

# THE GOVERNOR

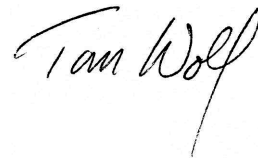
## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

### Proclamation; Senate Bill No. 275, Printer's No. 1163

I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have caused this Proclamation to issue and, in compliance with the provisions of Section 15 of Article IV of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, do hereby give notice that I have filed in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, with my objections thereto, the following bill passed by both houses of the General Assembly at the Regular Session of 2021-2022:

Senate Bill No. 275, Printer's No. 1163, entitled "An act [a]mending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes*, in preemptions, providing for restrictions on utility services prohibited."

*Given* under my hand and the Great Seal of the Commonwealth, at the County of Dauphin, this eleventh day of July, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Commonwealth two hundred and forty-seven.



Governor

Attest:

JONATHAN MARKS,  
*Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions*

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## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

### Notice of Veto; House Bill No. 972, Printer's No. 2886

July 8, 2022

To the Honorable House of Representatives  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 972, Printer's Number 2886.

This discriminatory legislation would prohibit transgender girls and women from participating on women's athletic teams or sports. The bill denies opportunities to transgender youth, which would have a devastating impact on a vulnerable population already at greater risk of bullying and depression. The harmful impact of politicizing transgender and other LGBTQ+ issues is evident by increasing rates of suicidal thoughts among LGBTQ+ young people. Even if enacted, this bill would face legal challenges for violating federal law and constitutional guarantees of equal protection.

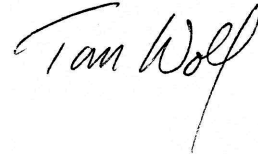
My Administration is committed to supporting transgender individuals and ensuring that Pennsylvania is an inclusive place, and we stand against efforts to divide us and distract us from critical work needed to enhance protections for LGBTQ+ Pennsylvanians. LGBTQ+ youth with supportive parents and caregivers, schools, and communities report lower rates of attempting suicide and better mental health. To the LGBTQ+ community in

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Pennsylvania and around the country, and especially to our transgender and nonbinary youth and young people: I see you, I support you, I respect you, and I stand with you.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 972, Printer's Number 2886.

Sincerely,



Governor

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**
**Notice of Veto; House Bill No. 1420, Printer's No. 3371**

July 8, 2022

To the Honorable House of Representatives  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, House Bill 1420, Printer's Number 3371.

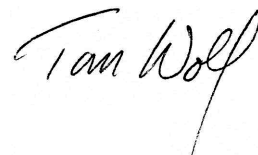
This legislation unnecessarily prohibits the Department of Human Services from contracting with a vendor to provide financial management services that assist with home and community-based services for older Pennsylvanians and individuals with physical disabilities. These self-directed services allow participants to make choices about their own care, with this model supporting both participants and direct care workers.

Furthermore, it is irresponsible to block a pathway to a living wage and health care benefits for direct care workers. Our health care workforce is in crisis. This model benefits direct care workers by allowing them to have the benefits of being co-employed by an agency, resulting in access to employer-sponsored health care as well as paid time off and other benefits.

I want to be clear, however, that I support the remaining provisions of this bill in their entirety, and I am asking the General Assembly to pass those provisions, cleanly, and in short order. Failure to do so creates a \$1.8 billion hole in the Commonwealth's financial statement for the current fiscal year, and the state budget cannot be considered complete without them.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from House Bill 1420, Printer's Number 3371.

Sincerely,



Governor

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE****Notice of Veto; Senate Bill No. 275, Printer's No. 1163**

July 11, 2022

To the Honorable Senate of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

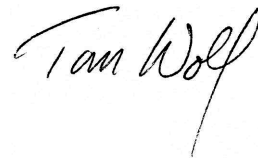
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 275, Printer's Number 1163.

This legislation takes away local decision-making from municipalities by preempting local control on energy matters and choices. Specifically, the legislation would limit the tools available to local governments to address the global threat of climate change in future years and stands in the way of clean energy incentives and initiatives. As an additional matter, this bill is unnecessary as the Public Utility Commission currently regulates the provision of utility services in the commonwealth.

Further, the language of this bill is overly broad and sweeping, likely providing unintended impacts and additional litigation against municipalities across the commonwealth.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 275, Printer's Number 1163.

Sincerely,



Governor

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**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE****Notice of Veto; Senate Bill No. 573, Printer's No. 1712**

July 8, 2022

To the Honorable Senate of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 573, Printer's Number 1712.

This legislation does nothing to increase access to voting. Instead, this bill undermines the integrity of our election process and encourages voter intimidation.

This bill would permit any registered voter to be a poll watcher in any election district throughout the Commonwealth. Current law only permits a person to serve as a poll watcher in the county where the person is registered to vote. This requirement is important because poll watchers who live in the county are generally familiar with the voting district in which they are serving.

This bill makes it possible for bad faith partisan operatives to target a specific neighborhood or group of voters in an attempt to challenge the

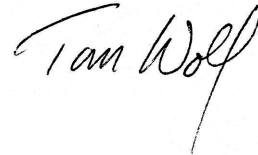
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eligibility of voters, make poll workers' jobs more difficult, and disrupt the counting of ballots. This will only serve to slow down the election process and restrict access to the ballot box.

Our elections work best when members of the community work together to ensure that everyone's voice is heard. I urge the Republican-controlled General Assembly to focus their efforts on election reform measures that ensure that voters can freely and safely exercise their right to vote.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 573, Printer's Number 1712.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Wolf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "f".

*Governor*

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