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Senate of Pennsylvania MIKE WAUGH SENATOR MEMORANDUM

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DATE:

April 6, 2011

TO:

All Senators

FROM:

Senator Mike Wangh

SUBJECT:

Request to co-sponsor legislation

Requiring insurance companies to notify PennDOT when insurance is paid for with a bad check

I am reintroducing legislation that amends Section 1786 of *Title 75 (Vehicles)* of *Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes*. This was Senate Bill 946 from the 2009-10 session.

Under this legislation, if a person pays for a vehicle's insurance policy with a bad check, the insurance company will be required to immediately notify the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), which will then be required to rescind the vehicle's registration. This problem was highlighted by a constituent who runs a title business. He noted that some drivers will pay for their insurance with a bad check, and when the insurance company rescinds the policy, it never notifies PennDOT. The person can thus drive for several months without insurance.

Co-sponsors of Senate Bill 946 were Senators Alloway, Ferlo, Rafferty, Ward and Washington.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please call Debbie Clark in my office at 787-3817 or by e-mail at delark@pasen.gov.