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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman

DATE: January 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Resolution: Study the Cost of Making the Insurance

Commissioner a Statewide Elected Office - Former HR 265

In the near future, I will be re-introducing a resolution from last session to study the financial impact of making the office of Insurance Commissioner a statewide elected office in the Commonwealth.

For the past several sessions, legislation has been introduced in the General Assembly to require the insurance commissioner to be elected by popular vote. I will soon be re-introducing my own proposal to make the office of Insurance Commissioner an elected office.

In an effort to provide objective information on the issue and to promote discussion and debate on the merits of these proposals, my resolution directs the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study the financial impact to the Commonwealth and individual counties in providing for the election of the insurance commissioner in the same manner that the state treasurer and the auditor general are elected.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Linda Reed at <u>lreed@pahouse.net</u> or 787-2798.