

MOTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY Supporting House Bill 1350, "Nan's Law," which would amend the Pennsylvania Innkeepers' Rights Act to provide that an innkeeper require job applicants to undergo a check of criminal history record information if that individual would have access to guest room keys if employed.

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1996, Nan Toder was murdered as she slept in a Hampton Inn in Crestwood, Illinois by a maintenance manager for the hotel; the manager had entered the room next to Nan's with a master key and then opened the adjoining room door into Nan's room, where he attacked her with a machete and strangled her to death; and

WHEREAS, while there had been a lack of overall guest protection in the hotel, a background check had not been performed on the manager who had a key to every hotel room and access to the hotel computer; if it had been done, the hotel would have known of complaints against him for harassing girlfriends and known that he was a suspect in a major burglary; and

WHEREAS, Nan's Law seeks to make hotels safer by requiring hotels to conduct employee background checks in order to increase minimum hotel security as a means to prevent future tragedies where safety and security are unspoken expectations of hotel guests; and

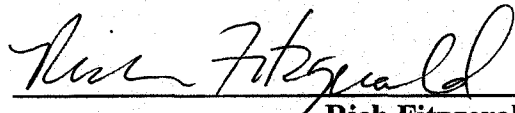
WHEREAS, while background checks cannot eliminate the possibility of crime in hotels, such an action can go a long way towards addressing those issues of safety and security which can make hotel guests as well as innkeepers more confident of the security of the facility;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS MOVED, AND IT IS THE SENSE OF THE COUNCIL OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, that this Body supports House Bill 1350, "Nan's Law," which would amend the Pennsylvania Innkeepers' Rights Act to provide that an innkeeper require job applicants to undergo a check of criminal history record information if that individual would have access to guest room keys if employed; and, further, requests that the Governor and General Assembly support and approve said legislation.

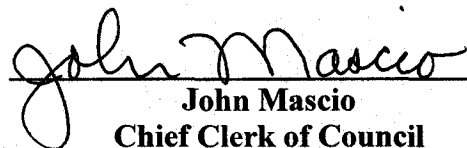
BE IT FURTHER MOVED that copies of this motion be transmitted to the Governor of the Commonwealth, Members of the General Assembly from Allegheny County, and Members of the House Tourism & Recreational Development Committee.

SPONSORED BY COUNCIL MEMBER VINCE GASTGEB

In Council May 4, 2004. Read and Approved.



Rich Fitzgerald
President of Council

Attest: 

John Mascio
Chief Clerk of Council

Mascio, John

From: Mascio, John

Sent: Friday, May 07, 2004 12:50 PM

To: 'Governor Ed Rendell'; 'Gerald J. Lavallo'; 'J. Barry Stout'; 'Jack Wagner'; 'Jane Orie'; 'Jay Costa'; 'Jim Ferlo'; 'John Pippy'; 'Robert J. Mellow'; 'Robert Jubelirer'; 'Sean Logan'; 'Anthony DeLuca'; 'Dan Frankel'; 'David Levdansky'; 'Don Walko'; 'Frank Dermody'; 'Frank Pistella'; 'Harry Readshaw'; 'Jake Wheatley'; 'Jeffrey Habay'; 'John Maher'; 'John Perzel'; 'Joseph F. Markosek'; 'Joseph Preston, Jr.'; 'Kenneth Ruffing'; 'Marc Gergely'; 'Mark Mustio'; 'Michael Diven'; 'Mike Turzai'; 'Nick Kotik'; 'Paul Costa'; 'Susan Laughlin'; 'Thomas C. Petrone'; 'Tom Stevenson'; 'Victor John Lescovitz'

Subject: RE: Bill No. 1557-04 - Motion of Allegheny County Council

Please note that the correct Bill No. is 1557-04, not 1557-03. Sorry for the inconvenience.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mascio, John

Sent: Friday, May 07, 2004 9:19 AM

To: 'Governor Ed Rendell'; Gerald J. Lavallo; J. Barry Stout; Jack Wagner; Jane Orie; Jay Costa; Jim Ferlo; John Pippy; Robert J. Mellow; Robert Jubelirer; Sean Logan; Anthony DeLuca; Dan Frankel; David Levdansky; Don Walko; Frank Dermody; Frank Pistella; Harry Readshaw; Jake Wheatley; Jeffrey Habay; John Maher; John Perzel; Joseph F. Markosek; Joseph Preston, Jr.; Kenneth Ruffing; Marc Gergely; Mark Mustio; Michael Diven; Mike Turzai; Nick Kotik; Paul Costa; Susan Laughlin; Thomas C. Petrone; Tom Stevenson; Victor John Lescovitz

Subject: Bill No. 1557-04 - Motion of Allegheny County Council

At the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 4, 2004, Council passed by a 13-1 margin (Council Member Shumaker voting no) the attached Motion (Bill No. 1557-04) supporting House Bill 1350, "Nan's Law," which would amend the Pennsylvania Innkeepers' Rights Act to provide that an innkeeper require job applicants to undergo a check of criminal history record information if that individual would have access to guest room keys if employed.

Your attention to this Motion is requested.

John Mascio, Chief Clerk
Allegheny County Council



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Mr. Mrs. Sol Toder
808 Hillaire Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15234

DAVE FAWCETT
AT-LARGE

Dear Mr. Mrs. Sol. Toder:

RON FRANCIS, JR.
DISTRICT 1

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Sincerely,

JOAN CLEARY
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John Mascio, Chief Clerk
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The Honorable Tom Stevenson
PA House of Representatives
319 Castle Shannon Boulevard
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May 20, 2004

Mr. John Mascio
119 County Courthouse
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Mr. Mascio:

Thank you for your letter regarding House Bill 1350. I appreciate the Council's insight on this matter.

This bill is currently in the House Committee on Tourism and Recreational Development. I am not a member of the committee and will not have the opportunity to work on this bill directly. I am a co-sponsor of the bill and will monitor its progress through the legislative process. Please know that I will support HB 1350 in its current form should it come before the entire House of Representatives for a vote.

Thank you again for your letter. If I may be of any further assistance to you or the Council on this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank J. Pistella".

Frank J. Pistella
State Representative
21st Legislative District

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