



Senate of Pennsylvania

Senator Larry Farnese

1st Senatorial District

MEMO

Date: *March 20, 2012*
To: *All Senators*
From: *Senator Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr.*
Subject: *Co-sponsorship Memo*

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would require several steps in order for a man to gain access to prescriptive medications to combat erectile dysfunction (ED), such as Viagra.

My legislation would require a male patient do all of the following: 1) watch a video enumerating all side effects of ED medication; 2) go through a cardiac stress test to determine that their cardiovascular system is strong enough to be safely administered ED medication; 3) obtain sex therapy to determine if there are non-physical reasons for their ED that could be addressed without the use of ED medication; 4) obtain a signed affidavit from a sexual partner stating that he suffers from ED; and 5) be given an internal prostate exam to ensure poor prostate health is not a contributing factor to his ED. A physician would then be required to provide the patient with written proof that he will derive a benefit from the use of ED medication and that there are no other potential medical or psychological causes to his impotency. This written proof would then be required to be presented to a pharmacist before a prescription for ED medication could be filled.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this important legislation aimed at ensuring men are given a full understanding of their decision to seek medicinal treatment for erectile dysfunction. You can contact Brandie Pifer in my office at 7-5662 or bpifer@pasenate.com to co-sponsor this initiative.