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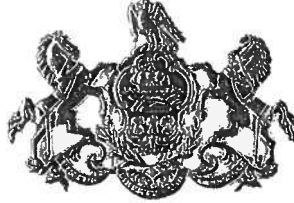
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**TO:** All Senators  
**FROM:** Senator Robert M. Tomlinson  
**SUBJECT:** Co-Sponsorship Memo #9 – Adoption Fees

Please join me in co-sponsoring legislation which I am planning to reintroduce that would change fees chargeable by the Department of State for international adoption proceedings.

This legislation would change the fees chargeable by Department of State by adding the Bureau of Commissions, Elections and Legislation to charge a \$5.00 fee for authentication of a document for recognition by a foreign government (apostille) of certification required in an international adoption proceeding. Currently, the Department of State charges \$15.00 per document which is an added expense to these adopting families.

This legislation would also require that within 30 days of the effective date, the Department of State would make available and publish in the PA Bulletin a uniform form to request for the legalization of documents.

The information below indicates the prior session's bill number and cosponsors.

SB 167 by Senators TOMLINSON , BRUBAKER , CORMAN , ORIE ,  
KITCHEN , ERICKSON , RAFFERTY and WASHINGTON

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this bill, please contact Mary Walmer of my office at 787-5072 or mwalmer@pasen.gov.

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