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MEMORANDUM

Date:

January 3, 2011

To:

All House Members

From:

Representative Tony DeLuca

Subject:

Co-sponsorship of Legislation: Veterans Memorial

At the request of the Allegheny County Department of Veterans Services, I will be reintroducing HB 2100 - legislation that will benefit the families of deceased veterans. Specifically, the bill will limit fees that cemeteries can charge for foundations for markers commemorating deceased veterans to \$250.00.

Current law has no limit on what cemeteries can charge for the foundation, and as a result, some cemeteries have charged fees well in excess of what costs they could possibly be incurring. As a result, some families of veterans are being overcharged and even some veterans' graves are not being identified. Simply stated, this is unfair to those who have served our country, and their survivors. In addition, \$250.00 will more than adequately cover the costs associated with the foundation.

If you would like to co-sponsor this important legislation, please contact Stacia Longenecker at 787-4437 or via email slongene@pahouse.net.

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