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**From the Illinois Senate**

***State Senator Dave Koehler***

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## **Koehler Helps Law Enforcement Prevent Crime**

SPRINGFIELD—State Senator David Koehler (D-Peoria) is sponsoring legislation that authorizes the Secretary of State’s office to issue false identification to undercover law enforcement agents.

Senate Bill 1512 officially permits the Secretary of State to provide drivers’ licenses, identification cards, and vehicle permits with fictitious information to the police for undercover work. It also directs the Secretary of State to revoke these materials if there is evidence they are being misused.

“Fake IDs are a vital part of undercover police efforts,” said Koehler. “Without them, law enforcement could not bring to justice dangerous criminals like drug dealers and sexual predators.”

The Secretary of State’s Office has been issuing false identification to the police for years without clear authorization to do so. Nor have there ever been any clear guidelines about how to respond to misuse of these documents.

“We need this legislation to clarify the Secretary of State’s legal authority to aid the police,” said Koehler. “I believe it’s important that establish procedures to deal with the misuse of fake IDs, as well. I hope they never need to be used, but it’s important for them to be in place.

Senate Bill 1512 has passed the Illinois Senate and awaits approval by the House.

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