

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Paul Costa

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – **Public Venue License for Zoos**

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would give the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Zoos the ability to obtain liquor licenses, primarily for use at private banquets and events. This licensing would allow the zoos to offer alcohol in their permanent restaurants.

This would give the zoos opportunities to use alcohol sales to add to their fundraising efforts, as well as allowing the zoos to compete for private banquets, events, and reception business, all in an effort to replace the government funding that has been lost in recent years.

For your information, this is an issue that passed as an amendment to HB1547 of last session.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please call my office at 783-1914 [Ext. 6194] or e-mail pkieres@pahouse.net.