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House Version of First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Clears Committee

House Bill 730 (Brown, R- Monroe), which would create a First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account program in Pennsylvania, passed the House Urban Affairs & Housing Committee on May 25 by a 24-1 vote. This legislation will allow first-time homebuyers to deposit money pre-tax into a savings account where it grows tax-free for the exclusive purpose of purchasing a first home. An amendment was added which would allow for penalties if the money is withdrawn/utilized for a purpose other than first-time homebuying.

HB730 has not yet been placed on the calendar for a full vote in the chamber, but may appear on the floor in June. This bill mirrors **Senate Bill 157** (Mensch, R-Montgomery), which is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee, where it awaits further consideration.

PAR strongly supports these bills and is actively advocating for this program's passage.

Private Roadway Maintenance Agreement Update

PAR continues to advocate for **House Bill 523** (Day, R-Lehigh) which would provide statutory language establishing shared responsibility among property owners for private roadway maintenance in situations when a private maintenance agreement is not in place.

The legislation is currently in the Senate Local Government Committee after passing out of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in April. PAR is working with the Senate Committee to move the legislation as soon as possible.

General Assembly Approves Resolution to End Emergency Declaration

On June 10, the General Assembly approved **House Resolution 106** (Benninghoff, R-Centre) which ends Gov. Wolf's disaster emergency declaration issued on May 20.