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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: The Honorable Brandon P. Neuman
The Honorable George Dunbar

DATE: May 18, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation: Barber-Teacher Licenses
and Cosmetology-Teacher Licenses

In the very near future, we plan to introduce two bills that will streamline the process of acquiring a Barber-Teacher license, eliminate the inconsistencies between Cosmetology Law and Barber Law qualifications, and eliminate the class of Barber-Manager license. The first bill will amend the Barbers' License Law and the second will amend the Cosmetology Law.

Currently, the required years of experience and hours of training are significantly more extensive for a Barber-Teacher as compared to a Cosmetology-Teacher. This legislative package would standardize the eligibility requirements for both licenses and thereby enhance the number and quality of barbers in the Commonwealth. These proposals will benefit consumers by providing more qualified and motivated teachers to teach and train new barbers.

The legislation will also benefit the Commonwealth by reducing administrative costs with less staff time needed to administer two classes of barber licenses, rather than three. In addition, licensing revenue will increase with the larger pool of barbers.

This legislation has the full support of the Pennsylvania Barbers' Association.

If you would like to join us in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please contact Holly Stimely in Representative Neuman's office at hstimely@pahouse.net or by phone at 717-783-4834.