



News From State Representative Dennis Reboletti

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Governor Signs into Law Reboletti, Birkett Driving Under the Influence Bill

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) and DuPage County State's Attorney Joseph Birkett worked together on legislation regarding driving under the influence that was recently signed into law by Governor Quinn.

"I am pleased Governor Quinn saw the importance of this legislation. The law is currently silent in regards to restitution in a criminal DUI case. In most cases the victim has to sue civilly to recover the cost of medical bills and property damage. This bill will allow judges to order a person convicted of DUI to pay the victim for injury and property damage bills caused by the DUI," said Reboletti.

House Bill 2650 requires a person convicted of DUI to pay court-ordered restitution as compensation for any personal injury or property damage caused as a result of a DUI.

The legislation was originally an initiative of Birkett's.

"This law is long overdue," commented Birkett. "Victims of drunk drivers have had their efforts to obtain restitution thwarted by a loophole to the tens of millions of dollars. This law plugs that loophole forever. I greatly appreciate Representative Reboletti's sponsoring of this important law."

Another Reboletti bill recently signed into law was House Bill 2649 that increases the penalty to a non-probationary Class 3 Felony for DUI when there is a prior conviction of reckless homicide. The legislation also adds urine to the list of bodily fluids that can be tested and used as evidence for a DUI case.

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