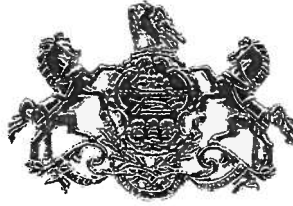


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TO: All Senators  
FROM: Senator Don White **DW**  
DATE: 12/10/10  
RE: Co-sponsorship – Abortion opt-out

Under the new Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, states are permitted to pass laws prohibiting health insurers who participate in the state health exchanges from paying for abortions. In the near future, I will re-introduce SB1399 which prohibits taxpayer subsidized coverage provided through the Pennsylvania health exchange from covering abortions if and when it becomes operational in 2014.

This bill implements the same restrictions on elective abortions currently in place, ensuring the exchange will operate in a manner consistent with the Pennsylvania Medical Assistance Program as well as the Abortion Control Act.

Last session's co-sponsors include Senators: Scarnati, Pileggi, Mensch, Alloway, Argall, Folmer, Vogel, Robbins, Kasunic, Gordner, Wozniak, Brubaker, Rafferty, Waugh, Erickson, Smucker, Ward, Browne, Musto, Yaw, Piccola, Tomlinson, Eichelberger, Corman, and Pippy.

Should you wish to cosponsor this legislation, contact Allison Dutrey of my office at 7-8724 or [adutrey@pasen.gov](mailto:adutrey@pasen.gov).

Thank you.