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*Legislation would protect Lake Michigan from further pollutants and provide tax incentives for individuals using renewable energy*

**Springfield** ... Stressing the need to protect our natural resources, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) co-sponsored two pieces of legislation which would protect Lake Michigan and promote renewable energy.

Reboletti stated that last summer Indiana approved a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which would authorize additional loading of pollutants into Lake Michigan from the BP refinery located in Whiting, Indiana. The State of Illinois was not aware of this action until Indiana had approved the permit.

Under legislation co-sponsored by Rep. Reboletti, House Bill 5256 would require the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to enter into negotiations with neighboring states to develop a policy for notifying each other of increased pollution in Lake Michigan. This legislation is intended to ensure that Lake Michigan states notify each other when they are contemplating similar permit actions.

“Lake Michigan is the main water source for four states. It is extremely important that all four states are aware of any changes in the levels of pollutants being allowed to be dumped into Lake Michigan. The last thing we need is to further contaminate our main source of water,” said Reboletti.

Representative Reboletti also co-sponsored House Bill 4280 which would create an income tax credit for individuals who use renewable energy on their property. Renewable energy would consist of either geothermal, solar, wind or fuel cell energy devices. The amount of the credit is up to 20% of the cost of buying and installing the device.

“Renewable energy is the way of the future. It’s extremely important that we as a legislature find responsible incentives for residents to acquire and actually use renewable energy such as wind and solar,” Reboletti said.

House Bill 5256 passed the House and moves for further consideration in the Senate. House Bill 4280 remains in the House Rules Committee. Additional questions can be directed to Reboletti’s office at (630) 530-2730.

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