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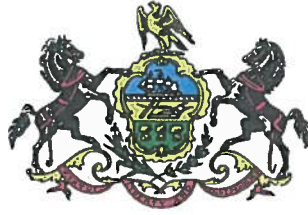
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**CO-SPONSORSHIP MEMO #16**

**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Senator Jane C. Orie  
**DATE:** December 22, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** Continuous Alcohol Monitoring Device

I plan on re-introducing Senate Bill 826. This legislation will require individuals to be monitored by a "continuous alcohol monitoring device" after the current requirement of a drug and alcohol assessment has been completed, it has been determined that they are addicted to alcohol and as a condition of their parole, have been ordered to refrain from drinking. This will ensure that the individual is abstaining from alcohol, help protect the public and provide the individual with an important tool in addressing their addiction.

This device has been used by courts and agencies in more than 40 states across the nation to monitor the alcohol consumption of individuals under their supervision. Here in Pennsylvania, the device is used or has been used in Dauphin, Franklin, Lycoming, and Venango counties.

The second part of this legislation allows for an individual who has received a suspension of their license for 2 or more years for repeat violations of 3802(a) (blood alcohol level between .08 and .10) to reduce their suspension by 6 months by completing 6 months of sobriety through the use of continuous alcohol monitoring.

The Department of Transportation would have to approve the continuous alcohol monitoring devices, just as they approve ignition interlock devices.

Last session Senate Bill 826 was co-sponsored by Senators: BROWNE, LOGAN, WASHINGTON, YAW AND FONTANA.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Kacie Morrell at 787-6538 or by email at [kmorrell@pasen.gov](mailto:kmorrell@pasen.gov).

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