

MEMORANDUM

January 7, 2010

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Tony DeLuca

SUBJECT: Proposed legislation – amending the Vehicle Code, (HB 647 of 2009)

In the near future I will be re-introducing legislation amending section 3354 of the Vehicle Code by adding a penalty for unauthorized use of a disabled person or a severely disabled veteran license plate, or parking placard.

Our population is aging and as such is in greater need of handicapped parking options. However, we are also seeing a growing trend whereby driver's are ignoring the rules, circumventing the requirements, and simply trying to take advantage of a service that is designed to assist those in serious and valid need of handicapped accommodations.

My proposal is simple in that it increases the penalty for unauthorized use of such plates and placards to include a suspension of one's driver's license for 30 days. It is time we take the step in protecting our disabled citizens and increase the penalty for this violation.

Should you wish to add your name as a co-sponsor, please send an email to chaldi@pahouse.net. Thank you.