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General Assembly Returns to Session

After a protracted start that led directly into budget hearings, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has returned to operation. The Senate's Urban Affairs Committee and the House counterpart, the Housing and Community Development Committee, have focused their initial work on addressing blight in communities.

Additionally, Senate Bill 295 (Brown, R-Monroe) which establishes the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Program was passed out of the Senate Urban Affairs Committee on March 8 and now sits in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The House of Representatives version of that bill, House Bill 126 (Bizzarro, D-Erie), was recently assigned to the Housing and Community Development Committee and is awaiting consideration.

The House of Representatives also recently passed House Bill 300 (Kenyatta, D-Philadelphia) on May 2. This bill amends the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to add protections from discrimination to members of the LGBTQ community, which PAR supports. The legislation now heads to the Senate for consideration.

As the General Assembly continues its work and PAR's Legislative Committee votes to support or oppose legislation, remember to visit our website to find out the Association's positions on legislation moving through the process along with our legislative priorities.