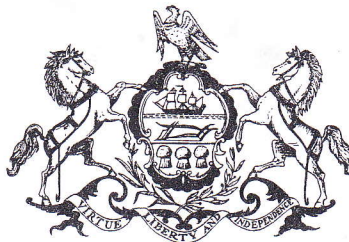


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MEMORANDUM

JAN 14 2011

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman

DATE: January 6, 2011

**SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation: Statewide Election of Insurance
Commissioner – Former House Bill 1363**

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation from last session amending the Constitution of Pennsylvania to require the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner to be elected rather than appointed.

Currently, the state constitution authorizes the governor to appoint the insurance commissioner. However, I strongly believe that because of the important responsibilities and duties given to the insurance commissioner, the citizens of Pennsylvania should ultimately choose who is placed in this position.

This bill will require the insurance commissioner to be elected on the day the general election is held for the auditor general and state treasurer and will establish a four-year term. The bill further states that an insurance commissioner cannot be employed directly or indirectly by an insurance company within four years after serving as insurance commissioner.

In response to concerns raised about the constitutionality of limiting who can contribute to campaigns, I have removed the provision from last session that would have prohibited insurance companies from contributing to the political campaigns of candidates for the office of Insurance Commissioner.

Previous co-sponsors: BELFANTI, CUTLER, GIBBONS, HARKINS, MURPHY, M. O'BRIEN, PHILLIPS, PRESTON, STURLA, and YOUNGBLOOD

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Linda Reed at lreed@pahouse.net or 787-2798.