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
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Dan Deasy 

RE: **Co-sponsorship of Legislation** – Require PLCB to Study the Effects of Alcoholic Energy Drinks on Adult Consumers

In the near future I plan to introduce legislation that would urge the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) to study the effects that alcoholic energy drinks have on the Commonwealth's consumers. According to a recent study published by the University of Florida, patrons who consumed alcoholic energy drinks were three times more likely to be intoxicated than drinkers who consumed alcohol only.

More distressing is that the study noted that these types of consumers often have the propensity to suffer from a condition called "wide awake and drunk." This condition occurs when consumers misjudge their capabilities and drink more because they do not become drowsy as their intoxication level increases.

I hope that you will join with me to urge the PLCB to study these drinks and their effects on Pennsylvanians, and ways to make alcoholic energy drinks safer for all consumers. If you would like to be a co-sponsor, please email Louise in my office at lkoppenh@pahouse.net.