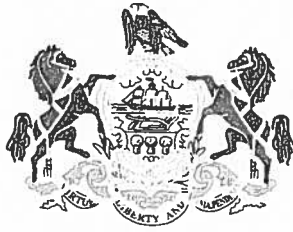


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative John C. Bear 

DATE: April 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation to Amend Long-Term Care Patient Access to Pharmaceuticals Act

As you may know, Act 114 of 2008 enables residents of long-term care facilities to acquire prescription drugs from the Department of Veterans' Affairs. This has allowed eligible veterans to save money on their medications.

Since the enactment of Act 114 there has been a need to refine the law due to some limitations within the Department of Veterans Affairs' technology. I am introducing legislation that would further strengthen Act 114 in order to allow the prescription program to become fully operational for all veterans within long-term care facilities while allowing the program to operate within the parameters of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Specifically, my legislation provides further safety for the delivery of prescription drugs to a long-term care facility by providing for a secure lockbox within the long-term care facility and by further clarifying the information that is to be provided along with the prescription that is delivered to the long-term care facility. These enhancements to the law will ensure the drug's pedigree and provide an enhanced layer of safety for those individuals who are receiving the drugs through the Department of Veterans Affairs. This legislation was developed in partnership with the Pennsylvania Pharmacy Association, Pennsylvania Pharmacy Board, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Debra Brehm at 787-1776 or dbrehm@pahousegop.com. Thank you.