

TO: All House Members
FROM: Rep. Maria P. Donatucci
DATE: September 28, 2011
RE: Co-sponsorship: Legislation Regarding Aggravated Assault

In the near future I plan to introduce legislation that would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) regarding aggravated assault.

More specifically, current law defines assaults on various officers and employees aggravated assault. From time to time, the General Assembly expands that listing to include more individuals acting in an official capacity. My legislation would simplify the definition by including language that encompasses any government official or employee acting in his or her official capacity into the enumeration of officers and employees, etc.

The current language differentiates between various officials and employees. It makes one set of officials or employees assaulted on the job more important than others. In my opinion, any government official attacked while acting in or because of the scope of his or her employment or service should rise to the level of aggravated assault. Further, by making this encompassing change, the General Assembly would have no need to further add to the list in the current definition.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Marilyn Antes at (717) 783-8634 or mantes@pahouse.net.