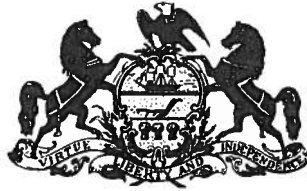


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December 8, 2010

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Dick L. Hess *D.L.H.*
SUBJECT: Introduction of Legislation – former HB 668
Amending the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device & Cosmetic Act

I plan to reintroduce HB 668 from Session 2009/10 which will amend the Controlled Substance, Drug Device and Cosmetic Act. This legislation was drafted after I was contacted by a retired state trooper from my district, who spent many years of his career with the PA State Police Canine Drug Enforcement Unit, as well as working undercover.

Based on his suggestions to increase penalties for drug offenses, my legislation will double the sentence of imprisonment which may be imposed for a first offense of possession of a Schedule I (Mescaline, peyote, marijuana, etc.) or Schedule II (opium, various amphetamines, etc.) drugs, with the new penalty including up to two years in prison and/or up to a \$10,000 fine.

Further, the penalty for second or subsequent convictions for use, possession, delivery or advertisement of drug paraphernalia would be increased to imprisonment not exceeding two years (one year under current law) and/or a fine of up to \$5,000 (\$2,500 under current law).

Finally, the penalty for a second or subsequent offense of delivery of drug paraphernalia to a person under 18 years of age would be increased to imprisonment not exceeding three years (two years under current law) and/or a fine of up to \$10,000 (\$5,000 under current law).

To cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 787-7076 or email Barb Ramsey at bramsey@pahousegop.com.

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