



Senate of Pennsylvania

Senator Larry Farnese

1st Senatorial District

MEMO

Date: *December 7, 2010*
To: *All Senators*
From: *Senator Larry Farnese*
Subject: *Co-sponsorship Memo – Hit-and-Run Accidents and Aggravated Assault by Vehicle*

In the near future, I will be re-introducing two bills from the 2009-2010 Legislative Session, both of which amend Title 75 (Vehicles).

The first bill, formerly Senate Bill 1267, addresses hit-and-run accidents. The legislation would increase the penalty for those who have committed a hit-and-run accident from a misdemeanor of the first degree to a felony of the third degree with a \$1,000 minimum fine. If serious bodily injury was caused by the hit-and-run accident, the penalty would be increased to include an additional fine and consecutive minimum term of imprisonment for each additional victim. If a victim dies in the course of a hit-and-run accident, the penalty would be increased from the current third degree felony to a felony of the second degree with additional fines and consecutive minimum terms of imprisonment imposed for each victim.

The second bill, formerly SB 1268, will add a section to Title 75 to address the crime of aggravated assault by vehicle, making the offense a felony of the third degree. It would also provide for a maximum of two years' confinement if the violation occurred in an active work zone or if the victim was an emergency service responder.

SBs 1267 and 1268 were co-sponsored by Senators Boscola, Fontana, Kitchen, Leach, Logan and Stack.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Brandie Pifer at bpifer@pasenate.com or 717-787-5663. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Keaveney at skeaveney@pasenate.com.