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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Scott Perry (4)
92nd Legislative District

DATE:

April 7, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of legislation to redefine "motorcycle" in Vehicle Code

In the near future I plan to introduce legislation that would amend Title 75 (Vehicles), Section 102 (Definitions), of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes by modifying the definition of the term "motorcycle".

Currently, "motorcycle" is defined as "a motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider and designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground." Because of this limited definition, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) has been unable to impose any regulations or standards for cycles with two stabilizing wheels or "training wheels."

This legislation would amend the current definition by adding language that includes modifications through use of a conversion kit that adds two stabilizing wheels on the rear of the motor vehicle. This simple change will authorize PennDOT to implement regulations and standards for motorcycles and motorcyclists that utilize these rear stabilizing wheels.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lisa Seilhammer in my office at 783-8783 or through e-mail at lseilham@pahousegop.com