

## March 2024 Update on Senate and House Bills

### **SB 45 – Senator Collette**

**Short Title:** An Act amending the act of October 25, 2012 (P.L.1618, No.197), known as the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Notification Act, further providing for victim services.

During the February 21 Advocacy training session, I informed the Club that this Bill had been “laid on the table” and it was my understanding that this term meant the Bill as it was written was no longer being considered. On March 19, 2024, the Bill was “removed from the table” and further action was taken.

**March 27** – Today I received a call from Taylor Washington in Senator Collett’s office. She informed me that the Bill had passed in the House and would now go to the Governor for his signature.

### **SB 1111 – Senator Baker**

**Short title:** An Act amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in sentencing, further providing for definitions and for sexual offenses and tier system.

**Strengthening Mega’s Law:** In 2022, Pennsylvania took an important step in our effort to combat human trafficking by passing Act 144 of 2022. This law, which took effect on January 3, 2023, added human trafficking offenses to the Sexual Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), commonly known as Megan’s Law.

It has since come to our attention that two statutory modifications are needed to ensure that SORNA will be uniformly applied to individuals convicted of Act 144 offenses, as the General Assembly intended. We will introduce legislation to make sure that human traffickers will not escape the full rigors of Megan’s Law based on technicalities, and ask that you join us in this effort.

Specifically, our legislation will do two things. First, it will clarify that an individual who is convicted of an attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit an Act 144 offense will similarly be required to register under SORNA, just as a person convicted of the underlying human trafficking offense currently is.

Second, our bill would clarify that those individuals convicted of an Act 144 offense are to undergo the sexually violent predator assessment with the Sexual Offender Assessment Board, an assessment that is required of any person who commits a Megan’s Law offense in the Commonwealth.

Third Consideration and final passage in the Senate March 20, 2024

Referred to the House – “Laid on the Table March 26, 2024.”

### **HB 98 - Representative Bullock**

**Short title:** An Act amending the act of December 17, 1959 (P.L.1913, No.694), known as the Equal Pay Law, further providing for definitions and for wage rates; providing for additional violations; further providing for powers of secretary, for collection of unpaid wages, for records and reporting and for penalties; and establishing the Equal Pay Enforcement Fund.

Memo: Equal Pay

House Actions:

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Referred to Labor & Industry March 7, 2023 (this is the date recorded on the General Assembly site)

Reported as Amended March 27, 2024

First Consideration March 27, 2024

“Laid on the Table” March 27, 2024 in Labor & Industry

If you would like further reading on the above bills or you are questioning some of the dates I used, please check out the PA General Assembly Website and enter the Bill number on “Legislative Quick Search.” Click on History for all of the details.

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