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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 27, 2005

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Robert W. Godshall, Chairman *R.W.G.*
Tourism and Recreational Development Committee

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Firearm Legislation

In the near future I plan to introduce the following two pieces of legislation:

1. Under current law, selling a firearm under circumstances intended to provide it to another who is prohibited from possessing firearms is a felony of the third degree and results in a three year revocation of a license to sell firearms. As an example, selling it to the girlfriend of a convicted felon, knowing that it will go to the felon (e.g., he's standing in the gun shop with her, picking out the gun and telling her to get it for him). A second or subsequent offense is a felony of the second degree with a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison and results in permanent revocation of a license to sell firearms. This legislation would impose the mandatory 5 year prison sentence and permanent revocation of license to sell firearms for the first offense, i.e., the first time an individual sells a gun, intending that it end up in a criminal's hands.
2. Under current law, if you commit a crime of violence while in possession of a firearm (which placed the victim in fear of serious injury or death) you are subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 5 years in prison. This legislation would add an additional two years mandatory imprisonment if the gun was stolen or was discharged during the crime.

If you would like to co-sponsor either piece of legislation, please call 783-6429 or email jhugendu@pahousegop.com.

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