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TO:

All Senators

FROM:

Senator John C. Rafferty

DATE:

November 22, 2010

SUJECT:

Co-sponsorship Memo -Disposable Cell Phone (#5)

I will be re-introducing legislation, SB543, to require all retail establishments that sell prepaid cellular phones to require the purchaser to show a photo ID with a home address at the time of purchase. Additionally the retailer must maintain the purchasers name and home address for at least two years from date of purchase. There will be a penalty of a summary offense and a mandatory \$500 fine for each violation for not obtaining the information and not maintaining it for two years. This information must be sent upon request to the Attorney General's Office. A second or subsequent violation of this requirement would be punishable as a third degree misdemeanor and a mandatory fine of \$1000.

This legislation also includes a provision that would provide for punishment for using false identification to obtain a prepaid cell phone.

Unfortunately, some individuals are using disposable cell phones to commit crimes, making it nearly impossible for law enforcement to track these individuals for prosecution.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Sean Moll by e-mail at smoll@pasen.gov or by phone at 717-787-1398.