

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Maria P. Donatucci

DATE: May 5, 2011

RE: Co-sponsorship of Legislation Prohibiting the Sale or Transfer of a Vehicle With a Suspended Registration or Title

I ask you to consider co-sponsoring legislation that I will soon introduce to amend the Title 75 (Vehicles), Section 1111, of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, to prohibit the sale or transfer of a vehicle with a suspended registration or title.

Situations have occurred that a vehicle's title and/or registration has become suspended because of a non-insurance "F stop." Instead of having the three-month suspension take place, the owner of the vehicle sells it to another individual, such as another family member. The sale causes the lifting of the suspension of the registration or title for the new owner. The suspension, therefore, never occurs and the owner who sold the vehicle avoids responsibility and, most importantly, paying the restoration fee.

My legislation would close this loophole by requiring a suspension to take place and an owner to pay a restoration fee before a sale of a vehicle could occur.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Marilyn Antes of my office at (717) 783-8634 or mantes@pahouse.net