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Advocacy Action

Delivery Device Bill Moving Swiftly, Though Local Preemption Remains

[Senate Bill 1199](#) (PN 1952), has moved quickly through the Senate and has been taken up just as swiftly in the House. The bill intends to allow for the use of personal delivery devices (PDD) in Pennsylvania's communities, though it preempts most local authority.

The League has repeatedly advocated on behalf of our member municipalities by calling attention to the local preemption measures and the need for an opt-out provision that will keep such devices out of a community until it's ready.

SB 1199, introduced by Senator Ryan Aument, would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) establishing the use of PDDs on state and local roads and sidewalks by authorized entities. The Department of Transportation would be the general and sole regulatory authority over PDDs, and a person seeking to operate a PDD would need to apply for authorization with the Department.

Most notably, the bill would include local preemption measures by prohibiting municipalities from banning the operation of PDDs outright. Local authorities would only

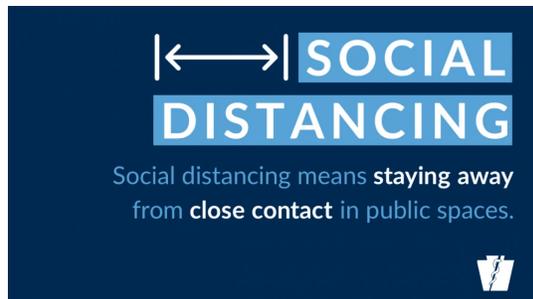
be able to regulate the operation of such devices in a manner not inconsistent with the act and Department regulations.

Finally, all authorized entities operating PDDs would be required to maintain insurance including general liability coverage of at least \$100,000 per incident.

[Click here](#) for the complete summary of SB 1199.

Reminder – Please make your Voting Delegate/Resolutions Committee appointments for The League’s Annual Summit by October 2. Contact Kaitlin Errickson, Governmental Affairs Representative, at kerrickson@pml.org with any questions.

Check out the section on our website dedicated to member [Community Response During Coronavirus](#).



League's Latest

[TUNE IN to Rick's latest Executive Director video report as he discusses our upcoming Virtual Municipal Leadership Summit.](#)

The 2020 Virtual Municipal Leadership Summit will take place on October 29-31, 2020 – [Click Here for Keynote Speaker Announcement](#)

2021 League Membership dues – The 2021 League dues notices will be sent out initially via email by mid October. Deadline for payment of membership dues is February 1, 2021. If any member is in the process of developing their budgets and needs confirmation of the amount prior to the email being sent, please feel free to contact Harry Krot at hkrot@pml.org and he will be happy to provide you with the amount.

[League Appointment of the Nominating Committee – Call for Nominations](#)

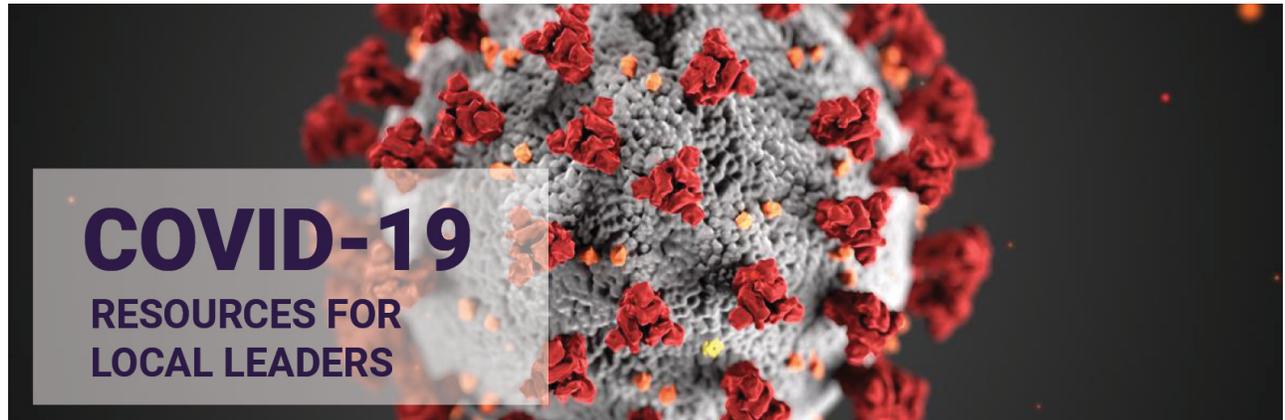
[League Executive Director Rick Schuettler Joined Auditor General Eugene DePasquale for his COVID-19 Live Chat to Discuss the Pandemic and its Impact on PA Municipalities](#)

Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts – Distracted Driving Awareness month is the perfect time to steer the road environment in the right direction. Not only do many municipal employees drive as part

of their essential job functions, they are also impacted by others' driving when they are engaged in paving and similar operations. By clicking [here](#) you can access the National Safety Council's free resources and jumpstart your own program with posters, fact sheets, infographics, social media posts and more.

For more information, see our [News & Announcements and newsfeed](#) on our homepage as well as our League COVID-19 Weekly Update email blasts every Friday.

Also be sure to check out our [COVID-19 Resources for Local Leaders](#) webpage.



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Resource Roundup

[Now Is the Time to Create a Minority and Small Business Program](#) — Provided by League Business Leader Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr

[Successful Rollback of Burdensome Reporting Requirements from Treasury OIG](#) — Provided by the National League of Cities

[Wolf Administration Signs Orders That Restaurants May Increase Indoor Occupancy to 50 Percent](#) — Governor Tom Wolf and Health Secretary Dr. Rachel Levine signed new orders following the recent announcement that restaurants may increase indoor occupancy to 50 percent starting Monday, September 21.

[Time is Running Out to Respond to the 2020 Census](#) — A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more.

[Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr's COVID-19 Alert: Liability Dangers for Recipients of CARES Act Funds: Lessons From Past and Present Enforcement Actions](#) — As the country struggles with COVID-19, many companies have applied for and received funds under the CARES Act and its Payment Protection Program (“PPP”). Those companies must understand there are significant risks tied to their receipt of federal money.

[NLC Cities Speak: Looking Beyond the Crisis: Helping Governments Navigate a COVID-19 Surge](#) — While it is extremely frustrating to reverse course and reframe expectations, it can be the most meaningful contribution you can make as a leader. See the five “check-in” points for elected and appointed officials.



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