

# Pennsylvania Association of Realtors® - Capitol Report

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### PA General Assembly Wraps Up Session for Year

The Pennsylvania General Assembly concluded the first half of their two-year session earlier this week. This session was unique for many reasons, including the inordinate number of legislators who were new to their role and differing parties having control of each chamber. This is the first time the commonwealth has seen a split government in over a decade.

Despite these institutional hurdles, PAR saw successes in the first half of the term. PAR's priority bill **House Bill 1567** (Malagari, D-Montgomery) passed out of the House unanimously. This bill makes needed clarifications to the **Municipal Code and Ordinance Compliance Act**. It was introduced and ran through the entire House of Representatives process in approximately 20 days. HB 1567 has now moved to the Senate and awaits consideration in the Senate Urban Affairs Committee.

PAR's Legislative Committee has also taken positions of support on 10 bills. Three bills were signed into law already, including **House Bill 1289** (Fleming, D-Dauphin), which was approved earlier this week. This legislation provides for recourse for unlawful restrictive covenants.

As the session moves to its second year, PAR will continue to work with both the Senate and House to enact its priorities and work on legislation to protect the industry.