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MEASURE ENCOURAGING SUPPORT MECHANISM FOR SENIOR CITIZENS PASSES SENATE AT THE URGING OF SENATOR THOMPSON

At the urging of District 34 State Senator Francis Thompson (D-Delhi), members of the Senate unanimously approved a measure to create a support mechanism for senior citizens in the state. House Bill 352, authored by Representative Joe Harrison, creates the Department of Elderly Affairs.

“This measure is one of the most important bills I’ve ever had the pleasure of handling,” said Sen. Thompson. “Senior citizens play a vital role in our communities and in our economy and they are deserving of the kind of support a full state department could provide them.”

Currently, only 20 state departments can exist according to the constitution. This measure creates the Department of Elderly Affairs if and when one of the 20 departments in the executive committee is abolished, departments are combined, or the constitution is amended to allow an additional department.

“We need to make sure the senior citizens of this state are rewarded for all of the hard work and dedication they have put forth toward our communities,” said Sen. Thompson, who is a co-author of HB 352.

The measure now heads to the House of Representatives for concurrence. The legislature is set to adjourn by 6 p.m. on June 6th.

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