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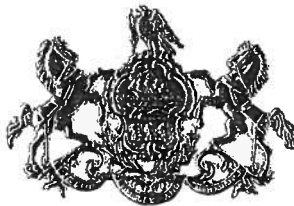
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TO: All Senators

FR: Senator Don White *DCW*

RE: Co-sponsorship: Mobility Vehicle Dealer Licensure

I plan to re-introduce legislation (Senate Bill 1057 from last session) which would amend the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salesperson Act (P.L. 306, No. 84) to license mobility vehicle. This bill passed the Senate unanimously in the 2009-10 session.

The term "mobility vehicle" refers to a vehicle retrofitted for a person with disabilities. Mobility vehicles are modified and typically have a lowered floor to permit wheelchair access. These vehicles are displayed, demonstrated and marketed to the disabled community by "mobility dealers." The mobility dealers are specialists that know the customer and the product, are specially trained and have special facilities and resources.

Currently, the mobility industry is not included in Pennsylvania's dealer licensing statute, failing to recognize how mobility vehicles are sold. Licensure would benefit mobility dealers as well as protect the interests and welfare of the disabled consumer by providing necessary safeguards and better vehicle selection and availability.

Cosponsors from last session were: D. WHITE, HUGHES, STOUT, TARTAGLIONE, ERICKSON, ALLOWAY, FONTANA, RAFFERTY, COSTA, WARD, FERLO and WOZNIAK.

If you would like to cosponsor this bill, please contact Anne Achenbach at aachenbach@pasen.gov or call 7-8724.

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