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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: ALL SENATORS
FROM: Stewart J. Greenleaf *Stewart*
SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – **Administrative Procedure Code**

I am introducing legislation consolidating various statutes into Title 2 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. Title 2 will be known as the Administrative Procedure Code. Currently, Title 2 contains provisions relating to hearings before state and local agencies. These provisions will be retained and will not be affected by the consolidation.

My legislation will add to Title 2 provisions relating to Commonwealth documents, including the filing of documents for publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and in the Pennsylvania Code; the Attorney General's review for form and legality of all proposed regulations; the Office of the Budget's preparation of fiscal notes for regulatory actions; and the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and regulatory review process. The underlying statutes for these provisions will be repealed in favor of the new consolidated provisions. However, no substantive changes in law are intended and to the extent possible the numbers and letters identifying various provisions of the law will be retained.

Pennsylvania remains the only state that has not completely consolidated its statutes. I believe that it is important to bring our statutes together in a concise and coordinated fashion. The use of a consistent style and common definitions for words and phrases makes the law more readable. It is easier for the public to access a well-organized and written body of statutory law.

It is not the intent of this consolidation to make revisions to the law other than the editorial changes needed to conform to the style of the consolidated statutes. By bringing all the laws together that deal with one particular subject, in this case administrative procedure, the law is easier to research, read and understand. In the future, if there are substantive changes to this area of law, they can be made to one title instead various statutes.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Pat Snively of my office by e-mailing her at psnively@pasen.gov.