



**News from
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Reboletti Tightens Gun Laws for Domestic Violence

Springfield ... In an effort to further protect victims of domestic violence, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) sponsored legislation which would increase the penalties for individuals who illegally sell or give weapons to people who have a history of domestic violence.

Reboletti stated that this legislation was initiated because of the horrific murder of Cindy Bischof that occurred in Elmhurst this year. Investigators questioned how Cindy's ex-boyfriend was able to obtain a firearm.

"Domestic violence is an extremely serious and sad situation," Reboletti said. "We need to stop the illegal flow of guns to individuals who have every intention of causing harm to their partner. My hope is this will be the first step in preventing these senseless tragedies."

Currently, individuals who have a record of domestic violence are banned from purchasing a firearm. However, these offenders are able to obtain a firearm through a third party. House Bill 2862 would increase the penalty to a Class 1 felony for individuals that provide a firearm which is used to commit an act of domestic violence. State Senator John Millner, former Elmhurst Police Chief, sponsored this legislation in the Senate.

"It is my hope that this legislation will help ensure that other families like Cindy's will not have to endure the pain and suffering that come from losing a loved one to an act of domestic violence. This is definitely a step in the right direction," Reboletti said.

House Bill 2862 has passed both the House and Senate. Additional questions can be directed to Rep. Reboletti's office at (630) 530-2730.

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