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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman

**DATE:** January 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation- Exempt Veterans' Benefits from Income

Eligibility Calculations for PACE and PACENET (Former HB 1427)

In the near future, I will be reintroducing legislation from last session that would amend the State Lottery Law to exempt all veterans' benefits from PACE and PACENET income calculations.

This legislation would ensure veterans are not disqualified from these programs simply because of the veterans' benefits they receive, like their military pensions or veterans' disability payments. Given their sacrifice and service to our country, I believe this is the least we can do. Moreover, the economy has made these programs more critical than ever to the well-being of veterans.

Previous co-sponsors: BAKER, BELFANTI, BOYD, BRENNAN, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, CASORIO, COHEN, D. COSTA, DALEY, DeWEESE, EVERETT, FABRIZIO, FAIRCHILD, GEIST, GEORGE, GERGELY, GIBBONS, GROVE, GRUCELA, HORNAMAN, JOSEPHS, KORTZ, KOTIK, MANN, MELIO, MURT, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PETRARCA, PYLE, REICHLEY, ROCK, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH, SOLOBAY, STABACK, STERN, THOMAS, VULAKOVICH, WANSACZ, WATSON, WHEATLEY, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, and YUDICHAK.

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