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Senate of Pennsylvania

DATE: February 25, 2011

TO: All Senators

FROM: Vincent J. Hughes 

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship- Smart Gun

In the near future, I will re-introduce legislation that will require every firearm sold in Pennsylvania to be a "smart gun," when the technology is made available.

Smart guns are based upon a dynamic grip recognition technology invented by professors at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. This technology measures the size, strength and structure of a person's hand, along with the reflexive way in which a person acts. The smart gun observes how the person squeezes something to produce a unique and measurable pattern. Embedded sensors in the gun can read and record the size and force of the user's hand during the first seconds when the trigger is squeezed. This technology will limit use of a firearm to a grip the "smart gun" recognizes. This legislation was introduced last session as SB 295.

The co-sponsors of SB 295 were: Washington and Leach.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please contact Jackie Hopp at jhopp@pasenate.com.