

DEAR FRIENDS:

WEEK 6-7 I

We are getting close to the end of the Legislative Session and there have been many significant issues brought before the Senate. Although I am currently in Tallahassee, the District is always at the forefront of r mind. As you may know, there has been a rise in Hepatitis A and below I share methods of prevention and safety information.

I am honored to continue to serve and represent our community in Tallahassee. As always, feel free to contamy office with any issues or concerns.

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>>> BILLS BEING HEARD IN COMMITTEE

SENATE BILL 828- LEWD OR LASCIVIOUS EXHIBITION IN PRISONS

It is presently illegal to exhibit any type of lewd or lascivious behavior in the presence of an employee in a state correctional institution or private correctional facility. This bill will make sure these behaviors are prohibited in county detention facilities as well. Plenty of prison workers, mainly female, have been victimiz by this behavior. I have introduced this bill in an effort to assist these employees in having a more conduciv work environment. I am pleased to report that this bill has passed favorably in all its committees and will no be coming before the full Senate for a vote.

>>> HEALTH INFORMATION

HEPATITIS A

Hepatitis A is a vaccine-preventable form of infectious hepatitis. It is caused by a contagious virus that infective liver and can lead to more serious health issues. Hepatitis A can spread easily to objects, food, drinks, ar drugs. To prevent further spreading, the Florida Department of Health suggests getting vaccinated and har washing before preparing food, after using the bathroom, touching people, public surfaces, changing diaposneezing, eating or drinking.

An individual can have Hepatitis A for up to two weeks after contracting the virus without feeling sick. Som symptoms to look out for are fever, fatigue, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, joint pain, abdominal pain, durine, clay-colored bowel movements, and jaundice.

For more information or questions about Hepatitis A, please call the Florida Health Departed 1-844-225-536 email HepA@flhealth.gov, or go to www.FloridaHealth.gov.

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