

LPPA Board of Directors Report

Legislative Action Committee

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- **Defend the Guard**
 - In the past year the LPPA passed a resolution to support future “Defend the Guard” legislation. “Defend the Guard legislation would prohibit a State's National Guard units from being deployed into active combat without a formal declaration of war by Congress, as provided by the U.S. Constitution.”
 - Legislative Actions’ Chair has requested the Platform Committee to consider working on a plank to support this type of legislation. The Platform Committee has agreed to debate the plank addition.
- **HB 1009 Gift Ban**
 - “An Act amending Title 65 (Public Officers) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for ethics and disclosure; in ethics standards and financial disclosure, further providing for definitions, for restricted activities, for statement of financial interests and for penalties; and, in lobbying disclosure, further providing for definitions, for reporting and for prohibited activities.”
 - The Legislative Action Committee finds HB 1009 to be a good first step in rooting out corruption in Harrisburg’s political legislative processes. Currently the HB 1009 is stalled with the majority leader. Rep. Kerry Benninghoff has yet to put it on the agenda and call the vote.
 - Motion to the BOD to follow.
 - “The BOD endorses Bill HB 1009 as it stands. The Legislative Action Committee and Media Relations committee shall collaborate to develop a statement to indicate that although the LPPA does not believe this to be a perfect Bill, it is a good first step to root out corruption in Pennsylvania State Legislature. The Legislative Action Committee and Media Relations committee shall collaborate to develop a statement to call on Representative Kerry Benninghoff (Majority Leader) to call the vote on HB 1009 in this session. Further the Legislative Action Committee shall compose an official letter urging the Majority Leader to take action, this letter shall double as a press release.”