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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Dave Reed

SUBJECT:

Proposed Legislation – Licensure of Mobility Vehicle Dealers (former HB 1853)

DATE:

February 22, 2011

In the near future I plan to reintroduce former House Bill 1853, legislation which would amend the State Board of Vehicle Manufacturers, Dealers and Salesperson Act (P.L. 306, No. 84) to license mobility vehicle dealers.

The term "mobility vehicle" refers to a vehicle retrofitted for a person with disabilities. Mobility vehicles are modified and typically have a lowered floor to permit wheelchair access. These vehicles are displayed, demonstrated and marketed to the disabled community by "mobility dealers." The mobility dealers are specialists that know the customer and the product, are specially trained and have special facilities and resources.

Currently, the mobility industry is not included in Pennsylvania's dealer licensing statute, failing to recognize how mobility vehicles are sold. Licensure would benefit mobility dealers as well as protect the interests and welfare of the disabled consumer by providing necessary safeguards and better vehicle selection and availability.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 717-705-7173 or through email to Cheryl Griffith at cgriffit@pahousegop.com.

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