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Reboletti, Birkett Legislation Passes Committee
Bill Goes after Contractors Who Waste Taxpayer Money

Springfield, IL ... State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) and DuPage County States Attorney Joseph Birkett testified on legislation increasing the penalty for public contractors who waste taxpayer money.

Reboletti, who sponsored the legislation which passed the State and Government Committee Wednesday, goes after unethical contractors who take advantage of government contracts.

“Millions of taxpayer dollars have been wasted because contractual agreements with government have not been fulfilled or inaccurately billed. House Bill 2651 increases the penalty for misconduct involving taxpayer money,” said Reboletti.

The legislation which was originally proposed by Birkett, adds to the current Class 3 felony penalty for violations by barring the contractor from contracting with, employment by or holding public office with the state, unit of government or school district for a 10-year period after conviction.

“We are not here to go after public contractors – most contractors are honest and ethical,” said Birkett. “This bill goes after the unethical contractors and puts real teeth into the law.”

The bill also allows the attorney general or state’s attorney to sue on behalf of the state or unit of local government to recover the cost of the violation. There will also be a 6-year statute of limitation to initiate a civil action.

Photo Caption: DuPage States Attorney Joseph Birkett and State Representative Dennis Reboletti discuss legislation Wednesday in Springfield that would increase the penalty for unethical contractors who waste taxpayer money. House Bill 2651 passed the State and Government Committee and awaits a vote on the House floor.

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