Voted out of Sen. CPPL Cmte 14-0 (2/4/26)

Joins the Social Work Licensure Compact, allowing PA social workers to practice across member states and expanding access to telehealth services to address workforce shortages.

HB 668 – Joining the National Counseling Compact (Rep. O’Mara)

Passed House 186-16 (6/4/25) | Voted out of Sen. CPPL Cmte 14-0 (2/4/26)

Joins the National Counseling Compact, enabling licensed counselors to practice across member states through mutual recognition of credentials and expanding access to mental health providers.

SB 522 – Collaborative Care Model (Sen. Farry)

Referred to Sen. Inst. Sustainability & Innovation Cmte | House Companion: HB 361

Expands access to mental health care by integrating psychiatric services into primary care settings through a team-based model, with start-up grants prioritizing rural and underserved communities.

Senate Memo – Time to Fix Pennsylvania's Broken Mental Health Care (Sen. Collett)

No bill number yet

Implements the 2022 Behavioral Health Commission recommendations, directing \$100 million toward workforce development, expanded access, criminal justice improvements, and crisis services.

Senate Memo – Improving Access to Mental Health Therapies (Sen. Pennycuik)

No bill number yet | House Companion: HB 1519

Prohibits insurers from requiring prior authorization or step therapy for medications treating serious mental illnesses including bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia.



HOUSING

HB 1095 – Sealing Eviction Records to Protect Tenants & Communities (Rep. Smith Wade-El)

Passed House 105-95 (6/25/25), Referred to Sen. Judiciary Cmte | Senate Companion: SB 549

Seals eviction records after seven years or when a court rules in a tenant’s favor to prevent a single filing from permanently blocking access to housing, employment, and stability.

HB 643 – Bringing More Affordable Housing to PA (Rep. Dougherty)

Passed House 112-91 (4/24/25), Referred to Sen. Urban Affairs & Housing Cmte

Increases current \$100M cap on the Realty Transfer Tax (RTT) revenue deposited into the PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Fund by \$10M to \$110M beginning in FY 2028–29.

HB 2186 – Removing Barriers to the Creation of Accessory Dwelling Units (Rep. Inglis)

Passed House 139-62 (6/1/26), Not yet assigned to a committee

Allows homeowners to build ADUs by right, while limiting the barriers municipalities can impose on size, setbacks, parking, and design – expanding affordable housing options without eliminating local oversight.

SB 1239 – Cutting Red Tape to Expand Housing Options (Sen. Coleman)

Referred to Sen. Local Gov’t Cmte

Streamlines local development approvals to make it easier to build multifamily, mixed-use, and adaptive reuse housing – including automatic approval for projects with existing water and sewer access in certain non-residential zones.





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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SB 1090 – Protecting Children from Harmful AI Chat Interactions (Sen. Pennycuick)

Passed Senate 49-1 (3/17/16), Referred to House Comms. & Tech. Cmte

Establishes safety standards for AI chatbots used by minors, including safeguards against content that encourages self-harm or suicide and referrals to crisis resources when high-risk language is detected.

HB 1519 – Prior Authorization for Mental Health Medications (Rep. Malagari)

Referred to House Insurance Cmte | Senate Companion: Improving Access to Mental Health Therapies (Memo)

Prohibits insurers from requiring prior authorization or step therapy for medications treating serious mental illnesses including bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and schizophrenia.

HB 361 – Collaborative Care Model (Rep. Struzzi)

Referred to House Human Svcs Cmte | Senate Companion: SB 522

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HB 2536 – Direct Support Professionals Tax Credit (Rep. Fleming)

Referred to House Finance Cmte

Establishes a tax credit for direct support professionals to address the statewide DSP workforce shortage and reduce financial barriers for workers supporting people with disabilities.



HOUSING

HB 1459 – Multi-Family Housing in Areas Zoned for Office Space (Rep. Siegel)

Referred to House Local Gov't Cmte

Allows multi-family and mixed-use development in certain commercially zoned areas with existing water and sewer infrastructure, encouraging adaptive reuse to grow housing stock.

HB 2109 – The Golden Girls Law (Municipal Occupancy Reform) (Rep. Khan)

Referred to House Housing & Community Dev't Cmte

Expands housing options by preventing arbitrary local limits on the number of unrelated people who can share a home – except where genuine health and safety standards apply.