Advocacy Resources

Comment Letters

PA Senate
- Memo to Senate Finance Committee – Please Support House Bill 17 – Dated Oct. 21, 2019

PA House
- Email to House Professional Licensure Committee – Please Consider House Bill 1566 – Dated Dec. 18, 2019
- Email to Full House – Please Support House Bill 706 - Amendment A00529 – Dated Apr. 15, 2019
- Memo Email to House Finance Committee – Please Support HB 706 – Dated Mar. 25, 2019

PA Dept. of State
- PICPA Comments RE: Reg 16A-60 Expungement – Dated Jul. 22, 2019

Local Taxes
- PICPA Comments RE: Notices to Cumberland County Taxpayers – Dated Oct. 17, 2019

US House
- Requesting Support of Select members of the Pennsylvania House RE: Please Cosponsor Fiscal State of the Nation Resolution – Dated Oct. 10, 2019

IRS
- RE: Comments on Parking Expenses for Qualified Transportation Fringes under Section 274(a)(4) and Section 512 (a)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code – Dated Feb. 22, 2019

GASB
- Proposed Implementation Guide on Leases – Project 3-24 – Dated Apr. 29, 2019
- Recognition of Elements of Financial Statements – Project 3-20 – Dated Feb. 13, 2019
- Implementation Guidance Update – Project No. 24-16d – Dated Jan. 30, 2019

Questions and Answers from the PA Department of Revenue

- Transcript of Oct 16, 2019 Annual Meeting
- Transcript of May 16, 2019 Quarterly Meeting
- Transcript of Feb. 14, 2019 Quarterly Meeting
**Events**

The PICPA hosted its annual Day on the Hill conference in Harrisburg on June 11, 2019. Seventy-four CPAs from across Pennsylvania came to the capital to meet with elected state officials and key policymakers, and to advocate for PICPA’s legislative agenda.

Following a welcome by Marty Levin, PICPA president, and a legislative briefing from Peter Calcara, vice president of the government relations team, members heard from Rep. Matthew Bradford (D-Montgomery), minority chair of the House Appropriations Committee; Sen. Pat Browne, CPA (R-Lehigh), majority chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee; and Joseph Torsella, Pennsylvania treasurer. Updates were provided on state budget deliberations and other topics pending before the General Assembly.

PICPA members then made their way to the Capitol where they participated in 120 meetings with state legislators. Members asked their lawmakers to support tax statute of limitations legislation (House Bill 17), reporting for estates and trusts legislation (House Bill 706), and 1099-MISC nonresident withholding legislation (House Bill 926). Members also educated legislators on state tax issues. The PICPA is a strong advocate for certain in-state tax legislation, and aims to raise awareness of proposals that are in accordance with the Guiding Principles of Good Tax Policy.

Members received an economic and revenue update from Brenda Warburton, deputy director of the Independent Fiscal Office, and participated in a panel discussion with the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

PICPA leaders also met with Gov. Tom Wolf in his office to discuss PICPA’s legislative agenda.

**Educational Tools**

**Issue Briefs**

- [Legislative Hot Sheet](#)
- [State Tax Reform](#)
- [Combined Reporting](#)
- [1099-MISC Nonresident Withholding](#)
- [Tax Statute of Limitations/Income Tax Reporting for Estates and Revocable Trusts](#)
- [Pennsylvania Pensions Reaching Crisis Levels](#)

**Online Resources**

**Webinars**

- [Federal Taxation Committee End-of-Year Webinar](#) – Dated Jan. 10, 2020
- [Legislative Update Webinar: End-of-Year Wrap-up](#) – Dated Nov. 21, 2019
- [DOR Annual Q&A Webcast](#) – Dated Oct. 16, 2019
- [Legislative Update Webinar: The Budget and Fall Session Preview](#) – Dated Jul. 18, 2019
- [Legislative Update Webinar: Budget Update](#) – Dated Feb. 13, 2019

**Podcast**

- [Legislative Update Podcast](#) – Dated Dec. 30, 2019
Publications

**Legislative Update**

- Legislative Update Portal – 36 Issues available for 2019

**CPA-PAC Annual Report**


**CPA Now Blog Pieces**

- PICPA Ends 2019 with Major Tax Legislation Victory – Dated Jan. 6, 2020
- Expungement in PA.: Clear a Minor Infraction from Your CPA Record – Dated Dec. 3, 2019
- CPA-PAC Closes in on Fundraising Goal: You Can Help Us to the Finish Line – Dated Nov. 11, 2019
- Pa. General Assembly Set to Return to Harrisburg – Dated Sep. 9, 2019
- Pennsylvania Spending Plan Beats July 1 Deadline – Dated Jul. 1, 2019
- Final Countdown to the 2019-2020 State Budget – Dated Jun. 3, 2019
- Harrisburg Heats Up: Tax Bills on the Move – Dated Apr. 1, 2019
- Your License Is Under Attack – Dated Mar. 4, 2019
- Wolf Presents Pennsylvania Spending Plan to Some Praise – Dated Feb. 11, 2019
- New Year Brings Hope, Optimism to Harrisburg – Dated Jan. 7, 2019

**CPA Journal**

- A Look at the 2019-2020 General Assembly – Dated Spring 2019
- Legislation in Full Bloom in Harrisburg – Dated Summer 2019

**Accomplishments**

- **Act 90 of 2019** - Amends the Tax Reform Code, in personal income tax, to establish a 10-year period for the Department of Revenue to collect all assessed state taxes. Provides an exception for the inheritance tax. Adds language providing an exclusion from the sales and use tax for canned computer software directly used by a financial institution conducting the business of banking.

  Authorizes the Department of Revenue to enter into agreements with financial institutions and for financial institutions to share with the department certain bank account information for purposes of delinquent tax collections through a Financial Institution Data Match (FIDM). The new section relating to time period for collection of assessed taxes shall take effect Jan. 1, 2021. Approved by the governor on Nov. 27, 2019.

- **Act 13 of 2019** – The law stipulates that if the executor of an estate and the trustee of a trust make an election under Section 645 of the Internal Revenue Code to treat the income of the trust as part of the estate, the fiduciary may make and file a joint tax return for the estate and trust. If a joint return is filed, the tax liabilities of the estate and trust shall be joint and several. This provision applies to taxable years beginning after Dec. 31, 2019. Approved by Governor Wolf on June 28, 2019.