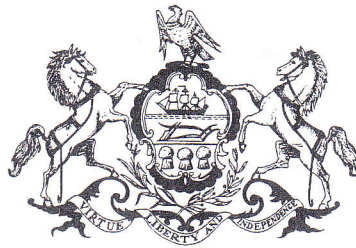


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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 29, 2011
TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Rep. Dan Deasy
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Junior Driver’s Licenses

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation which would outline passenger restrictions for motorists holding a junior driver’s license.

The legislation would not permit more than one passenger under 18 years of age in a vehicle driven by a junior driver. Exceptions to this restriction exist when a parent of the driver is also a passenger, a parent of a passenger is also a passenger, or the passengers are siblings and relatives of the driver.

A recent National Highway Traffic Safety Administration study found an increased risk of vehicle crashes when teenage drivers transport passengers, with an even greater risk while transporting multiple passengers. More passengers provide more distractions, which is a significant danger when a junior driver is behind the wheel.

My hope is that this legislation will lead to fewer crashes, injuries, and teenage deaths on roadways in our Commonwealth. Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Louise in my Harrisburg office at 772-8187 or email her at lkoppenh@pahouse.net.