

WILLIAMS TOURS PLANT HIT BY SODA TAX



STATE SEN. Anthony Williams, R in upper L, visited the facility of a S.W. Philadelphia company, Carbonator Rental Services, which specializes in delivering sodas and juices, carbonation and dispensing systems to small restaurants and bars throughout the city. This family-owned firm, now headed by Andy Pincus, L in upper L, reports its customers have been hard hit by the high cost of the Sweetened Drinks Tax. Pincus displayed a 5-gallon syrup package that he said he can no longer make money off. Deliveries are down, Pincus stated. Williams talked with one of Carbonator's employees who are at risk of being laid off as a result of the tax. Williams has extensive private-sector experience in the beverage industry. Photos by Wendell Douglas.

