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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Mike Reese, Member

SUBJECT: Fees for Installment Payment Plan on Court Fines

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MR', written over the subject line.

DATE: December 30, 2010

In the near future, I am planning to re-introduce legislation (introduced by Rep. Reed last session) which will amend section 9758 of the Judicial Code (Title 42) relating to fines in criminal cases.

Recently, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued an order prohibiting the imposition of fees for installment payment plans in criminal and summary matters in the common pleas and magisterial district courts. The Supreme Court issued this order on the basis that there is currently no statutory authorization for the imposition of this fee.

My legislation will allow for the collection of a reasonable fee for the initial creation of an installment payment plan. The fee shall be no more than the fee charged for unclassified costs not enumerated in Title 42. The maximum fee which may be charged is the minimum fee, increased by the percentage of increase in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Workers for the immediate preceding calendar year. This legislation will not mandate that this fee be added to the defendant's fines but instead provides the necessary statutory authorization to collect this fee.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please call or e-mail Sam Myers at 783-9311 or samyers@pahousegop.com.

PRIOR SESSION CO-SPONSORS OF HB 2620: REED, REESE, BEYER, BOYD, D. COSTA, DALEY, DENLINGER, FARRY, FLECK, GEORGE, GINGRICH, GROVE, HARHART, HARRIS, KILLION, MILLER, MOUL, MURT, PYLE, RAPP, READSHAW, STERN, SWANGER, TOEPEL, TURZAI, KRIEGER and GEIST