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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators
FROM: John H. Eichelberger, Jr. 
SUBJECT: Disposition of Contraband Seized by Probation/Parole

Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) and Title 61 (Prisons and Parole) of the PA Consolidated Statutes authorize probation and parole officers to seize contraband in the possession of persons under their supervision. However, the law is unclear as to what is to be done with such seized property. Title 42, however, does contain a specific procedure with regard to contraband seized by law enforcement agencies.

Because current law is unclear as to the rights and responsibilities of probation and parole agencies with regard to seized items, I plan to introduce legislation which would put in place a uniform procedure similar to that found in Chapter 68 of Title 42 relating to terrorism and controlled substance forfeitures.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Lee Derr of my office by phone at 717-787-5490 or by e-mail at lderr@pasen.gov.

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