

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Rep. Rosemary Brown

**DATE:** January 10, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Resolution – **Peddler’s License/Free of Charge for Veterans**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will require counties and the PA Department of Agriculture to issue licenses free of charge to veterans who wish to peddle merchandise and/or food.

My proposal would permit veterans who are legal residents of the Commonwealth and who have been discharged or released from military service under conditions other than dishonorable to procure peddling licenses free of charge. This benefit is also authorized for a surviving spouse of a deceased veteran. Under my proposal, a veteran seeking a license to sell their wares must still receive a local government’s approval to sell within their jurisdiction.

Many veterans face barriers prohibiting them from successful employment, particularly in this current fragile tough job market. Such activities may, in certain circumstances, provide an additional source of income for veterans who would otherwise be dependent upon public assistance for basic needs. I believe this legislation will benefit veterans while they build entrepreneurship and provide for themselves and their families.