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Senator John C. Rafferty,

RE:

Co-sponsorship – Medical Professional Liability Court (#49)



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I will be re-introducing legislation, SB1497, which will set up a Medical Professional Liability Court, Medical Professional Liability Court Fund, and an independent commission to oversee and establish the framework for the court. This independent commission will fulfill the duties of reviewing all judicial candidates for the Court.

The court's jurisdiction will extend to all civil actions or proceedings against a health care provider for all medical professional liability claims. The candidates for judge will be nominated by the Governor, based on the Commission's recommendations, and confirmed by the Senate. The Medical Professional Liability Court will consist of 18 judges with court sessions being held in 6 locations throughout the Commonwealth.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Cecilia Boyer at cboyer@pasen.gov or call 787-1398.

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