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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the House of Representatives  
**FROM:** Representative Gary Williams  
**DATE:** June 8, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Co-Sponsorship of Legislation to Provide Reciprocity for Veteran's Medical Training

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation making it easier for our veterans with emergency medical training to obtain certification as emergency medical responders in the Commonwealth.

Thousands of men and women are returning from their tour of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world, with certified emergency medical responder skills. While many of these veterans are returning to their previous careers, others are interested in utilizing the training they received in service to their country in civilian life. Since many of our communities are in need of emergency medical personnel, and these veterans are qualified to provide these services, we have an opportunity to help our veterans and our constituents at the same time, by facilitating their transition into this field.

Under my legislation, the Pennsylvania Department of Health would be required to develop standards to grant reciprocal certification for persons who served in the United States Armed Forces as certified medical specialists and performed duties comparable to first responders, emergency medical technicians and paramedics.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Deborah Bricker at 717-772-2572 or [DBricker@pahouse.net](mailto:DBricker@pahouse.net).