

Written Statement of the
National Fastpitch Coaches Association
before the Pennsylvania House Committee on Children & Health
Hearing on prohibiting the use of non-wood bats (HB 1482)
September 27, 2007

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association membership represents more than 4,000 coaches of fastpitch softball, of which approximately 220 are from the state of Pennsylvania.

The Amateur Softball Association (ASA), the governing body of softball in this country, has established stringent standards that regulate the performance of bats used in the game of softball. In addition, the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the National Federation of High Schools also have established their own guidelines for the regulation of bats for their member schools, many of which are in the state of Pennsylvania.

Because of the work of these associations, the occurrences of injury due to the batted ball are low in the sport of fastpitch softball.

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association is against the passage of the related proposed legislation.

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