

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing  
5 Section 24-3 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 24-3)

7 Sec. 24-3. Unlawful Sale of Firearms.

8 (A) A person commits the offense of unlawful sale of  
9 firearms when he or she knowingly does any of the following:

10 (a) Sells or gives any firearm of a size which may be  
11 concealed upon the person to any person under 18 years of  
12 age.

13 (b) Sells or gives any firearm to a person under 21  
14 years of age who has been convicted of a misdemeanor other  
15 than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent.

16 (c) Sells or gives any firearm to any narcotic addict.

17 (d) Sells or gives any firearm to any person who has  
18 been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any  
19 other jurisdiction.

20 (e) Sells or gives any firearm to any person who has  
21 been a patient in a mental hospital within the past 5  
22 years.

23 (f) Sells or gives any firearms to any person who is

1           mentally retarded.

2           (g) Delivers any firearm of a size which may be  
3           concealed upon the person, incidental to a sale, without  
4           withholding delivery of such firearm for at least 72 hours  
5           after application for its purchase has been made, or  
6           delivers any rifle, shotgun or other long gun, or a stun  
7           gun or taser, incidental to a sale, without withholding  
8           delivery of such rifle, shotgun or other long gun, or a  
9           stun gun or taser for at least 24 hours after application  
10          for its purchase has been made. However, this paragraph (g)  
11          does not apply to: (1) the sale of a firearm to a law  
12          enforcement officer if the seller of the firearm knows that  
13          the person to whom he or she is selling the firearm is a  
14          law enforcement officer or the sale of a firearm to a  
15          person who desires to purchase a firearm for use in  
16          promoting the public interest incident to his or her  
17          employment as a bank guard, armed truck guard, or other  
18          similar employment; (2) a mail order sale of a firearm to a  
19          nonresident of Illinois under which the firearm is mailed  
20          to a point outside the boundaries of Illinois; (3) the sale  
21          of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at a  
22          firearm showing or display recognized by the Illinois  
23          Department of State Police; ~~or~~ (4) the sale of a firearm to  
24          a dealer licensed as a federal firearms dealer under  
25          Section 923 of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968 (18  
26          U.S.C. 923); or (5) the transfer of an operable firearm in

1 exchange for another operable firearm. For purposes of this  
2 paragraph (g):7 "application" means when the buyer and  
3 seller reach an agreement to purchase a firearm; and  
4 "another operable firearm" means any operable handgun in  
5 exchange for any operable handgun or any operable long gun  
6 in exchange for any operable long gun.

7 (h) While holding any license as a dealer, importer,  
8 manufacturer or pawnbroker under the federal Gun Control  
9 Act of 1968, manufactures, sells or delivers to any  
10 unlicensed person a handgun having a barrel, slide, frame  
11 or receiver which is a die casting of zinc alloy or any  
12 other nonhomogeneous metal which will melt or deform at a  
13 temperature of less than 800 degrees Fahrenheit. For  
14 purposes of this paragraph, (1) "firearm" is defined as in  
15 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act; and (2)  
16 "handgun" is defined as a firearm designed to be held and  
17 fired by the use of a single hand, and includes a  
18 combination of parts from which such a firearm can be  
19 assembled.

20 (i) Sells or gives a firearm of any size to any person  
21 under 18 years of age who does not possess a valid Firearm  
22 Owner's Identification Card.

23 (j) Sells or gives a firearm while engaged in the  
24 business of selling firearms at wholesale or retail without  
25 being licensed as a federal firearms dealer under Section  
26 923 of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968 (18 U.S.C. 923).

1 In this paragraph (j):

2 A person "engaged in the business" means a person who  
3 devotes time, attention, and labor to engaging in the  
4 activity as a regular course of trade or business with the  
5 principal objective of livelihood and profit, but does not  
6 include a person who makes occasional repairs of firearms  
7 or who occasionally fits special barrels, stocks, or  
8 trigger mechanisms to firearms.

9 "With the principal objective of livelihood and  
10 profit" means that the intent underlying the sale or  
11 disposition of firearms is predominantly one of obtaining  
12 livelihood and pecuniary gain, as opposed to other intents,  
13 such as improving or liquidating a personal firearms  
14 collection; however, proof of profit shall not be required  
15 as to a person who engages in the regular and repetitive  
16 purchase and disposition of firearms for criminal purposes  
17 or terrorism.

18 (k) Sells or transfers ownership of a firearm to a  
19 person who does not display to the seller or transferor of  
20 the firearm a currently valid Firearm Owner's  
21 Identification Card that has previously been issued in the  
22 transferee's name by the Department of State Police under  
23 the provisions of the Firearm Owners Identification Card  
24 Act. This paragraph (k) does not apply to the transfer of a  
25 firearm to a person who is exempt from the requirement of  
26 possessing a Firearm Owner's Identification Card under

1 Section 2 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.  
2 For the purposes of this Section, a currently valid Firearm  
3 Owner's Identification Card means (i) a Firearm Owner's  
4 Identification Card that has not expired or (ii) if the  
5 transferor is licensed as a federal firearms dealer under  
6 Section 923 of the federal Gun Control Act of 1968 (18  
7 U.S.C. 923), an approval number issued in accordance with  
8 Section 3.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act  
9 shall be proof that the Firearm Owner's Identification Card  
10 was valid.

11 (B) Paragraph (h) of subsection (A) does not include  
12 firearms sold within 6 months after enactment of Public Act  
13 78-355 (approved August 21, 1973, effective October 1, 1973),  
14 nor is any firearm legally owned or possessed by any citizen or  
15 purchased by any citizen within 6 months after the enactment of  
16 Public Act 78-355 subject to confiscation or seizure under the  
17 provisions of that Public Act. Nothing in Public Act 78-355  
18 shall be construed to prohibit the gift or trade of any firearm  
19 if that firearm was legally held or acquired within 6 months  
20 after the enactment of that Public Act.

21 (C) Sentence.

22 (1) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
23 in violation of paragraph (c), (e), (f), (g), or (h) of  
24 subsection (A) commits a Class 4 felony.

25 (2) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
26 in violation of paragraph (b) or (i) of subsection (A)

1 commits a Class 3 felony.

2 (3) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
3 in violation of paragraph (a) of subsection (A) commits a  
4 Class 2 felony.

5 (4) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
6 in violation of paragraph (a), (b), or (i) of subsection  
7 (A) in any school, on the real property comprising a  
8 school, within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a  
9 school, at a school related activity, or on or within 1,000  
10 feet of any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a  
11 school or school district to transport students to or from  
12 school or a school related activity, regardless of the time  
13 of day or time of year at which the offense was committed,  
14 commits a Class 1 felony. Any person convicted of a second  
15 or subsequent violation of unlawful sale of firearms in  
16 violation of paragraph (a), (b), or (i) of subsection (A)  
17 in any school, on the real property comprising a school,  
18 within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a school,  
19 at a school related activity, or on or within 1,000 feet of  
20 any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school or  
21 school district to transport students to or from school or  
22 a school related activity, regardless of the time of day or  
23 time of year at which the offense was committed, commits a  
24 Class 1 felony for which the sentence shall be a term of  
25 imprisonment of no less than 5 years and no more than 15  
26 years.

1           (5) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
2           in violation of paragraph (a) or (i) of subsection (A) in  
3           residential property owned, operated, or managed by a  
4           public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency  
5           as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development, in  
6           a public park, in a courthouse, on residential property  
7           owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency or  
8           leased by a public housing agency as part of a scattered  
9           site or mixed-income development, on the real property  
10          comprising any public park, on the real property comprising  
11          any courthouse, or on any public way within 1,000 feet of  
12          the real property comprising any public park, courthouse,  
13          or residential property owned, operated, or managed by a  
14          public housing agency or leased by a public housing agency  
15          as part of a scattered site or mixed-income development  
16          commits a Class 2 felony.

17          (6) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
18          in violation of paragraph (j) of subsection (A) commits a  
19          Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation is a  
20          Class 4 felony.

21          (7) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
22          in violation of paragraph (k) of subsection (A) commits a  
23          Class 4 felony. A third or subsequent conviction for a  
24          violation of paragraph (k) of subsection (A) is a Class 1  
25          felony.

26          (8) A person 18 years of age or older convicted of

1 unlawful sale of firearms in violation of paragraph (a) or  
2 (i) of subsection (A), when the firearm that was sold or  
3 given to another person under 18 years of age was used in  
4 the commission of or attempt to commit a forcible felony,  
5 shall be fined or imprisoned, or both, not to exceed the  
6 maximum provided for the most serious forcible felony so  
7 committed or attempted by the person under 18 years of age  
8 who was sold or given the firearm.

9 (9) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms  
10 in violation of paragraph (d) of subsection (A) commits a  
11 Class 3 felony.

12 (D) For purposes of this Section:

13 "School" means a public or private elementary or secondary  
14 school, community college, college, or university.

15 "School related activity" means any sporting, social,  
16 academic, or other activity for which students' attendance or  
17 participation is sponsored, organized, or funded in whole or in  
18 part by a school or school district.

19 (E) A prosecution for a violation of paragraph (k) of  
20 subsection (A) of this Section may be commenced within 6 years  
21 after the commission of the offense. A prosecution for a  
22 violation of this Section other than paragraph (g) of  
23 subsection (A) of this Section may be commenced within 5 years  
24 after the commission of the offense defined in the particular  
25 paragraph.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-735, eff. 7-16-08;



1 96-190, eff. 1-1-10.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3 becoming law.