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Reboletti: McPier Bill Saves Convention & Tourism Jobs

Springfield, IL ... In an attempt to retain and attract new conventions to Chicago and Illinois, State Representative Dennis Reboletti (R-Elmhurst) helped pass legislation to restructure and overhaul the way McCormick Convention Center does business, ultimately saving thousands of jobs.

“Chicago used to be the premier convention location unfortunately it has lost out to Las Vegas and Orlando in recent months. These conventions drive our local and state economy and help employ 100,000 people. An overhaul was absolutely necessary in order to save jobs and keep and sign new conventions to Chicago,” said Reboletti.

Reboletti helped pass Senate Bill 28 that revamps Chicago’s Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, known as McPier, the quasi-governmental board that oversees McCormick Place and Navy Pier.

The legislation calls for improvements to McPier’s operational stability and profitability. Significant changes were made regarding union and labor issues, management policies, debt structure and governance. It also created the Exhibitor’s Bill of Rights allowing exhibitors greater flexibility in setting up and taking down their booths at conventions and allowing trade shows to choose outside electrical and food service contractors.

The legislation also includes Rosemont’s Donald E. Stephens Convention Center as it would receive up to \$5 million a year in incentives offered to attract new shows.

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