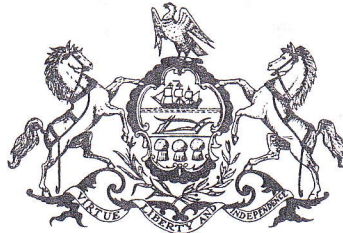


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Memorandum

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Patrick Harkins *P.J.H.*

DATE: January 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I will be re-introducing House Bill 1511 from the 2009-10 legislative session to amend Act 362 of 1945, which authorizes third class cities to establish optional retirement systems.

Currently, Act 362 authorizes the Officers and Employees Retirement Board to increase the compensation of retired officers and employees of third class cities. Such increases must be based on the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers as calculated by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. My legislation would require the board to increase the compensation of retired officers and employees. I believe it is important to ensure that retirees, many of whom live on fixed incomes, are able to keep up with increases in prescription drug prices and other cost-of living increases.

Members who were a co-sponsor of this legislation last session were the following: Thaddeus Kirkland, Scott Conklin, Ted Harhai, Florindo Fabrizio, Tim Mahoney, Ken Smith, Rosita Youngblood, Thomas Murt, Jaret Gibbons, and Michele Brooks.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Terra Heilman in my office at Theilman@pahouse.net.

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