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News From Around PA
Thirty-six state Attorneys Generals, including PA AG Bruce Beemer, filed an antitrust lawsuit against the makers of Suboxone, a prescription drug used to treat opioid addiction, claiming the companies engaged in a scheme to block the creation of a generic version of the drug causing purchasers to pay artificially high prices.

Moody Investor Services has moved Philly’s outlook from “stable” to “negative, as the city continues on the path to a credit downgrade. NOTE: Philly has both sexual orientation and gender identity/expression in its ordinances, yet that has not helped its economy. Those pushing for the passage of HB 1510, SB 974, etc. say their passage is necessary to bring economic prosperity to PA! Just like Philly??

Toll prices along the PA Turnpike may rise well above 200 percent over the next 20 years if plans by PA Turnpike Commission ring true.

News from National Scene
The Thurmond-Leahy rule, a longstanding gentleman's agreement among senators, prohibits confirmations of new judgeships in the months before a presidential election. That rule is being ignored as the Senate Judiciary Committee has advanced another Obama nominee -- U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. It seems uncertain if a final vote will be held on the nominee before a new President takes office. Before the 2004 and 2008 elections, Democrats refused to advance any of President Bush's nominees!

During a recent Senate Armed Forces Committee hearing, the four armed forces chiefs testified about the national security dangers of mandated budget caps. Sen. Lindsey Graham asked each officer if he had discussed the readiness crisis with President Obama. Each answered 'No,' highlighting the mistrust between the military chiefs and their commander-in-chief.

Judge Max Cogburn has dismissed Ansley et al. v. Warren, a lawsuit against a North Carolina law that provides a religious accommodation for magistrates who object to officiating or granting marriage licenses for same-sex couples.

The Obama administration is requiring that all U.S. Navy sailors go through transgender re-education by "subject matter experts." Starting in November re-educators in "mobile training teams" will "train" and "educate" sailors about welcoming transgenders to live and serve openly on naval ships.

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