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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Re-Introduction of Legislation – (HB 1255)
Pennsylvania State Police – Bureau of Gaming Legislation

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Ron Marsico

All of us have followed the news related to the licensing process of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, their ability (or inability) to access appropriate criminal background information concerning license applicants, etc. These issues have cast a cloud over Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

I intend to clear up these concerns by re-introducing legislation to transfer all of the existing functions and duties of the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement in the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, including the Office of Enforcement Counsel, to a new Bureau of Gaming in the Pennsylvania State Police. It is my intent to separate the Bureau of Gaming in the Pennsylvania State Police from any regulatory or fiscal control by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. This will separate the investigation/enforcement function from the licensing function and ensure that entities with clear law enforcement authority are in charge of background checks.

Previous HB 1255 co-sponsors: Baker, Barrar, Benninghoff, Beyer, Boyd, Causer, Civera, Clymer, Creighton, Fairchild, Fleck, Freeman, Gabler, Geist, Gingrich, Grove, Harper, Hennessey, Hess, Kauffman, M. Keller, Major, Moul, Phillips, Quinn, Rapp, Rock, Siproth, Sonney, Stern, Stevenson, Tallman, Turzai, Vulakovich, Watson, Youngblood, O'Neill, Everett, Swanger, Cutler, Marshall, Murt, Vereb, Miller, Brooks and Denlinger

If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Anna or Michelle at 783-2014 or via e-mail at mmoore@pahousegop.com. Thank you.