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Reboletti First-Degree Murderer Registry Bill “Andrea’s Law” Passed House

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) passed Andrea’s Law Tuesday out of the Illinois House that calls for the creation of the nation’s first murderer registry.

“The murderer registry would allow not only law enforcement, but also the community to know who resides here, who our family members are associating with and who our children are dating. We already track sex offenders, child murderers and arsonists and the murderer registry is a natural extension to the state’s current registries,” said Reboletti.

The legislation, known as “Andrea’s Law,” is named after Andrea Will. She was strangled to death in 1998 by her ex-boyfriend, Justin J. Boulay, who was released from prison in November after serving only 12 of his 24-year sentence. Both Will and Boulay were students at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston at the time of the murder.

Andrea Will’s mother, Patricia Rosenberg of Batavia said she supports the murderer registry and believes those convicted should still be held accountable after they serve their prison sentence.

"Should he just be able to walk away? I don't feel it should stop at the prison gate. I don't feel that it should stop after a couple of years of probation," she said. "Why should he have the same rights and privileges my daughter will never have?"

Rosenberg said the murderer registry will provide for public safety.

“House Bill 263 would not only finally serve justice for Andrea, but also for all of the families who have lost a loved one at the hands of another,” said Rosenberg. “I was not able to protect my child from what happened to her, but this bill may help protect someone else – if only they knew.”

House Bill 263 calls for Illinois State Police to create a murderer registry database available on the Internet of those convicted of first-degree murder. The information would include name, residence address, place of employment, school attended and a photograph of the offender. The legislation also requires the convicted murderers to register with Illinois State Police for 10 years following their release from prison.

Reboletti said there are approximately 500 convicted first-degree murderers currently on parole and another 3,000 who will eventually be released from prison.

In March 1999, Boulay was convicted of first-degree murder. At the time of the sentence, Illinois law allowed one day cut from the sentence for every day of good behavior. Since then, Illinois adopted truth-in-sentencing laws that require those convicted of violent crimes to serve at least 85 percent of their sentences.

Upon his release from prison, Boulay moved to Hawaii with his wife, will be on parole for three years and must undergo anger management.

Due to the Boulay case, Hawaii legislators are also proposing a murderer registry.

The legislation will be sponsored in the Illinois Senate by State Senator John Millner (R-Bloomington).

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