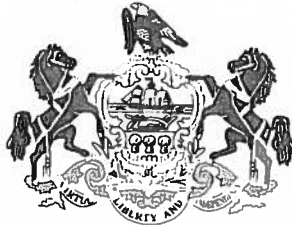


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative David M. Maloney Sr.

DATE: November 10, 2011

SUBJECT: Legislation Regarding Regulations Proposed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation requiring that the regulations proposed by the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC), be reviewed by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC), which was created under Act 181 of 1982.

As you may know, IRRC's mission is to review regulations proposed by state agencies to ensure that the statutory authority exists to enact the regulation, and to determine whether the regulation is consistent with legislative intent. IRRC considers economic impact, public health and safety, reasonableness, and clarity.

Under Act 181 of 1982, the PGC is specifically excluded from the definition of "agency." Therefore, any regulations proposed by the PGC are exempted from review by IRRC. The legislation that I will be introducing would remove the exclusion of the PGC from the definition of agency.

IRRC's regulatory review process provides transparency in the development of regulations and acts as a clearinghouse for complaints, comments, and other input from the General Assembly and the public. For nearly three decades, the regulatory review process has been proven invaluable in the development of fair and reasonable regulations in the Commonwealth.

I believe it is important that we enact this legislation to provide needed transparency in the development of the PGC's regulations and to allow for additional opportunities for stakeholders to participate in the regulatory review process.

If you would like to cosponsor this measure, please contact Karen Waters in my office at kwaters@pahousegop.com or (717) 261-6161.