

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: Rep. Peter J. Daley

DATE: January 25, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship – Expanded Use of Mentored Youth Hunting Program

In the near future, I intend to reintroduce legislation from last session (H.B. 281) that expands the Mentored Youth Hunting Program by allowing an adult mentor to transfer one antlerless license per year to a participating youth. Currently, mentored youth cannot harvest antlerless deer.

In 2006, the Pennsylvania Game Commission launched the Mentored Youth Hunting Program with the simple objective of expanding youth hunting opportunities while maintaining safety afield. The program, which has received national acclaim, promotes interest in hunting and wildlife conservation among young people, helping to assure hunting's future – all under the close supervision of a mentor. Expanding the program to include doe hunting will help build an even stronger program.

In the previous session, this legislation garnered a great deal of support and was successful in passing the House by a vote of 192-0. In order to continue the momentum from last session, the bill will be reintroduced as it passed the House, not as it was originally introduced.

**Past cosponsors included:** STABACK, MOUL, BOYD, BRENNAN, CONKLIN, GIBBONS, GOODMAN, GROVE, HALUSKA, HARHAI, HESS, HORNAMAN, KIRKLAND, KORTZ, LENTZ, MAHONEY, MENSCH, METZGAR, PEIFER, PYLE, ROHRER, SIPTROTH, WALKO, WHITE, CUTLER, D. COSTA, ROCK, HARRIS, CREIGHTON, GEIST, K. SMITH, HELM, CALTAGIRONE, KRIEGER, EVERETT AND DENLINGER.

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