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**Reboletti Advocates for Harsher Penalties for Persons
Found Guilty of Child Pornography**

Springfield ... Individuals found guilty of filming a child being raped will now face at least 9 years in jail under legislation passed by State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst).

“These sexual predators need laws that throw the book at them and put them in prison for a very long time,” said State Representative Dennis Reboletti. “As a former prosecutor, the most appalling cases to try are crimes against children. These adults know what they’re doing. They should be off our streets and as far away as possible from our children.”

House Bill 4879, which unanimously passed the House, would enhance child pornography offenses to a Super-Class X felony (9 to 40 years in prison) for individuals found guilty of knowingly filming or taking pictures of a child being raped. House Bill 4879 was part of the House Republican online safety package of legislation to prevent access to networking sites.

Other elements of the House Republican online safety package include:

- Banning sex offenders from social networking sites.
- Enhancing child pornography offenses to a Super-Class X felony (9 to 40 years in prison) for multiple images and increasing penalties for child pornography films and videos.
- Making it a Class X, 1 or 2 felony for an offender to misrepresent his or her age in juvenile solicitation cases.
- Strengthening current laws under the title of indecent solicitation of an adult to include crimes committed through the Internet.

House Bill 4879 now advances to the Senate for consideration. Additional questions can be directed to Reboletti’s office at (630) 530-2730.

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