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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Richard Alloway II *Rich*

RE: Introduction of Legislation – Submerged Land License

DATE: June 26, 2012

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation amending the act of November 26, 1978 (P.L.1375, No.325), known as the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, abolishing annual charges for the use of the Commonwealth's submerged lands; and making an editorial change. This legislation would abolish the annual fee charged to a landowner for the use of the Commonwealth's submerged lands and charge only a onetime fee for the permitting process.

Current law provides for application and issuance of general permits for existing dams, water obstructions, and encroachments – along with approval and issuance of the permit is an annual fee to the landowner.

I am introducing this legislation as a landowner in my constituency recently brought to my attention that he has been paying an annual fee for a bridge that is built on his land. This bridge does not touch any land – owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – the bridge is anchored on each side of his farm and travels over the Commonwealth's submerged lands and therefore the landowner is subject to an annual fee.

If you are interested in becoming a cosponsor of this legislation contact Melissa Knepper at mknepper@pasen.gov or by phone at 772-2929.