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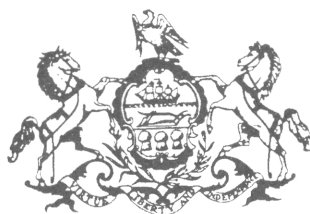
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MEMORANDUM

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TO: To All House Members

FROM: Representative Thomas Tigue, Democratic Chair
Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness Committee
Representative Larry O. Sather, SR 60 Commission Member

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of a three (3) piece bill package that is based on a SR 60 recommendation

In our capacity as members of the SR 60 Commission, we will be jointly introducing three (3) bills which amend the Borough Code, the First Class Township Code and the Second Class Township Code by inserting a provision which codifies into law the responsibility of local governments for ensuring that their residents are provided police, fire and emergency medical services coverage, and that these local governments shall provide the appropriate financial and administrative assistance necessary for these services in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizenry.

As you are aware, the SR 60 Commission identified 23 recommendations in regard to legislative endeavors that are needed to enhance the well being of our emergency services across the Commonwealth. Local government entities, along with General Assembly members, state officials and emergency responder groups, were all members of this SR 60 Commission. This body unanimously approved the SR 60 report. The clarification in law of the responsibility that local government has, in regard to emergency services, was the number one recommendation in this SR 60 report.

Under current law, the municipal codes have various sections which imply this emergency services responsibility, but it is not clearly specified. The intent of this legislation is to specifically clarify this local government role, thereby empowering local governments to actively take a leading role in the provision of these vital services.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jennifer in Representative Sather's office at 787-3335 or by e-mail jhaines@pahousegop.com.

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Nancy Paone - Fwd: Re: HB 2312 amendment 09058

From: Rick O'Leary
To: Larry Sather
Date: 10/11/2006 2:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: HB 2312 amendment 09058
CC: Jennifer Haines

Larry...I recommend that we get Dewese to pull this (Enclosed)...I can get the Fire/EMS groups to work on DeWeese. Your thoughts ? As well, I checked with Brian Preski to insure that there was not some deal we did not know about on this one..he said that we should get it pulled.

Rick O'Leary
Executive Director (R)
House VA&EP Committee
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*Rick told me today
Tuesday 10/17
AFTER I xox.
Deweese pulling Amendments*

Nancy Paone - Fwd: Re: HB 2312 amendment 09058

From: Rick O'Leary
To: Larry Sather
Date: 10/11/2006 2:52 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: HB 2312 amendment 09058
CC: Jennifer Haines

Larry...follow up info (enclosed). From what Don Grell tells us....the members in the southeast won't like voting on this.....or many other members across the state.

Rick O'Leary
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Nancy Paone - Fwd: Re: HB 2312 amendment 09058

From: Brian Preski
To: Lori Locketto; Rick O'Leary
Date: 10/11/2006 2:09 PM
Subject: Fwd: Re: HB 2312 amendment 09058

do as you wish

>>> Rick O'Leary 10/11/2006 1:00 PM >>>

Brian.....I was planning to get my Fire and EMS groups to get DeWeese to pull his amendment...which is a may provision for allowing " Borough " council members to receive more pay for various duties.....(this passed into law this session for Second class townships.)..but...given the pay raise climate (see Grell's email..enclosed)..I thoughts that this amendment was taboo and should be pulled. However...before I do so...I wanted to make sure with you that there was no commitment from our side on this amendment with DeWeese or anybody. Please advise. Thanks.

Rick O'Leary
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