



Senate of Pennsylvania

Senator John T. Yudichak

14th Senatorial District

MEMO

To: *All Senators*
From: *Senator John Yudichak*
Date: *May 23, 2011*
Subject: *Introduction of Legislation to Relating to False Compartments in Vehicles*

In the near future I am planning on introducing legislation that would add a new section to the Crimes Code (Title 18). This new section will make it a crime to own, operate, or possess a motor vehicle which contains a false or secret compartment. A violation of this new section will be graded as a first degree misdemeanor.

Under current law it is not a crime for any person to possess, own, or design a vehicle with concealed compartments. These compartments are often used to avoid complying with state laws including drug smuggling and avoiding taxes on cigarettes.

Also, under this bill, any person who knowingly designs, assembles, or constructs a motor vehicle with a false compartment with the intent to conceal controlled substances, firearms, or contraband commits a second degree misdemeanor.

Any person convicted under this section will also be subject to a license suspension of one year for a first offense and two years for a second or subsequent offense.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 787-7105 or email Richard Fox at rfox@pasenate.com. Thank you for your consideration.