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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Pardon and Expungement Clinic**

**Tuesday, July 25th, 2017 • 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**St. Mark's Church**  
 4442 Frankford Ave.  
 Philadelphia, PA 19124

**Qualifications for an expungement:**

- only non-conviction charges or summary convictions with no arrests in the past five years;
- some second- and third-degree misdemeanor convictions may be sealed if 10 years have passed;
- must have no current criminal charges; and
- must not be serving probation time.

**For more information, please call my office, 215-744-7901.**



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**MY OFFICE CAN HELP YOU WITH:**

- Car registrations, special tags, handicap placards, titles and driver's license applications
- Information on financial assistance for higher education
- Assistance in obtaining and completing state forms of all kinds
- Voter registration and absentee ballot applications
- Unemployment compensation, disability and workers' compensation
- Birth and death certificates
- Issues with the Department of Human Services (food stamps, medical and income assistance)
- Pennsylvania income tax questions or problems
- Requests for literature of all kinds – bills, regulations, statutes, Pennsylvania maps, senior citizen information
- Inquiries about utilities and the Public Utility Commission
- Citations from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for outstanding accomplishments and family milestones
- Issues with insurance companies
- Renewal of state-issued licenses or certifications
- Property Tax/Rent Rebate problems or questions
- Questions about the state lottery
- PACE prescription-drug cards for senior citizens
- Consumer complaints
- Liquor Control Board concerns or questions
- Tours of the state Capitol for individuals or groups
- Information about federal, state and local government agencies

**Any state government-related matters!**



# DAWKINS INTRODUCES BILL TO ELIMINATE STATE GOVERNMENT LANGUAGE BARRIERS

I recently introduced a bill to require state departments and agencies, elected row offices, and the General Assembly to craft language access plans to better serve Pennsylvania residents with a limited ability to speak or write in English.

House Bill 1241 would require these language access plans to identify all languages spoken by at least three percent of the population they serve, and provide vital documents and informational materials in those languages. It also would require that oral, in-person interpretive services be provided in languages encountered at least weekly.

All Pennsylvanians should have equal access to their government. Our departments and agencies cannot fulfill their missions if there are 500,000 people in the state they can't communicate with. This is a matter of

protecting our residents' health, rights and well-being.

The bill would require state agencies to submit their language access plans to the secretary of administration, who would provide central coordination and technical assistance. The secretary also would make these plans available online for the public to review. In addition, entities under the authority of the governor, the attorney general, auditor general and treasurer as well as the state House and Senate would be required to publish and implement language access plans under the bill.

As the population of non-English speakers continues to increase, and immigration drives our population and economic growth, we must work to make Pennsylvania a welcoming and inclusive place to live.



## DAWKINS ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF PHILADELPHIA DELEGATION

Earlier this session, my colleagues elected me vice chairman of the Philadelphia Delegation for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Democratic Caucus for the 2017-18 legislative session.

I look forward to continuing to work on the issues that affect citizens across Philadelphia and the Commonwealth. Members of the delegation work well together and we are committed to fighting for your needs and concerns.

The Philadelphia Democratic Delegation consists of House members from Philadelphia, Delaware and Montgomery counties.



## APPLY NOW TO RECEIVE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE

The deadline to file a 2016 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program has been extended to Dec. 31, and my office is here to help!

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians 65 or older, widows and widowers 50 or older, and people with disabilities 18 or older. The maximum standard rebate is \$650, but supplemental rebates can boost rebates up to \$975.

My offices can help with the applications. Please don't assume you are not eligible! Half of Social Security income is discounted, and claimants are not disqualified from rebates solely because of Social Security cost-of-living adjustments.

To find out if you qualify or if you need FREE assistance with filling out your application, please call or visit my offices.