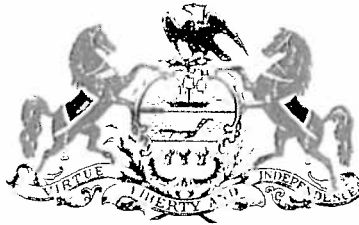


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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Representative Seth Grove
196th Legislative District
Date: January 5, 2010
Subject: Co-sponsorship - Unemployment Compensation Fraud (**Former HB 2059**)

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce House Bill 2059 from the 2009-2010 session to amend Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to permit the Department of Labor and Industry to garnish the wages of individuals who received an overpayment of unemployment compensation due to willful fraud. Currently, the department does not have this tool to recoup fraudulent overpayments. They can either file a lien against a claimant's property, or recoup the overpayment by deducting it from future unemployment compensation.

Given the current financial distress of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, the department needs every tool which can be utilized to recoup monies that were obtained by individuals who committed fraud. This legislation would create a very effective means of recouping unemployment overpayments.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Lisa Burkholder at lburkhol@pahousegop.com or 717-783-2655. Thank you for your consideration.

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