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Young @WPANECA members Elissa Curry w/ Miller Info Syst & Will Miller w/ Miller Electric on #CapitolHill yesterday to advocate for @necanet!



Mark your calendars! Dates have been announced for NECA's annual legislative conference in Washington, DC.

Join Marco Giamberardino and NECA's federal government affairs team on May 16th & 17th for an update on NECA's legislative priorities in Congress and meet with Pennsylvania's representatives and senators on Capitol Hill.

[Click here](#) to review the brochure for this year's conference, and [click here](#) to register!

**Prompt Pay Bill Passes Senate Committee -
Two Steps from Governor's Signature**



So excited to see [#HB566](#) for fair & [#PromptPay](#) continue to progress w/ so much support in [#Harrisburg](#)! Keep fighting for PA [#smallbusiness](#)!

House Commerce Committee (Unanimous Consent)

PA House (168-26)

Senate Labor & Industry Committee (9-3)

PA Senate

Gov's signature!

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#PromptPay for satisfactory work is VITAL to survival of sub/contractors.

@WPANECA supports #HB566 to protect PA #smallbusiness

On January 30th, [House Bill 566](#) -- the NECA-supported prompt payment legislation -- reached an important milestone when it passed the PA Senate Labor & Industry Committee by a vote of 9-3.

Those following the bill will remember that HB566 would amend the Contractor and Subcontractor Payment Act of 1994 (CASPA) to add protections for contractors and subcontractors who are not paid on time, in accordance with their construction contracts. The most significant provision in the bill will allow contractors to stop work on a job without penalty-after proper notice has been given to the owner or GC-until they receive payment for satisfactorily completed work.

WPA NECA credits a great deal of the bill's progress to the dedicated involvement of the chapter's member contractors who participated in legislative meetings in Harrisburg and throughout Western PA to advocate for HB566.

One key meeting took place on a snowy January morning in Erie between Jeff Bartlett of Keystone Electric, WPA NECA Government Affairs Director Joelle Salerno, and State Senator Dan Laughlin - a homebuilder by profession and member of the Labor & Industry Committee. During the Committee vote, Senator Laughlin cited support from contractors in his home district as an important factor in his decision to vote Yes on the bill.

After a hard-fought battle in the PA House, HB566 passed with strong support and moved on to consideration in the PA Senate last June. The bill is now waiting for a full Senate vote, and if it passes without amendment it will go to Governor Wolf's desk for signature into law.

PACE Passes PA Senate,

Moves on to House Commerce Committee

In another victory for the PA NECA Chapters' legislative priorities, [Senate Bill 234](#), which would authorize commercial Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing programs, passed the PA Senate on January 30th by an overwhelming 42-8 vote.

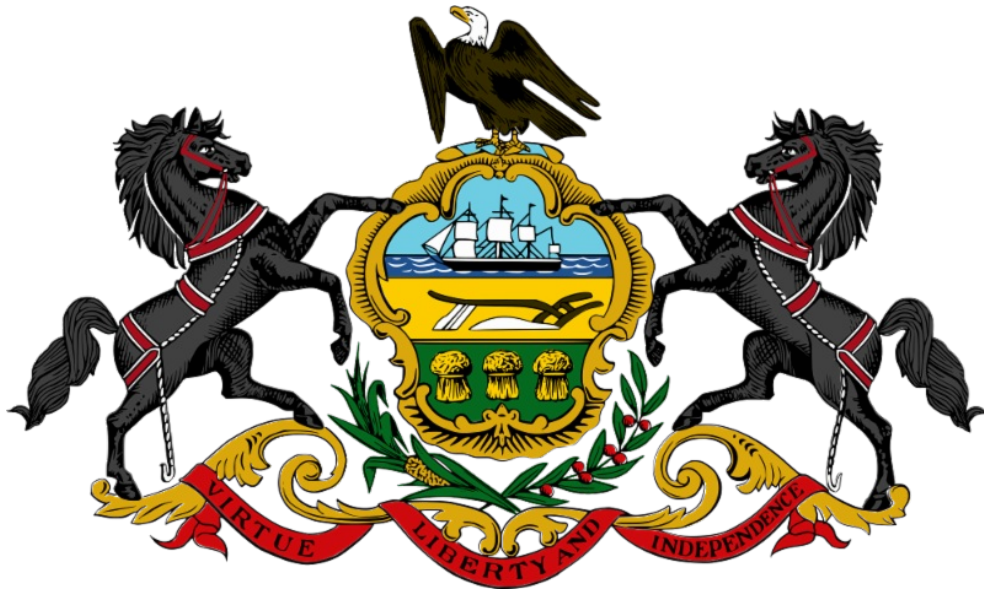
The bill is now under consideration by the House Commerce Committee.

NECA contractors will focus on SB234 in meetings with legislators during the second annual NECA in Harrisburg Legislative Day, hosted by the Western PA and Penn-Del-Jersey Chapters, on March 12th & 13th.

PACE financing, which exists in a variety of forms in more than 25 states and the District of Columbia, incentivizes investment in clean energy and energy efficiency technologies by allowing an often privately financed loan for the project to be repaid through a tax assessment on the building's property taxes.

SB234 would authorize PA's county and larger municipal governments to establish PACE programs in their area of jurisdiction, allowing business owners to obtain financing for a project that will reduce the energy consumption of the building over an extended 10-20 year period.

PACE projects often include efforts to reduce electricity, heating, and water consumption, as well as clean energy projects like solar arrays or wind turbines.



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