

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 18, 2011

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Eugene DePasquale

SUBJECT: **Legislation to increase annual income cap for retirees to qualify for an exemption from vehicle registration fee**

In the near future, I intend to re-introduce legislation amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to increase the annual income cap for retirees to qualify for an exemption from vehicle registration fees. Under current law, a processing fee in lieu of a registration fee is offered to certain individuals. Among those individuals who qualify for an exemption are retirees who are receiving social security or other pension and whose total income does not exceed \$19,200.

Over thirty years since this exemption was first enacted, the General Assembly has increased the qualifying annual income cap only three times. Today's current \$19,200 cap is at an all time low in equivalent dollar value in the past twenty years. As such, the number of Pennsylvania retirees' qualifying for this exemption is decreasing.

I strongly urge the support of my colleagues in enacting this increase in order to make a reasonable update to a well-deserved benefit for retired individuals.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Cynthia Clory in my office at 717-787-7514 or by e-mail at cclory@pahouse.net.

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