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Co-sponsorship Memo

DATE: February 2, 2011
TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator Jane M. Earll
SUBJECT: Legislation Amending the Local Option [Small] Games of Chance Act by Increasing Individual Prize Limits and Enhancing Regulation.

I am planning on introducing legislation that would amend the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act by further providing for definitions and for prize limits; providing for insured games of chance, further providing for sales limited, for regulations of department, for licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance, for revocation of licenses, for advertising and for penalties; and making editorial changes.

The primary focus of this legislation supports an increase in certain individual prize limits and enhances regulation (i.e., record keeping, separate bank accounts, reporting, education provisions, and background checks) related to games of chance to ensure that certain nonprofit associations (eligible organizations) throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are able to continue raising funds for the promotion of charitable or civic purposes in a way that best meets the public interest.

This legislation is similar to legislation introduced in previous sessions in the Senate of Pennsylvania, including most recently during the 2009-2010 Session. [See Senate Bill 211, Printer's Number 1414].

If you would either like to co-sponsor this legislation and/or have any questions, please contact Lauren Clark at lclark@pasen.gov.