



House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

To: All House Members
From: Representative Mario M. Scavello
Date: October 26, 2011
Re: Legislation Increasing Littering Fines (Former HB 1209)

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation that will increase fines for littering. I believe the current fine system is not a proper deterrent for this crime.

Currently, fines for littering under Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) are no less than \$50 and no more than \$300 for a first-time offense, and no less than \$300 and no more than \$1,000 for a second and subsequent offense.

Under this legislation, fines would be imposed according to the following schedule:

- Littering of five pounds or less for the first offense: not less than \$50 or more than \$300
- Littering of more than five pounds but less than 100 pounds or 25 cubic feet for the first offense: not less than \$300 or more than \$500
- Littering of more than 100 pounds or 25 cubic feet or more for the first offense: not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000
- Littering of less than five pounds for the second and subsequent offense: not less than \$100 or more than \$500
- Littering of more than five pounds but less than 100 pounds or 25 cubic feet for the second and subsequent offense: not less than \$500 or more than \$1,000
- Littering of more than 100 pounds or 25 cubic feet for the second and subsequent offense: not less than \$1,000 or more than \$2,000

This legislation will also increase the littering fines outlined in Title 75 (Vehicles). The current fines in the Vehicle Code will be changed as follows:

- Violations that occur in an easement purchased under the Agricultural Area Security Law are currently subject to a fine of \$900. That penalty will be changed to not less than \$900, nor more than \$1,500;

- Violations that occur in an agricultural security area are currently subject to a fine of \$600. That penalty will be changed to not less than \$600, nor more than \$1,200; and
- Violations that occur in any other area are currently subject to a fine of \$300. That penalty would be changed to the following schedule:
 - Littering of five pounds or less for the first offense: \$100
 - Littering of more than five pounds, but less than 100 pounds or 25 cubic feet for the first offense: \$500
 - Littering of more than 100 pounds or more than 25 cubic feet for the first offense: \$1,000
 - Littering of five pounds or less for the second and subsequent offense: \$500
 - Littering of more than five pounds, but less than 100 pounds or 25 cubic feet for the second and subsequent offense: \$1,000
 - Littering of more than 100 pounds or more than 25 cubic feet for the second and subsequent offense: \$2,000

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Kendra Snuffer via e-mail at ksnuffer@pahousegop.com or by phone at 787-7732.

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