

# League Link

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## Advocacy Action

### Headed to the Governor's Desk...

The bills below were approved by the General Assembly this week and are headed to the Governor's desk. Watch for our *Legislative Locator* next week for more legislation sent to the Governor.

[Senate Bill 940](#) would amend the Municipal Code and Ordinance Act allowing for condemnation orders to be issued against the actual property rather than the owner, while requiring all purchasers of the property to be held accountable for code compliance. The League has been supportive of this measure.

[Senate Bill 1199](#) would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) allowing for the use of personal delivery devices in Pennsylvania's communities, though it preempts most local authority. The League has repeatedly expressed concerns with the local preemption and requested an opt-out provision for communities.

[House Bill 885](#) would amend the Public Works Contractors' Bond Law requiring a prime contractor to provide 100 percent financial security for certain public works and improvement projects. The League has supported this legislation.

[House Bill 2073](#) contains the comprehensive First Class Township Code rewrite. The bill was originally introduced in November 2019 and was finally approved by the General Assembly on the last day of session. The League and PSATC have been strong advocates for this Code modernization.

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 state and federal legislation and our upcoming Virtual Municipal Leadership Summit.](#)

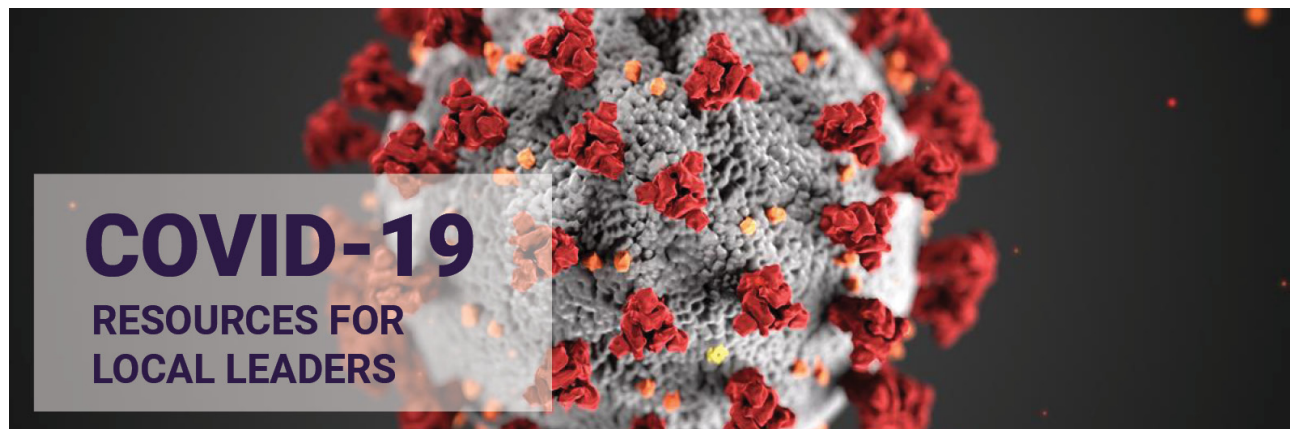
The [2020 Virtual Municipal Leadership Summit](#) will take place next week, October 29-31 — [Click Here for Keynote Speaker Announcement](#) and [Click Here to View a Session Highlight](#). We will also have some fun virtual evening events including [Virtual Trivia](#) and [Virtual Bingo](#), hope to see everyone there!

**Message from U•COMP** — Attention municipal employers! The PA Department of Labor and Industry has discovered recent attempts by scammers to file for unemployment. The scammers have obtained individuals' personal information from other sources outside of Labor and Industry and then filed for unemployment benefits. They then route the payments to their own bank accounts. More information can be obtained from Labor and Industry [here](#). Not a U•COMP member yet? U•COMP can assist with the above situation and help to minimize the required paperwork. For more information, [click here](#) and contact Debbie Gross, U•COMP Member Service Representative, [dgross@pml.org](mailto:dgross@pml.org) or [1-800-922-8063](tel:1-800-922-8063), ext \*254.

**Message from PennPRIME Insurance Trusts** — One in four Americans either knows someone who has an opioid use disorder, knows someone who has died from an overdose or they have an opioid use disorder themselves. (SOURCE: NSC National Public Opinion Poll, 2017). [Opioids at Work Employer Toolkit](#) is available from the National Safety Council (NSC) and [PA Dept. of Health](#) is also a source for information. In addition to substance abuse, the pandemic is impacting mental wellness overall. [Resources for mental health, stress reduction, and substance misuse](#) are available from NSC. [www.Provicta.com](http://www.Provicta.com) is specific to Law Enforcement and other first responders. They provide support for the physical and mental wellbeing of first responders to optimize performance, build resiliency to stress, and improve long-term health outcomes.

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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Virtual Municipal Leadership Summit.**

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## Resource Roundup

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[State & Local Legal Center Preview Webinar for States and Local Governments](#) — October 27 at 1 p.m. (EST), register [here](#) for this FREE webinar!

[PennDOT Virtual Innovation Week](#) — Following the success of last year's PennDOT Regional Innovation Day, PennDOT is hosting the first-of-its-kind statewide [Virtual Innovation Week, November 2-6, 2020](#).

[Help PA WalkWorks Expand Its Network of Walking Routes](#) — WalkWorks is inviting organizations interested in improving the health status of the residents of their communities to express interest in joining its network of 100 walking routes by completing a brief application by November 13.

[NLC Federal Advocacy Newsletter: Congress' Delay Slashes Main Street Investments Amid COVID-19](#)

[NLC Service Line Warranty Program Blog: Economic Shock Impacts Industry with Unpaid Utility Bills](#) — The pandemic has put many Americans into economic shock — the sudden and unexpected loss of income — and millions are struggling with unpaid utility bills because of it.

[Governor Wolf: \\$50 Million in Grants to be Awarded to Support Fire, Rescue and EMS Companies Negatively Affected by COVID-19](#).

[FEMA \\$600 Million Grant Application Process and EIP Materials](#) — Provided by the National League of Cities

[Allentown Receives State Awards](#) — Representatives of the Allentown Department of Community & Economic Development and the city Health Bureau may have lost out on a trip to the governor's mansion, but they now have the hardware from two Governor's Awards for Local Government Excellence.



Remember, you can access all archived editions of The League Link as well as other member publications, forms and resources in your [Member Dashboard](#).

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