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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Long-Term Care Assessor Training and Certification Act

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Larry O. Sather

I am reintroducing legislation that would require the PA Department of Aging to develop a training and certification program for qualified assessors of individuals needing long-term care services. You may recall, I had introduced this bill last session as HB 1630 and the bill passed the House by a vote of 199-0.

Currently, there is no uniform, standardized assessment process for long-term care assessments of private pay consumers. I believe that this legislation would ensure that only those entities that meet requirements developed by the Department of Aging for training and certification would be qualified to perform non-Options assessments. By ensuring a uniform, standardized approach, consumers can be assured of quality control by the department. In addition, the bill requires the department to develop and make available a listing of qualified assessors – such listing would be posted on the department's Internet World Wide Web site and through the local area agencies on aging.

If you would like to join me in cosponsoring this bill, please contact Jennifer in my office at 7-3335 or by e-mail jhaines@pahousegov.com.

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