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MEMORANDUM

Senate of Pennsylvania

TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: SENATOR CHARLES T. McILHINNEY, JR.

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SENATOR JOHN P. BLAKE

J.P. Blake

DATE: December 22, 2011

RE: **Co-Sponsorship Memo #28**

The purpose of this memo is to seek additional co-sponsors for legislation ensuring Game Commission officers' retirement provisions are equal to those of their law enforcement officer counterparts.

The bill would amend Title 71 (State Government) to include officers of the Pennsylvania Game Commission in the definition of "Enforcement Officers." These bona fide members of law enforcement do not currently enjoy the same retirement provision – age 50 and 20 years – as do other enforcement officers. Meanwhile, Game Commission officers' pension contributions are equal to that of their counterparts.

This legislation will mirror the efforts of our colleague, Representative Ed Staback, Democratic Chair of the House Game and Fisheries Committee.

A co-sponsorship memo for this bill had been previously distributed by Senator Blake's office and a number of members have already signed on as co-sponsors. With this proposal being one of fairness and great importance to hundreds of Game Commission Officers, I urge further sponsorship of this bill as Senator Blake and I work together to see its introduction, consideration and passage.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation please call my office at 7-7305 or email Gail Reinard at greinard@pasen.gov.

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