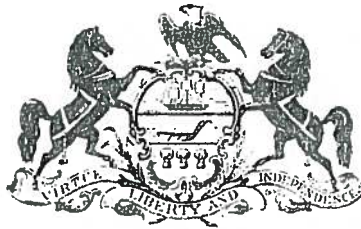


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February 7, 2011

MEMORANDUM

Subject: Proposed Legislation – Increased Limits of Liability
Vandalizing and Destroying Public Property

To: All House Members

From: Representative Thomas Murt
152nd Legislative District

I was contacted by a township manager in my district concerning children vandalizing and destroying public property and the resulting damage costing \$10,000 or more.

Under current law, the liability of parents for the acts of their children is capped at \$1,000 for injuries suffered by any one person as a result of the child's act and \$2,500 regardless of the number of persons injured. In addition, when the actual loss is greater than the liability, the parents are discharged of any further liability by a payment of \$2,500. "Injury" is defined for this chapter as including injury to the person and theft, destruction or loss of property. These liability limitations apply to both criminal and civil proceedings.

My legislation would increase those limits from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Also, when the actual loss exceeds the liability, the limit would be \$2,000 for any one person and \$5,000 regardless of the number of persons injured.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, kindly contact Amy Bossart @ ABossart@pahousegop.com or by calling 787-6886.

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