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Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: SENATOR CHARLES T. McILHINNEY, JR.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

DATE: April 12, 2011

RE: **Co-Sponsorship Memo #22**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation which creates a Farmers' Market Permit allowing Pennsylvania wineries with a limited winery license to sell their own alcoholic cider, wine and wine coolers at farmer's markets. In recent years, the number of farmers' markets in Pennsylvania has risen to meet consumer demand for local produce. Moreover, with increased greenhouse production of produce, many farmers' markets have extended seasons including those which now operate on a year round basis.

Some Pennsylvania Limited Wineries wish to participate in these farmers' markets on a consistent basis and subsequently would require more days than the special use permit allows. Current law only allows limited winery's to obtain a special permit and participate in events for a total of 40 days in any calendar year. A supplemental farmers' market only permit would alleviate this concern and would allow a limited winery to participate in a farmer's market all year during the markets standard hours of operation.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please call my office at 7-7305 or email Gail Reinard at greinard@pasen.gov.

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