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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Harold James 

DATE: July 25, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Memo – Enabling Third Class Cities to Impose Tax on Liquor and Malt and Brewed Beverages

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Third Class City Code to enable cities to, by ordinance, levy a tax on liquor and malt and brewed beverages. Ordinances would be modeled after the First Class School District Liquor Sales Tax Act of 1971, which authorizes a tax of 10% of the sale price.

Across Pennsylvania, our third class cities face unique challenges. Often, they are solitary urban centers dotting miles of rural landscape. As such, people travel miles to work and socialize within their limits, while living – and paying local taxes – elsewhere. By enabling cities to collect a tax on liquor and malt and brewed beverages, we provide local leaders another option as they craft their budgets.

I plan to introduce this legislation by August 10th. If you would like to co-sponsor this important initiative, please contact Debbie Wegert at dwegert@pahouse.net or 717.783.1792 (Caucus Extension 6189).