



*Senate of Pennsylvania*

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**MEMO**

**Date:** *January 3, 2011*  
**To:** *All Senators*  
**From:** *Senator Richard A. Kasunic*  
**Subject:** *Memo #4: Legislation Re-Introduction*

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce the following legislation:

1. Legislation that broadens the scope of simple assault to include individuals who "intentionally or recklessly propels an object at a moving automobile which results in bodily injury or temporary bodily impairment". **This was formerly Senate Bill 478 of last session.**
2. Legislation that authorizes the seizure of leased property when the owner has knowledge, actual or imputed, of the property's use for drugs. For example, if a house is rented and is a "crack house", the owner may lose the house to the Commonwealth if the Commonwealth can prove the owner had knowledge of the property's use as a "crack house". The bill would dedicate monies collected from drug seizures to be given to a bona fide community action group who is dedicated to the community. **This was formerly Senate Bill 479 of the last session.**
3. Legislation amending the *Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act* to include Oxycontin to the list of Schedule I narcotics. The legislation does provide an exemption for medicinal purposes. **This was formerly Senate Bill 480 of the last session.**
4. Legislation that amends Title 75 of PaCS (Vehicles) to provide for suspension (for first offense) or revocation (for second and subsequent offenses) of CDL's if the holder commits theft with the use of the CDL. **This was formerly Senate Bill 481 of the last session.**
5. This legislation would amend title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) to provide a mandatory minimum sentence for arson-related offenses. The legislation would mandate a minimum sentence of 5-years for an individual convicted of an arson involving a death. Additionally, the legislation would provide a 2-year mandatory sentence for an individual convicted of arson

destroying property. **This was formerly Senate Bill 482 of the last session.**

6. This legislation would prohibit the use of laser pointers on individuals. The bill would provide for a summary offense if a pointer were used on an individual. It also provides for a third degree misdemeanor if the pointer is used on an individual while the individual is operating a motor vehicle. **This was formerly Senate Bill 483 of last session.**

7. Legislation that would increase the penalty for individuals convicted of retail theft of motor fuel. Under this legislation, an individual would face a suspension of their operating privileges for 30 days after the first offense, for 60 days after the second offense and for one year following a third offense. **This was formerly Senate Bill 484 of last session.**

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please call 787-7175, or email [jbonifanti@pasenate.com](mailto:jbonifanti@pasenate.com).