

## MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Peter J. Daley

SUBJECT: Repealing Act 2 of 2012

DATE: September 17, 2012

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would repeal Act 2 of 2012, which made changes to the Small Games of Chance Act.

Since the passage of act, I have heard from numerous eligible organizations that operate and rely on the proceeds from small games of chance to remain solvent so that they can continue their community work. Changes that will take effect in February 2013 will make it more difficult for many organizations to successfully conduct small games of chance. In some cases, there is a fear that the changes will lead to the demise of the organization.

Surely this was not the intent of revamping Pennsylvania's Small Games of Chance Act.

My legislation will repeal the changes to the act we adopted earlier this year and give us an opportunity to go back to the drawing board and draft a legislative solution that truly addresses shortcomings to the original act with an eye toward supporting the good works of our community organizations.

Whether it is a fire department, a veterans' organization, a social lodge such as the Elks, Moose or Lions Club, a church or a little league, we all have organizations in our districts that will be impacted when Act 2 of 2012 takes effect. And as each organization is different, so to are the concerns about the changes to the Small Games of Chance Act being raised by these organizations. Simply amending one aspect of Act 2 of 2012 will not address the myriad concerns.

We have an opportunity to fix the unintended consequences of this legislation now, before we see organizations in our own district become insolvent or simply find loopholes to get around the law. In the next session we can work on a new bill that will modernize the act and put in place appropriate accountability safeguards.

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