



Senate of Pennsylvania

Senator Jim Ferlo

38th Senatorial District

MEMO

To: *All Senators*
Date: *January 6, 2011*
From: *Senator Jim Ferlo*
Subject: *Co-sponsorship of Hate Crimes Statute Reinstatement*

In the near future I plan to re-introduce Senate Bill 395 to reinstate language to Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) that was declared unconstitutional by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court on procedural grounds (*Marcavage v. Rendell*, 936 A.2d 188 (Pa. Commonwealth 2007)).

Act 143 of 2002 extended the protections under the ethnic intimidation clause of Chapter 27 (Assault) to the categories of ancestry, mental or physical disability, sexual orientation, gender, and gender identity. It also made it clear that all groups under the act were protected from offenses committed for actual or perceived associations.

In the previous sessions the bill was co-sponsored by Senators Washington, A. Williams, Costa, Stout, Fontana, Tartaglione, Kitchen, Browne, and Stack.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please e-mail Gianna Veno at gveno@pasenate.com or call 787-6123.