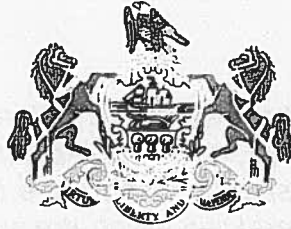


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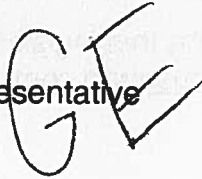
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Garth Everett, State Representative
84th Legislative District 

DATE: July 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act

I am planning to introduce legislation which will amend the Public Employee Pension Forfeiture Act.

Currently, offenses which will result in pension forfeiture under the Act are limited to the following: certain theft offenses; perjury; forgery; bribery; records/evidence tampering; false swearing; false reports/swearing; witness intimidation; retaliation against a witness; obstruction; threats/improper influence; official oppression; certain sex offenses if committed by a school employee against a student; and any criminal offense under federal law which is substantially similar to the listed offenses.

A number of instances in recent years have highlighted the necessity to expand the Pension Forfeiture Act in order to encompass additional crimes and jurisdictions which will trigger pension forfeiture.

My bill will include "crimes of violence", defined as follows:

Any of the criminal offenses set forth in 18 Pa.C.S. Chapter 25 (relating to criminal homicide), aggravated assault, rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault, incest, sexual assault, sexual abuse of children, arson, kidnapping, burglary of a structure adapted for overnight accommodation in which at the time of the offense any person is present, robbery, robbery of a motor vehicle, terrorism, or criminal attempt, criminal conspiracy or criminal solicitation to commit any of the offenses listed above, or

an equivalent crime under the laws of this Commonwealth in effect at the time of the commission of that offense, or an equivalent crime in any other jurisdiction. In addition to the foregoing specific crimes, the term also includes all criminal offenses as set forth in Federal law which are substantially the same as the crimes enumerated herein.

In addition, my proposal will include any crime graded as a felony in any jurisdiction, including Federal offenses.

I believe these enhancements to the Pension Forfeiture Act are necessary to maintain integrity in the public workforce, as well as to assure Pennsylvania citizens that criminal actions committed by public employees and officials will not be tolerated and will be appropriately addressed by law.

Please join me in cosponsoring this legislation by contacting Chanin Zwing at 787-5270 or via e-mail at czwing@pahousegop.com. Thank you.

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