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## Senate of Pennsylvania

February 3, 2011

### MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM:  Senator Lisa Baker

SUBJECT: **Enhanced Immunity Protection in Good Samaritan Law**

Please join me in co-sponsoring legislation to provide further civil immunity protections to individuals and other entities acting in good faith to assist during times of emergency. This legislation will be numbered as **Senate Bill 351** and it will address two issues.

- 1) Provides for amendments to Title 42, Section 8331.2. The bill will clarify that existing liability immunity already provided to individuals for the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) in times of medical emergency is also extended to the business or other organization that houses and maintains the AED on its premises. This language will be similar to SB 1322 of 2010, which I introduced last session.
- 2) The bill will also include provisions to amend Title 42, Section 8332 to provide civil immunity to any individual acting in good faith to assist in an emergency event. Under current law, immunity is only provided if the person is certified by the Heart Association, the Red Cross or a similar program approved by the PA Emergency Health Services Council (PEHSC). All of these entities believe the necessity of basic first aid in the first few minutes of a medical emergency outweighs any potential risk – even if the person is not certified.

Both provisions of the legislation are supported by the Pennsylvania chapters of the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross and the PEHSC.

If you wish to co-sponsor this proposal, please contact Liz Clancy at [lclancy@pasen.gov](mailto:lclancy@pasen.gov) or by phone at 787-7428.

Thank you.