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TO: Members of the House Finance Committee

SUBJECT: Position Paper – House Bill 784, P.N. (Rep. Evankovich)

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### **PBA SUPPORTS HOUSE BILL 784**

#### ***Bill Summary***

House Bill 784 amends the Fiscal Code to address outstanding issues regarding the extension of certain building and construction permits. The bill establishes an end date for the eligibility of permits to be extended as well as clarifies the suspension of the running of a permit during the extension period.

#### **PBA Position**

**PBA supports House Bill 784 for the reasons listed below. We ask that you vote in support of the legislation.**

- **Addresses vague language in the original Permit Extension law.** While Act 46 of 2010 extended the life of certain approved permits until July 2, 2016, it did not address the potential interpretation that all permits would expire on the same day, causing confusion for issuing bodies and unnecessary time and expense for applicants. HB 784 codifies a recent judicial opinion that clarified that permits will be *suspended* until July 2 2016 and subsequently run their approved course, known as “tolling.”
- **Establishes an end date for the eligibility of permits subject to extension.** Consistent with the original purpose of the Permit Extension legislation, HB 784 grants extension to state and local building-related permits that have been approved as of July 2, 2013. This will allow applicants with approved or pending-approved permits to focus solely on project financing without fear of permit expiration.

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