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Pennsylvania Set to Join National Counseling Compact as Boscola Bill Heads to Governor Shapiro

By Senator Lisa Boscola

HARRISBURG, PA – June 30, 2026 - Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Lehigh/Northampton) today announced that her legislation to enter Pennsylvania into the National Counseling Compact has passed the House of Representatives, marking the final legislative approval needed to send the bill to Governor Josh Shapiro's desk.

Senate Bill 604 would allow licensed professional counselors (LPCs) in Pennsylvania who qualify for a multistate license to provide services in other participating compact states, while permitting eligible out-of-state counselors to practice in Pennsylvania. The compact preserves each state's licensing authority while expanding access to care and helping address workforce shortages.

"Mental health care should not be limited by state borders," Boscola said. "Whether someone is continuing care after relocating, accessing telehealth services, or seeking treatment in a neighboring state, this legislation helps remove unnecessary barriers while maintaining Pennsylvania's high standards for professional licensure."

The legislation is expected to improve continuity of care for patients, particularly those who travel, relocate, attend college, serve in the military, or live near state borders. It also makes Pennsylvania more competitive in recruiting and retaining behavioral health professionals.

Senate Bill 604 was joined by House Bill 668, companion legislation sponsored by Representative Jennifer O'Mara (D-Delaware). On final passage of the bill in the House, O'Mara said, "Pennsylvanians desperately need greater access to mental health providers, which is why I championed this legislation in the House. By joining this compact, we are widening the spectrum of professional health services available to people who really need it. I'm very grateful to all of my colleagues in both chambers who helped move this critical proposal through the General Assembly."

"This is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that benefits both patients and providers," Boscola said. "I'm grateful to my colleagues in both chambers for recognizing the importance of expanding access to quality mental health care."

Senate Bill 604 now heads to the Governor for his consideration.

Boscola Announces Senate Passage of Bill to Modernize Pennsylvania's Car Dealership Law

By Senator Lisa Boscola

HARRISBURG, PA – June 30, 2026 - Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Lehigh/Northampton) applauded Senate passage of Senate Bill 1182, a bipartisan effort with Senator Gene Yaw (R-Lycoming) to update Pennsylvania's Board of Vehicles Act and modernize the rules governing vehicle manufacturers, distributors and local dealerships.

The bill passed the Senate by a unanimous vote (50:0) and now heads to the House of Representatives for further consideration.

"The way we buy, service and use vehicles has changed dramatically," Boscola said. "Today's vehicles are tied to software, subscriptions, over-the-air updates, connected data systems and new service requirements. Pennsylvania law needs to keep pace with that marketplace."

SB 1182 updates several provisions of the Board of Vehicles Act, including warranty reimbursement, dealer and consumer data protections, manufacturer-required loaner vehicles, vendor choice, software-based vehicle features and the relationship between manufacturers, distributors and local dealerships.

Boscola said the legislation recognizes the continuing role local dealerships play for Pennsylvania consumers.

"Local dealerships are often the first place consumers turn when they buy a vehicle, need warranty work, need service, need a loaner or need help resolving an issue," Boscola said. "These businesses employ people in our communities and remain the front line for consumers when something goes wrong."

The Board of Vehicles Act was enacted in 1983 and last substantially updated in 2018. Senate Bill 1182 now moves to the House of Representatives.



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