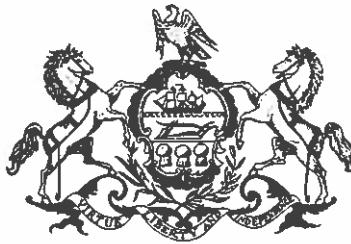


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman

DATE: January 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation: Removes the back-tag requirement from Title 34 (Game) - Former HB 460

In the near future, I will be re-introducing legislation from last session that amends Title 34 (Game) to remove the requirement that hunters display their license while hunting. This legislation passed the House last session by a unanimous vote and was also reported out of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee unanimously, but it unfortunately did not receive a final passage vote in the Senate.

Presently, hunters display their license as a back-tag whenever hunting or taking game in any manner. By removing this requirement, hunters will be able to carry wallet-sized licenses, as is done in 48 other states. Other than Pennsylvania, only New York requires the wearing of a hunting license.

Along with the added convenience of not having to poke holes in expensive outer garments, my bill responds to the new smaller licenses now available from the Game Commission through their computerized Point of Sales system of licensing. The current display requirement in Title 34 is out of date and inconvenient for hunters, especially those who wish to change coats while in the field.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Linda Reed at lreed@pahouse.net or 787-2798.