



Senate of Pennsylvania

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38th Senatorial District

MEMO

To: *All Senators*
Date: *January 6, 2011*
From: *Senator Jim Ferlo*
Subject: *Co-sponsorship of Improved Towing Powers for
Second Class Cities*

In the near future I will be re-introducing Senate Bill 458. The amendment to Title 75 (Vehicles) will enable the Second Class Cities to better handle abandoned cars on vacant lots by permitting the towing of dangerous vehicles in a more expedited fashion.

The amendment will allow such a city to designate an employee, most likely someone from the Bureau of Building Inspection, to sign the necessary paperwork to permit for an abandoned vehicle to be towed from vacant private property. The city will still be required to have a police officer authorize the removal of the vehicle and to provide proper notification to the owner.

Abandoned cars are not only eyesores. They create public safety problems that include children playing in them, havens for pests such as rats, and places for drugs to be kept. Removing them from our city streets is a priority.

In the previous session Senate Bill 458 was cosponsored by Senators Stout, Costa, Fontana, Washington, Earll and Logan.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please e-mail Gianna Veno

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