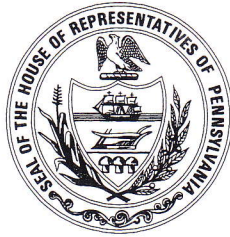


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MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House of Representatives
From: Representative Gary Haluska
Date: January 28, 2011
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Allowing mine safety workers to purchase prior service (Former HB 818)

In the future, I intend to reintroduce legislation that would amend Title 71 (State Government) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to allow mine safety workers to purchase prior state service (formerly House Bill 818 of the 2009-2010 legislative session).

Coal mining is at the core of our Commonwealth's identity. Whether anthracite or bituminous, the state's most abundant energy resource has served the nation well. According to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, coal was the fuel of choice for transportation and other steam-powered applications and, in the form of coke, was for the production of steel. Today, coal is used mostly by utility power plants for the generation of electricity.

When considering all that coal has done, we must never forget the men and women who venture deep into the earth to extract it and the mine inspectors, electrical inspectors, and emergency response training specialists, who keep them safe. This proposal allows those workers to earn credit for service rendered and provide revenue for the State Employees' Retirement System at this difficult time.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Marilyn Juran at mjuran@pahouse.net

Previous co-sponsors: Brennan, Burns, Conklin, Creighton, DeWeese, Fabrizio, Fleck, George, Goodman, Harhai, Harhart, Hornaman, Kotik, Murt, Staback, and Youngblood.