

AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act is amended by changing Section 20 as follows:

(5 ILCS 810/20)

Sec. 20. Applicability. This Act and the changes made to this Act by Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ only apply to property seized on and after July 1, 2018.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

Section 10. The Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is amended by changing Section 3.23 as follows:

(410 ILCS 620/3.23)

Sec. 3.23. Legend drug prohibition.

(a) In this Section:

"Legend drug" means a drug limited by the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act to being dispensed by or upon a medical practitioner's prescription because the drug is:

- (1) habit forming;
- (2) toxic or having potential for harm; or

(3) limited in use by the new drug application for the drug to use only under a medical practitioner's supervision.

"Medical practitioner" means any person licensed to practice medicine in all its branches in the State.

"Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or attempted transfer of possession of a legend drug, with or without consideration, whether or not there is an agency relationship.

"Manufacture" means the production, preparation, propagation, compounding, conversion, or processing of a legend drug, either directly or indirectly, by extraction from substances of natural origin, or independently by means of chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging of the substance or labeling of its container. "Manufacture" does not include:

(1) by an ultimate user, the preparation or compounding of a legend drug for his or her own use; or

(2) by a medical practitioner, or his or her authorized agent under his or her supervision, the preparation, compounding, packaging, or labeling of a legend drug:

(A) as an incident to his or her administering or dispensing of a legend drug in the course of his or her professional practice; or

(B) as an incident to lawful research, teaching, or

chemical analysis and not for sale.

"Prescription" has the same meaning ascribed to it in Section 3 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture or deliver or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver a legend drug of 6 or more pills, tablets, capsules, or caplets or 30 ml or more of a legend drug in liquid form who is not licensed by applicable law to prescribe or dispense legend drugs or is not an employee of the licensee operating in the normal course of business under the supervision of the licensee. Any person who violates this Section is guilty of a Class 3 felony, the fine for which shall not exceed \$100,000. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this Section is guilty of a Class 1 felony, the fine for which shall not exceed \$250,000.

(c) The following are subject to forfeiture:

(1) (blank);

(2) all raw materials, products, and equipment of any kind which are used, or intended for use, in manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, administering, or possessing any substance in violation of this Section;

(3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of any substance manufactured, distributed, dispensed, or possessed in

violation of this Section or property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection (c), but:

(A) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to the violation;

(B) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent; and

(C) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;

(4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data that are used, or intended to be used, in violation of this Section;

(5) everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for a substance in violation of this Section, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any violation of this Section; and

(6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest, including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust, in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation or act that constitutes a violation of this Section or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation of this Section.

(d) Property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be seized under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. In the event of seizure, forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(e) Forfeiture under this Act is subject to an 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution disproportionate penalties analysis as provided under Section 9.5 of the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(f) With regard to possession of legend drug offenses only, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$500 shall not be subject to forfeiture under this Act. For all other offenses under this Act, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$100 shall not be subject to forfeiture under this Act. In seizures of currency in excess of these amounts, this Section shall not create an exemption for these amounts.

(f-5) For felony offenses involving possession of legend

drug only, no property shall be subject to forfeiture under this Act because of the possession of less than 2 single unit doses of a legend drug. This exemption shall not apply in instances when the possessor, or another person at the direction of the possessor, is engaged in the destruction of any amount of a legend drug. The amount of a single unit dose shall be the State's burden to prove in its case in chief.

(g) If the Department suspends or revokes a registration, all legend drugs owned or possessed by the registrant at the time of suspension or the effective date of the revocation order may be placed under seal. No disposition may be made of substances under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court. Upon a revocation rule becoming final, all substances are subject to seizure and forfeiture under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(h) (Blank).

(i) (Blank).

(j) Contraband, including legend drugs possessed without a prescription or other authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to seizure and shall be disposed of according to State law.

(k) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-512

~~100-0512~~ and Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ only apply to property seized on and after July 1, 2018.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

Section 15. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Sections 29B-0.5, 29B-1, 29B-2, 29B-5, 29B-7, 29B-10, 29B-12, 29B-13, 29B-14, 29B-17, 29B-21, 29B-22, 29B-26, 29B-27, 36-1.3, 36-1.4, 36-1.5, 36-2, 36-2.1, 36-2.5, and 36-10 as follows:

(720 ILCS 5/29B-0.5)

Sec. 29B-0.5. Definitions. In this Article:

"Conduct" or "conducts" includes, in addition to its ordinary meaning, initiating, concluding, or participating in initiating or concluding a transaction.

"Criminally derived property" means: (1) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, from activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law; or (2) any property represented to be property constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, from activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law.

"Department" means the Department of State Police of this State or its successor agency.

"Director" means the Director of State Police or his or her designated agents.

"Financial institution" means any bank; savings ~~saving~~ and loan association; trust company; agency or branch of a foreign bank in the United States; currency exchange; credit union; mortgage banking institution; pawnbroker; loan or finance company; operator of a credit card system; issuer, redeemer, or cashier of travelers checks, checks, or money orders; dealer in precious metals, stones, or jewels; broker or dealer in securities or commodities; investment banker; or investment company.

"Financial transaction" means a purchase, sale, loan, pledge, gift, transfer, delivery, or other disposition utilizing criminally derived property, and with respect to financial institutions, includes a deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of any stock, bond, certificate of deposit or other monetary instrument, use of safe deposit box, or any other payment, transfer or delivery by, through, or to a financial institution. "Financial transaction" also means a transaction which without regard to whether the funds, monetary instruments, or real or personal property involved in the transaction are criminally derived, any transaction which in any way or degree: (1) involves the movement of funds by wire or any other means; (2) involves one or more monetary instruments; or (3) the transfer of title to



any real or personal property. The receipt by an attorney of bona fide fees for the purpose of legal representation is not a financial transaction for purposes of this Article.

"Form 4-64" means the Illinois State Police Notice/Inventory of Seized Property (Form 4-64).

"Knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity" means that the person knew the property involved in the transaction represented proceeds from some form, though not necessarily which form, of activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law.

"Monetary instrument" means United States coins and currency; coins and currency of a foreign country; travelers checks; personal checks, bank checks, and money orders; investment securities; bearer negotiable instruments; bearer investment securities; or bearer securities and certificates of stock in a form that title passes upon delivery.

"Specified criminal activity" means any violation of Section 29D-15.1 and any violation of Article 29D of this Code.

"Transaction reporting requirement under State law" means any violation as defined under the Currency Reporting Act.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 29B-1)

Sec. 29B-1. Money laundering.

(a) A person commits the offense of money laundering:

(1) when, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity, he or she conducts or attempts to conduct the financial transaction which in fact involves criminally derived property:

(A) with the intent to promote the carrying on of the unlawful activity from which the criminally derived property was obtained; or

(B) where he or she knows or reasonably should know that the financial transaction is designed in whole or in part:

(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership or the control of the criminally derived property; or

(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under State law; or

(1.5) when he or she transports, transmits, or transfers, or attempts to transport, transmit, or transfer a monetary instrument:

(A) with the intent to promote the carrying on of the unlawful activity from which the criminally derived property was obtained; or

(B) knowing, or having reason to know, that the financial transaction is designed in whole or in part:

(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the location, the source, the ownership or the control

of the criminally derived property; or

(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under State law; or

(2) when, with the intent to:

(A) promote the carrying on of a specified criminal activity as defined in this Article; or

(B) conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of property believed to be the proceeds of a specified criminal activity as defined in this Article; or

(C) avoid a transaction reporting requirement under State law,

he or she conducts or attempts to conduct a financial transaction involving property he or she believes to be the proceeds of specified criminal activity or property used to conduct or facilitate specified criminal activity as defined in this Article.

(b) (Blank).

(c) Sentence.

(1) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value not exceeding \$10,000 is a Class 3 felony;

(2) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value exceeding \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 is a Class 2 felony;

(3) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value exceeding \$100,000 but not exceeding \$500,000 is a

Class 1 felony;

(4) Money laundering in violation of subsection (a) (2) of this Section is a Class X felony;

(5) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1 non-probationable felony;

(6) In a prosecution under clause (a) (1.5) (B) (ii) of this Section, the sentences are as follows:

(A) Laundering of property of a value not exceeding \$10,000 is a Class 3 felony;

(B) Laundering of property of a value exceeding \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 is a Class 2 felony;

(C) Laundering of property of a value exceeding \$100,000 but not exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1 felony;

(D) Laundering of property of a value exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1 non-probationable felony.

~~Substance Use Disorder Act.~~

(Source: P.A. 99-480, eff. 9-9-15; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-759, eff. 1-1-19; revised 10-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-2)

Sec. 29B-2. Evidence in money laundering prosecutions. In a prosecution under this Article, either party may introduce the following evidence pertaining to the issue of whether the property or proceeds were known to be some form of criminally

derived property or from some form of unlawful activity:

(1) a financial transaction was conducted or structured or attempted in violation of the reporting requirements of any State or federal law;

(2) a financial transaction was conducted or attempted with the use of a false or fictitious name or a forged instrument;

(3) a falsely altered or completed written instrument or a written instrument that contains any materially false personal identifying information was made, used, offered, or presented, whether accepted or not, in connection with a financial transaction;

(4) a financial transaction was structured or attempted to be structured so as to falsely report the actual consideration or value of the transaction;

(5) a money transmitter, a person engaged in a trade or business, or any employee of a money transmitter or a person engaged in a trade or business, knows or reasonably should know that false personal identifying information has been presented and incorporates the false personal identifying information into any report or record;

(6) the criminally derived property is transported or possessed in a fashion inconsistent with the ordinary or usual means of transportation or possession of the property and where the property is discovered in the absence of any documentation or other indicia of legitimate origin or

right to the property;

(7) a person pays or receives substantially less than face value for one or more monetary instruments; or

(8) a person engages in a transaction involving one or more monetary instruments, where the physical condition or form of the monetary instrument or instruments makes it apparent that they are not the product of bona fide business or financial transactions.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-5)

Sec. 29B-5. Property subject to forfeiture. The following are subject to forfeiture:

(1) any property, real or personal, constituting, derived from, or traceable to any proceeds the person obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of a violation of this Article;

(2) any of the person's property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, a violation of this Article;

(3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of property described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section, but:

(A) no conveyance used by any person as a common

carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this Article;

(B) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Article by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent;

(C) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;

(4) all real property, including any right, title, and interest, including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust, in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation of this Article or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation of this Article.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-7)

Sec. 29B-7. Safekeeping of seized property pending

disposition.

(a) If property is seized under this Article, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property and estimate the property's value and shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and the estimate of the property's value to the Director. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director may:

(1) place the property under seal;

(2) remove the property to a place designated by the Director;

(3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;

(4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;

(5) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or

(6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the Director.

(b) When property is forfeited under this Article, the



Director shall sell all the property unless the property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, under Section 29B-26 of this Article.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-10)

Sec. 29B-10. Notice to owner or interest holder.

(a) The first attempted service of notice shall be commenced within 28 days of the latter of filing of the verified claim or the receipt of the notice from the seizing agency by Form 4-64. A complaint for forfeiture or a notice of pending forfeiture shall be served on a claimant if the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either: (1) personal service; or (2) mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(b) If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of mailing or no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by the parties, the State's Attorney shall, within a reasonable period of time, mail a second copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of the

second mailing, or no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by the parties, the State's Attorney shall have 60 days to attempt to serve the notice by personal service, including substitute service by leaving a copy at the usual place of abode with some person of the family or a person residing there, of the age of 13 years or upwards. If, after 3 attempts at service in this manner, no service of the notice is accomplished, the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous manner at the address and service shall be made by the posting. The attempts at service and the posting, if required, shall be documented by the person attempting service which shall be made part of a return of service returned to the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney may utilize any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, a peace officer, a private process server or investigator, or an employee, agent, or investigator of the State's Attorney's Office to attempt service without seeking leave of court.

(c) After the procedures listed are followed, service shall be effective on the owner or interest holder on the date of receipt by the State's Attorney of a return receipt, or on the date of receipt of a communication from an owner or interest holder documenting actual notice, whichever is first in time, or on the date of the last act performed by the State's Attorney in attempting personal service. For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture, the address provided to

the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency of the change in address or, if the owner or interest holder's address changes subsequent to the effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in address. If the property seized is a conveyance, notice shall also be directed to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.

(d) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not known, and is not on record as provided in this Section, service by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the seizure occurred shall suffice for service requirements.

(e) Notice to any business entity, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or partnership shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.

(f) Notice to a person whose address is not within the State shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the

notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.

(g) Notice to a person whose address is not within the United States shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt. If certified mail is not available in the foreign country where the person has an address, notice shall proceed by publication requirements under subsection (d) of this Section.

(h) Notice to a ~~A~~ person whom the State's Attorney reasonably should know is incarcerated within this State, shall also include, mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to the address of the detention facility with the inmate's name clearly marked on the envelope.

(i) After a claimant files a verified claim with the State's Attorney and provides an address at which the claimant will accept service, the complaint shall be served and notice shall be complete upon the mailing of the complaint to the claimant at the address the claimant provided via certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail. No return receipt need be received, or any other attempts at service need be made to comply with service and notice requirements under this Section. This certified mailing, return receipt

requested, shall be proof of service of the complaint on the claimant. If notice is to be shown by actual notice from communication with a claimant, then the State's Attorney shall file an affidavit as proof of service, providing details of the communication, which shall be accepted as proof of service by the court.

(j) If the property seized is a conveyance, notice shall also be directed to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded, ~~then~~ by mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that address.

(k) Notice served under this Article is effective upon personal service, the last date of publication, or the mailing of written notice, whichever is earlier.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-12)

Sec. 29B-12. Non-judicial forfeiture. If non-real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or if real property is seized under the provisions of this Article, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings as described in Section 29B-13 of this Article within 28 days from receipt of notice of seizure from the seizing agency under Section 29B-8 of this Article. However, if non-real property that does

not exceed \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance is seized, the following procedure shall be used:

(1) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then, within 28 days after the receipt of notice of seizure from the seizing agency, the State's Attorney shall cause notice of pending forfeiture to be given to the owner of the property and all known interest holders of the property in accordance with Section 29B-10 of this Article.

(2) The notice of pending forfeiture shall include a description of the property, the estimated value of the property, the date and place of seizure, the conduct giving rise to forfeiture or the violation of law alleged, and a summary of procedures and procedural rights applicable to the forfeiture action.

(3) (A) Any person claiming an interest in property that is the subject of notice under paragraph (1) of this Section, must, in order to preserve any rights or claims to the property, within 45 days after the effective date of notice as described in Section 29B-10 of this Article, file a verified claim with the State's Attorney expressing his or her interest in the property. The claim shall set forth:

(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;

(ii) the address at which the claimant will accept mail;

(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest in the property;

(iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property;

(v) the names and addresses of all other persons known to have an interest in the property;

(vi) the specific provision of law relied on in asserting the property is not subject to forfeiture;

(vii) all essential facts supporting each assertion; and

(viii) the relief sought.

(B) If a claimant files the claim, then the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings with the clerk of the court as described in Section 29B-13 of this Article within 28 days after receipt of the claim.

(4) If no claim is filed within the 28-day period as described in paragraph (3) of this Section, the State's Attorney shall declare the property forfeited and shall promptly notify the owner and all known interest holders of the property and the Director of State Police of the declaration of forfeiture and the Director shall dispose of the property in accordance with law.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-13)

Sec. 29B-13. Judicial in rem procedures. If property seized under this Article is non-real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is real property, or a claimant has filed a claim under paragraph (3) of Section 29B-12 of this Article, the following judicial in rem procedures shall apply:

(1) If, after a review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then, within 28 days of the receipt of notice of seizure by the seizing agency or the filing of the claim, whichever is later, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial forfeiture proceedings by filing a verified complaint for forfeiture. If authorized by law, a forfeiture shall be ordered by a court on an action in rem brought by a State's Attorney under a verified complaint for forfeiture.

(2) A complaint of forfeiture shall include:

- (A) a description of the property seized;
- (B) the date and place of seizure of the property;
- (C) the name and address of the law enforcement agency making the seizure; and
- (D) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the seizure.



(3) The complaint shall be served upon the person from whom the property was seized and all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, as provided in Section 29B-10 of this Article. The complaint shall be accompanied by the following written notice:

"This is a civil court proceeding subject to the Code of Civil Procedure. You received this Complaint of Forfeiture because the State's Attorney's office has brought a legal action seeking forfeiture of your seized property. This complaint starts the court process where the State seeks to prove that your property should be forfeited and not returned to you. This process is also your opportunity to try to prove to a judge that you should get your property back. The complaint lists the date, time, and location of your first court date. You must appear in court on that day, or you may lose the case automatically. You must also file an appearance and answer. If you are unable to pay the appearance fee, you may qualify to have the fee waived. If there is a criminal case related to the seizure of your property, your case may be set for trial after the criminal case has been resolved. Before trial, the judge may allow discovery, where the State can ask you to respond in writing to questions and give them certain documents, and you can make similar requests of the State. The trial is your opportunity to explain what happened when your

property was seized and why you should get the property back."

(4) Forfeiture proceedings under this Article shall be subject to the Code of Civil Procedure and the rules of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to proceedings under this Article with the following exception. The parties shall be allowed to use, and the court shall receive and consider, all relevant hearsay evidence that relates to evidentiary foundation, chain of custody, business records, recordings, laboratory analysis, laboratory reports, and relevant hearsay related to the use of technology in the investigation that resulted in the seizure of property that is subject to the forfeiture action.

(5) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. Upon motion of the State, the court shall first hold a hearing, in which a claimant shall establish by a preponderance of the evidence, that he or she has a lawful, legitimate ownership interest in the property and that it was obtained through a lawful source.

(6) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest holder under penalty of perjury and shall set forth:

(A) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on

the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;

(B) the address at which the claimant will accept mail;

(C) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest in the property;

(D) the date, identity of transferor, and circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property;

(E) the names and addresses of all other persons known to have an interest in the property;

(F) all essential facts supporting each assertion;

(G) the precise relief sought; and

(H) in a forfeiture action involving currency or its equivalent, a claimant shall provide the State with notice of his or her intent to allege that the currency or its equivalent is not related to the alleged factual basis for the forfeiture, and why. ~~and~~

The ~~(H)~~ the answer shall follow the rules under the Code of Civil Procedure.

(7) The answer shall be filed with the court within 45 days after service of the civil in rem complaint.

(8) The hearing shall be held within 60 days after filing of the answer unless continued for good cause.

(9) At the judicial in rem proceeding, in the State's case in chief, the State shall show by a preponderance of

the evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture. If the State makes such a showing, the claimant shall have the burden of production to set forth evidence that the property is not related to the alleged factual basis of the forfeiture. After this production of evidence, the State shall maintain the burden of proof to overcome this assertion. A claimant shall provide the State notice of its intent to allege that the currency or its equivalent is not related to the alleged factual basis of the forfeiture and why. As to conveyances, at the judicial in rem proceeding, in its case in chief, the State shall show by a preponderance of the evidence: ~~that~~

(A) that the property is subject to forfeiture; and

(B) at least one of the following:

(i) that the claimant was legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture;

(ii) that the claimant knew or reasonably should have known of the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture;

(iii) that the claimant knew or reasonably should have known that the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture was likely to occur;

(iv) that the claimant held the property for the benefit of, or as nominee for, any person whose conduct gave rise to its forfeiture;

(v) that if the claimant acquired the interest

through any person engaging in any of the conduct described above or conduct giving rise to the forfeiture:

(a) the claimant did not acquire it as a bona fide purchaser for value; or

(b) the claimant acquired the interest under the circumstances that the claimant reasonably should have known the property was derived from, or used in, the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture; or

(vi) that the claimant is not the true owner of the property that is subject to forfeiture.

(10) If the State does not meet its burden to show that the property is subject to forfeiture, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property forfeited to the State. If the State does meet its burden to show that the property is subject to forfeiture, the court shall order all property forfeited to the State.

(11) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.

(12) On a motion by the parties, the court may stay

civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a money laundering violation. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under this Article shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of the property unless the return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-14)

Sec. 29B-14. Innocent owner hearing.

(a) After a complaint for forfeiture has been filed and all claimants have appeared and answered, a claimant may file a motion with the court for an innocent owner hearing prior to trial. This motion shall be made and supported by sworn affidavit and shall assert the following along with specific facts that support each assertion:

(1) that the claimant filing the motion is the true owner of the conveyance as interpreted by case law;

(2) that the claimant was not legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture or acquiesced in the conduct;

(3) that the claimant did not solicit, conspire, or attempt to commit the conduct giving rise to the

forfeiture;

(4) that the claimant did not know or did not have reason to know that the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture was likely to occur; and

(5) that the claimant did not hold the property for the benefit of, or as nominee for, any person whose conduct gave rise to its forfeiture, or if the claimant ~~owner or interest holder~~ acquired the interest through any person, the claimant acquired ~~owner or interest holder did not acquire~~ it as a bona fide purchaser for value or acquired the interest without knowledge of the seizure of the property for forfeiture.

(b) The claimant's motion shall include specific facts supporting these assertions.

(c) Upon this filing, a hearing may only be conducted after the parties have been given the opportunity to conduct limited discovery as to the ownership and control of the property, the claimant's knowledge, or any matter relevant to the issues raised or facts alleged in the claimant's motion. Discovery shall be limited to the People's requests in these areas but may proceed by any means allowed in the Code of Civil Procedure.

(1) After discovery is complete and the court has allowed for sufficient time to review and investigate the discovery responses, the court shall conduct a hearing. At the hearing, the fact that the conveyance is subject to

forfeiture shall not be at issue. The court shall only hear evidence relating to the issue of innocent ownership.

(2) At the hearing on the motion, it shall be the burden of the claimant to prove each of the assertions listed in subsection (a) of this Section by a preponderance of the evidence.

(3) If a claimant meets his or her burden of proof, the court shall grant the motion and order the property returned to the claimant. If the claimant fails to meet his or her burden of proof, then the court shall deny the motion and the forfeiture case shall proceed according to the Code of Civil Procedure.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-17)

Sec. 29B-17. Exception for bona fide purchasers. No property shall be forfeited under this Article from a person who, without actual or constructive notice that the property was the subject of forfeiture proceedings, obtained possession of the property as a bona fide purchaser for value. A person who purports to effect ~~affect~~ transfer of property after receiving actual or constructive notice that the property is subject to seizure or forfeiture is guilty of contempt of court<sup>7</sup> and shall be liable to the State for a penalty in the amount of the fair market value of the property.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)



(720 ILCS 5/29B-21)

Sec. 29B-21. Attorney's fees. Nothing in this Article applies to property that constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the forfeiture proceeding or criminal proceeding relating directly thereto if the property was paid before its seizure and ~~τ~~ before the issuance of any seizure warrant or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and if the attorney, at the time he or she received the property did not know that it was property subject to forfeiture under this Article.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-22)

Sec. 29B-22. Construction.

(a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the forfeiture provisions of this Article be liberally construed so as to effect their remedial purpose. The forfeiture of property and other remedies under this Article shall be considered to be in addition to, and not exclusive of, any sentence or other remedy provided by law.

(b) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-512 ~~100-0512~~ and Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ are subject to Section 2 of the Statute on Statutes.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-26)

Sec. 29B-26. Distribution of proceeds. All moneys ~~monies~~ and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Article shall be distributed as follows:

(1) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies that conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws.

(2) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws. In counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws. If the prosecution is

undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided under this subparagraph (i) shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws.

(ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that office to be used for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and appeal of cases arising under laws. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.

(3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State Police for expenses related to the administration and sale of seized and forfeited property.

Moneys and the sale proceeds distributed to the Department of State Police under this Article shall be deposited in the Money Laundering Asset Recovery Fund created in the State treasury and shall be used by the Department of State Police for State law enforcement purposes. All moneys and sale proceeds of property forfeited and seized under this Article and distributed according to this Section may also be used to purchase opioid antagonists as defined in Section 5-23 of the Substance Use Disorder Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-27)

Sec. 29B-27. Applicability; savings clause.

(a) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-512 ~~100-0512~~ and Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ only apply to property seized on and after July 1, 2018.

(b) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ are subject to Section 4 of the Statute on Statutes.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/36-1.3)

Sec. 36-1.3. Safekeeping of seized property pending disposition.

(a) Property seized under this Article is deemed to be in the custody of the Director of State Police, subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney under this Article.

(b) If property is seized under this Article, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property and estimate the property's value, and shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and the estimate of the property's value to the Director of State Police. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director of State Police may:

- (1) place the property under seal;

(2) remove the property to a place designated by the Director of State Police;

(3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;

(4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping;

(5) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or

(6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the seizing agency.

(c) The seizing agency shall exercise ordinary care to protect the subject of the forfeiture from negligent loss, damage, or destruction.

(d) Property seized or forfeited under this Article is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/36-1.4)

Sec. 36-1.4. Notice to State's Attorney. The law enforcement agency seizing property for forfeiture under this

Article shall, as soon as practicable but not later than 28 days after the seizure, notify the State's Attorney for the county in which an act or omission giving rise to the seizure occurred or in which the property was seized and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the seizure, and shall provide the State's Attorney with the inventory of the property and its estimated value. The notice shall be by the delivery of Illinois State Police Notice/Inventory of Seized Property (Form 4-64). If the property seized for forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property shall immediately notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture proceedings are pending regarding the vehicle.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/36-1.5)

Sec. 36-1.5. Preliminary review.

(a) Within 14 days of the seizure, the State's Attorney of the county in which the seizure occurred shall seek a preliminary determination from the circuit court as to whether there is probable cause that the property may be subject to forfeiture.

(b) The rules of evidence shall not apply to any proceeding conducted under this Section.

(c) The court may conduct the review under subsection (a) of this Section simultaneously with a proceeding under Section 109-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a related

criminal offense if a prosecution is commenced by information or complaint.

(d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing following the filing of an information or complaint charging a related criminal offense or following the return of indictment by a grand jury charging the related offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required under subsection (a) of this ~~the~~ Section.

(e) Upon making a finding of probable cause as required under this Section, the circuit court shall order the property subject to the provisions of the applicable forfeiture Act held until the conclusion of any forfeiture proceeding.

For seizures of conveyances, within 28 days of a finding of probable cause under subsection (a) of this Section, the registered owner or other claimant may file a motion in writing supported by sworn affidavits claiming that denial of the use of the conveyance during the pendency of the forfeiture proceedings creates a substantial hardship and alleges facts showing that the hardship was not due to his or her culpable negligence. The court shall consider the following factors in determining whether a substantial hardship has been proven:

- (1) the nature of the claimed hardship;
- (2) the availability of public transportation or other available means of transportation; and
- (3) any available alternatives to alleviate the hardship other than the return of the seized conveyance.

If the court determines that a substantial hardship has been proven, the court shall then balance the nature of the hardship against the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance. If the court determines that the hardship outweighs the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance, the court may temporarily release the conveyance to the registered owner or the registered owner's authorized designee, or both, until the conclusion of the forfeiture proceedings or for such shorter period as ordered by the court provided that the person to whom the conveyance is released provides proof of insurance and a valid driver's license and all State and local registrations for operation of the conveyance are current. The court shall place conditions on the conveyance limiting its use to the stated hardship and providing transportation for employment, religious purposes, medical needs, child care, and restricting the conveyance's use to only those individuals authorized to use the conveyance by the registered owner. The use of the vehicle shall be further restricted to exclude all recreational and entertainment purposes. The court may order additional restrictions it deems reasonable and just on its own motion or on motion of the People. The court shall revoke the order releasing the conveyance and order that the conveyance be resealed by law enforcement if the conditions of release are violated or if the conveyance is used in the commission of any offense identified in subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.



If the court orders the release of the conveyance during the pendency of the forfeiture proceedings, the court may order the registered owner or his or her authorized designee to post a cash security with the clerk of the court as ordered by the court. If cash security is ordered, the court shall consider the following factors in determining the amount of the cash security:

- (A) the full market value of the conveyance;
- (B) the nature of the hardship;
- (C) the extent and length of the usage of the conveyance;
- (D) the ability of the owner or designee to pay; and
- (E) other conditions as the court deems necessary to safeguard the conveyance.

If the conveyance is released, the court shall order that the registered owner or his or her designee safeguard the conveyance, not remove the conveyance from the jurisdiction, not conceal, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the conveyance, not encumber the conveyance, and not diminish the value of the conveyance in any way. The court shall also make a determination of the full market value of the conveyance prior to it being released based on a source or sources defined in 50 Ill. Adm. Code 919.80(c)(2)(A) or 919.80(c)(2)(B).

If the conveyance subject to forfeiture is released under this Section and is subsequently forfeited, the person to whom the conveyance was released shall return the conveyance to the

law enforcement agency that seized the conveyance within 7 days from the date of the declaration of forfeiture or order of forfeiture. If the conveyance is not returned within 7 days, the cash security shall be forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject to forfeiture. If the cash security was less than the full market value, a judgment shall be entered against the parties to whom the conveyance was released and the registered owner, jointly and severally, for the difference between the full market value and the amount of the cash security. If the conveyance is returned in a condition other than the condition in which it was released, the cash security shall be returned to the surety who posted the security minus the amount of the diminished value, and that amount shall be forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject to forfeiture. Additionally, the court may enter an order allowing any law enforcement agency in the State of Illinois to seize the conveyance wherever it may be found in the State to satisfy the judgment if the cash security was less than the full market value of the conveyance.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/36-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-2)

Sec. 36-2. Complaint for forfeiture.

(a) If the State's Attorney of the county in which such seizure occurs finds that the alleged violation of law giving rise to the seizure was incurred without willful negligence or

without any intention on the part of the owner of the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft or any person whose right, title, or interest is of record as described in Section 36-1 of this Article, to violate the law, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify remission of the forfeiture, he or she may cause the law enforcement agency having custody of the property to return the property to the owner within a reasonable time not to exceed 7 days. The State's Attorney shall exercise his or her discretion under this subsection (a) prior to or promptly after the preliminary review under Section 36-1.5.

(b) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture and the State's Attorney does not cause the forfeiture to be remitted under subsection (a) of this Section, he or she shall bring an action for forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the seizure and confiscation has taken place by filing a verified complaint for forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the seizure occurred, or within whose jurisdiction an act or omission giving rise to the seizure occurred, subject to Supreme Court Rule 187. The complaint shall be filed as soon as practicable but not later than 28 days after the State's Attorney receives notice from the seizing agency as provided under Section 36-1.4 of this Article. A complaint of forfeiture shall include:

- (1) a description of the property seized;
- (2) the date and place of seizure of the property;
- (3) the name and address of the law enforcement agency making the seizure; and
- (4) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the seizure.

The complaint shall be served upon each person whose right, title, or interest is of record in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, or any other department of this State, or any other state of the United States if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be so registered, as the case may be, the person from whom the property was seized, and all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, as provided in this Article. The complaint shall be accompanied by the following written notice:

"This is a civil court proceeding subject to the Code of Civil Procedure. You received this Complaint of Forfeiture because the State's Attorney's office has brought a legal action seeking forfeiture of your seized property. This complaint starts the court process where the State seeks to prove that your property should be forfeited and not returned to you. This process is also your opportunity to try to prove to a judge that you should get your property back. The complaint lists the date, time, and location of your first

court date. You must appear in court on that day, or you may lose the case automatically. You must also file an appearance and answer. If you are unable to pay the appearance fee, you may qualify to have the fee waived. If there is a criminal case related to the seizure of your property, your case may be set for trial after the criminal case has been resolved. Before trial, the judge may allow discovery, where the State can ask you to respond in writing to questions and give them certain documents, and you can make similar requests of the State. The trial is your opportunity to explain what happened when your property was seized and why you should get the property back."

(c) (Blank).

(d) (Blank).

(e) (Blank).

(f) (Blank).

(g) (Blank).

(h) (Blank).

(Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/36-2.1)

Sec. 36-2.1. Notice to owner or interest holder. The first attempted service of notice shall be commenced within 28 days of the receipt of the notice from the seizing agency by Form 4-64. If the property seized is a conveyance, notice shall also be directed to the address reflected in the office of the

agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded. A complaint for forfeiture shall be served upon the property owner or interest holder in the following manner:

(1) If the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either:

(A) personal service; or

(B) mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(i) If notice is sent by certified mail and no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of mailing, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, the State's Attorney shall, within a reasonable period of time, mail a second copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(ii) If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of the second attempt at service by certified mail, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, the State's

Attorney shall have 60 days to attempt to serve the notice by personal service, which also includes substitute service by leaving a copy at the usual place of abode, with some person of the family or a person residing there, of the age of 13 years or upwards. If, after 3 attempts at service in this manner, no service of the notice is accomplished, then the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous manner at this address and service shall be made by the posting.

The attempts at service and the posting, if required, shall be documented by the person attempting service and said documentation shall be made part of a return of service returned to the State's Attorney.

The State's Attorney may utilize a Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, any peace officer, a private process server or investigator, or any employee, agent, or investigator of the State's Attorney's office to attempt service without seeking leave of court.

After the procedures are followed, service shall be effective on an owner or interest holder on the date of receipt by the State's Attorney of a return receipt, or on the date of receipt of a communication from an owner or interest holder documenting actual notice, whichever is first in time, or on the date of the last act performed by the State's Attorney in attempting

personal service under item (ii) of this paragraph (1). If notice is to be shown by actual notice from communication with a claimant, then the State's Attorney shall file an affidavit providing details of the communication, which shall be accepted as sufficient proof of service by the court.

For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture, the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the effective date of the complaint for forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency of the change in address or, if the owner or interest holder's address changes subsequent to the effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in address; or if the property seized is a conveyance, to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.

(2) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not known, and is not on record, then notice shall be served by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of



general circulation in the county in which the seizure occurred.

(3) Notice to any business entity, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or partnership shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.

(4) Notice to a person whose address is not within the State shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.

(5) Notice to a person whose address is not within the United States shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice shall be complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt. If certified mail is not available in the foreign country where the person has an address, then notice shall proceed by publication under paragraph (2) of this Section.

(6) Notice to any person whom the State's Attorney reasonably should know is incarcerated within the State shall also include ~~the~~ mailing a copy of the notice by

certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to the address of the detention facility with the inmate's name clearly marked on the envelope.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/36-2.5)

Sec. 36-2.5. Judicial in rem procedures.

(a) The laws of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to judicial in rem proceedings under this Article.

(b) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. A person not named in the forfeiture complaint who claims to have an interest in the property may petition to intervene as a claimant under Section 2-408 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(c) The answer shall be filed with the court within 45 days after service of the civil in rem complaint.

(d) The trial shall be held within 60 days after filing of the answer unless continued for good cause.

(e) In its case in chief, the State shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that:

(1) the property is subject to forfeiture; and

(2) at least one of the following:

(i) the claimant knew or should have known that the conduct was likely to occur; or

(ii) the claimant is not the true owner of the property that is subject to forfeiture.

In any forfeiture case under this Article, a claimant may present evidence to overcome evidence presented by the State that the property is subject to forfeiture.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the State's burden of proof at the trial of the forfeiture action shall be by clear and convincing evidence if:

(1) a finding of not guilty is entered as to all counts and all defendants in a criminal proceeding relating to the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture action; or

(2) the State receives an adverse finding at a preliminary hearing and fails to secure an indictment in a criminal proceeding related to the factual allegations of the forfeiture action.

(g) If the State does not meet its burden of proof, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property in which the State does meet its burden of proof forfeited to the State. If the State does meet its burden of proof, the court shall order all property forfeited to the State.

(h) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency

of an appeal is admissible.

(i) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding shall not preclude civil proceedings under this Act; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by either party, the court may stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a violation of law authorizing forfeiture under Section 36-1 of this Article.

(j) Title to all property declared forfeited under this Act vests in this State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, any property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture unless a person to whom the property was transferred makes an appropriate claim under or has the claim adjudicated at the judicial in rem hearing.

(k) No property shall be forfeited under this Article from a person who, without actual or constructive notice that the property was the subject of forfeiture proceedings, obtained possession of the property as a bona fide purchaser for value. A person who purports to transfer property after receiving actual or constructive notice that the property is subject to seizure or forfeiture is guilty of contempt of court<sup>7</sup> and shall be liable to the State for a penalty in the amount of the fair market value of the property.

(l) A civil action under this Article shall be commenced

within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.

(m) If property is ordered forfeited under this Article from a claimant who held title to the property in joint tenancy or tenancy in common with another claimant, the court shall determine the amount of each owner's interest in the property according to principles of property law.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/36-10)

Sec. 36-10. Applicability; savings clause.

(a) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-512 ~~100-0512~~ and Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ only apply to property seized on and after July 1, 2018.

(b) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ are subject to Section 4 of the Statute on Statutes.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

Section 20. The Cannabis Control Act is amended by changing Section 12 as follows:

(720 ILCS 550/12) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 712)

Sec. 12. Forfeiture.

(a) The following are subject to forfeiture:

(1) (blank);

(2) all raw materials, products, and equipment of any kind which are produced, delivered, or possessed in connection with any substance containing cannabis in a felony violation of this Act;

(3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of any substance containing cannabis or property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) that constitutes a felony violation of the Act, but:

(i) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to the violation;

(ii) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent;

(iii) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;

(4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data which are used, or intended for use, in a felony violation of this Act;

(5) everything of value furnished or intended to be furnished by any person in exchange for a substance in violation of this Act, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any felony violation of this Act;

(6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust, in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, that is used or intended to be used to facilitate the manufacture, distribution, sale, receipt, or concealment of a substance containing cannabis or property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection (a) that constitutes a felony violation of this Act involving more than 2,000 grams of a substance containing cannabis or that is the proceeds of any felony violation of this Act.

(b) Property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be

seized under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. In the event of seizure, forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(c) Forfeiture under this Act is subject to an 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution disproportionate penalties analysis as provided under Section 9.5 of the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(c-1) With regard to possession of cannabis offenses only, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$500 shall not be subject to forfeiture under this Act. For all other offenses under this Act, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$100 shall not be subject to forfeiture under this Act. In seizures of currency in excess of these amounts, this Section shall not create an exemption for these amounts.

(d) (Blank).

(e) (Blank).

(f) (Blank).

(g) (Blank).

(h) Contraband, including cannabis possessed without authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to seizure and shall be disposed of according to State law.

(i) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-512 ~~100-0512~~ and Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ only apply to property seized on and



after July 1, 2018.

(j) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ are subject to Section 4 of the Statute on Statutes.

(Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

Section 25. The Illinois Controlled Substances Act is amended by changing Section 505 as follows:

(720 ILCS 570/505) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1505)

Sec. 505. (a) The following are subject to forfeiture:

(1) (blank);

(2) all raw materials, products, and equipment of any kind which are used, or intended for use, in manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, administering or possessing any substance in violation of this Act;

(3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of substances manufactured, distributed, dispensed, or possessed in violation of this Act, or property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection (a), but:

(i) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common

carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this Act;

(ii) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent;

(iii) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;

(4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data which are used, or intended to be used, in violation of this Act;

(5) everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for a substance in violation of this Act, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any violation of this Act;

(6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest (including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust) in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or

improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation or act that constitutes a violation of Section 401 or 405 of this Act or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation of Section 401 or 405 of this Act.

(b) Property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be seized under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. In the event of seizure, forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(c) Forfeiture under this Act is subject to an 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution disproportionate penalties analysis as provided under Section 9.5 of the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(d) With regard to possession of controlled substances offenses only, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$500 shall not be subject to forfeiture under this Act. For all other offenses under this Act, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$100 shall not be subject to forfeiture under this Act. In seizures of currency in excess of these amounts, this Section shall not create an exemption for these amounts.

(d-5) For felony offenses involving possession of controlled substances only, no property shall be subject to forfeiture under this Act because of the possession of less than 2 single unit doses of a controlled substance. This exemption shall not apply in instances when the possessor, or

another person at the direction of the possessor, engaged in the destruction of any amount of a controlled substance. The amount of a single unit dose shall be the State's burden to prove in its case in chief.

(e) If the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation suspends or revokes a registration, all controlled substances owned or possessed by the registrant at the time of suspension or the effective date of the revocation order may be placed under seal by the Director. No disposition may be made of substances under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court. Upon a suspension or revocation order becoming final, all substances are subject to seizure and forfeiture under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

(f) (Blank).

(g) (Blank).

(h) (Blank).

(i) Contraband, including controlled substances possessed without authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to seizure and shall be disposed of according to State law.

(j) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-512 ~~100-0512~~ and Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the~~

~~100th General Assembly~~ only apply to property seized on and after July 1, 2018.

(k) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ are subject to Section 4 of the Statute on Statutes.

(Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

Section 30. The Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act is amended by changing Sections 3.3, 4, 6, 9, and 13.4 as follows:

(725 ILCS 150/3.3)

Sec. 3.3. Safekeeping of seized property pending disposition.

(a) Property seized under this Act is deemed to be in the custody of the Director of State Police, subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney under this Act.

(b) If property is seized under this Act, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property and estimate the property's value, and shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and the estimate of the property's value to the Director of State Police. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director of State Police may:

- (1) place the property under seal;

(2) remove the property to a place designated by the seizing agency;

(3) keep the property in the possession of the Director of State Police;

(4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping;

(5) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or

(6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the seizing agency.

(c) The seizing agency is required to exercise ordinary care to protect the seized property from negligent loss, damage, or destruction.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(725 ILCS 150/4) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1674)

Sec. 4. Notice to owner or interest holder. The first attempted service of notice shall be commenced within 28 days of the filing of the verified claim or the receipt of the notice from the seizing agency by Illinois State Police Notice/Inventory of Seized Property (Form 4-64), whichever

occurs sooner. A complaint for forfeiture or a notice of pending forfeiture shall be served upon the property owner or interest holder in the following manner:

(1) If the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either:

(A) personal service; or

(B) mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(i) If notice is sent by certified mail and no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of mailing, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, then the State's Attorney shall, within a reasonable period of time, mail a second copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(ii) If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of the second attempt at service by certified mail, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, then the State's Attorney shall have 60 days to attempt to serve the

notice by personal service, which also includes substitute service by leaving a copy at the usual place of abode, with some person of the family or a person residing there, of the age of 13 years or upwards. If, after 3 attempts at service in this manner, no service of the notice is accomplished, then the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous manner at this address and service shall be made by posting.

The attempts at service and the posting, if required, shall be documented by the person attempting service and said documentation shall be made part of a return of service returned to the State's Attorney.

The State's Attorney may utilize any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, any peace officer, a private process server or investigator, or any employee, agent, or investigator of the State's Attorney's Office to attempt service without seeking leave of court.

After the procedures set forth are followed, service shall be effective on an owner or interest holder on the date of receipt by the State's Attorney of a return receipt, or on the date of receipt of a communication from an owner or interest holder documenting actual notice,



whichever is first in time, or on the date of the last act performed by the State's Attorney in attempting personal service under subparagraph (ii) above. If notice is to be shown by actual notice from communication with a claimant, then the State's Attorney shall file an affidavit providing details of the communication, which may be accepted as sufficient proof of service by the court.

After a claimant files a verified claim with the State's Attorney and provides an address at which the claimant will accept service, the complaint shall be served and notice shall be perfected upon mailing of the complaint to the claimant at the address the claimant provided via certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail. No return receipt need be received, or any other attempts at service need be made to comply with service and notice requirements under this Act. This certified mailing, return receipt requested, shall be proof of service of the complaint on the claimant.

For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture, then the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall

be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency of the change in address or, if the owner or interest holder's address changes subsequent to the effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in address; or if the property seized is a conveyance, to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.

(2) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not known, and is not on record, then notice shall be served by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the seizure occurred.

(3) After a claimant files a verified claim with the State's Attorney and provides an address at which the claimant will accept service, the complaint shall be served and notice shall be perfected upon mailing of the complaint to the claimant at the address the claimant provided via certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class

mail. No return receipt need be received or any other attempts at service need be made to comply with service and notice requirements under this Act. This certified mailing, return receipt requested, shall be proof of service of the complaint on the claimant.

(4) Notice to any business entity, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or partnership shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.

(5) Notice to a person whose address is not within the State shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.

(6) Notice to a person whose address is not within the United States shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice shall be complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt. If certified mail is not available in the foreign country where the person has an address, then notice shall proceed by publication under paragraph (2) of this Section.

(7) Notice to any person whom the State's Attorney reasonably should know is incarcerated within the State shall also include the mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to the address of the detention facility with the inmate's name clearly marked on the envelope.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(725 ILCS 150/6) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1676)

Sec. 6. Non-judicial forfeiture. If non-real property that exceeds \$150,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or if real property is seized under the provisions of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings as described in Section 9 of this Act within 28 days from receipt of notice of seizure from the seizing agency under Section 5 of this Act. However, if non-real property that does not exceed \$150,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance is seized, the following procedure shall be used:

(A) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then, within 28 days of the receipt of notice of seizure from the seizing agency, the State's Attorney shall cause notice of pending

forfeiture to be given to the owner of the property and all known interest holders of the property in accordance with Section 4 of this Act.

(B) The notice of pending forfeiture must include a description of the property, the estimated value of the property, the date and place of seizure, the conduct giving rise to forfeiture or the violation of law alleged, and a summary of procedures and procedural rights applicable to the forfeiture action.

(C) (1) Any person claiming an interest in property which is the subject of notice under subsection (A) of this Section may, within 45 days after the effective date of notice as described in Section 4 of this Act, file a verified claim with the State's Attorney expressing his or her interest in the property. The claim must set forth:

(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;

(ii) the address at which the claimant will accept mail;

(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest in the property;

(iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property;

(v) the names and addresses of all other persons

known to have an interest in the property;

(vi) the specific provision of law relied on in asserting the property is not subject to forfeiture;

(vii) all essential facts supporting each assertion; and

(viii) the relief sought.

(2) If a claimant files the claim then the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings within 28 days after receipt of the claim.

(D) If no claim is filed within the 45-day ~~45-day~~ period as described in subsection (C) of this Section, the State's Attorney shall declare the property forfeited and shall promptly notify the owner and all known interest holders of the property and the Director of the Illinois Department of State Police of the declaration of forfeiture and the Director shall dispose of the property in accordance with law.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(725 ILCS 150/9) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1679)

Sec. 9. Judicial in rem procedures. If property seized under the provisions of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act is non-real property that exceeds \$150,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is real property, or a claimant has filed a claim under subsection

(C) of Section 6 of this Act, the following judicial in rem procedures shall apply:

(A) If, after a review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial forfeiture proceedings by filing a verified complaint for forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the seizure occurred, or within whose jurisdiction an act or omission giving rise to the seizure occurred, subject to Supreme Court Rule 187. The complaint for forfeiture shall be filed as soon as practicable, but not later than 28 days after the filing of a verified claim by a claimant if the property was acted upon under a non-judicial forfeiture action, or 28 days after the State's Attorney receives notice from the seizing agency as provided under Section 5 of this Act, whichever occurs later. When authorized by law, a forfeiture must be ordered by a court on an action in rem brought by a State's Attorney under a verified complaint for forfeiture.

(A-5) If the State's Attorney finds that the alleged violation of law giving rise to the seizure was incurred without willful negligence or without any intention on the part of the owner of the property to violate the law or finds the existence of mitigating circumstances to justify remission of the forfeiture, the State's Attorney may cause

the law enforcement agency having custody of the property to return the property to the owner within a reasonable time not to exceed 7 days. The State's Attorney shall exercise his or her discretion prior to or promptly after the preliminary review under Section 3.5 of this Act. Judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings under this Act shall be subject to the Code of Civil Procedure and the rules of evidence relating to civil actions.

(A-10) A complaint of forfeiture shall include:

- (1) a description of the property seized;
- (2) the date and place of seizure of the property;
- (3) the name and address of the law enforcement agency making the seizure; and
- (4) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the seizure.

The complaint shall be served upon the person from whom the property was seized and all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, as provided in Section 4 of this Act. The complaint shall be accompanied by the following written notice:

"This is a civil court proceeding subject to the Code of Civil Procedure. You received this Complaint of Forfeiture because the State's Attorney's office has brought a legal action seeking forfeiture of your seized property. This complaint starts the court process where the state seeks to prove that your



property should be forfeited and not returned to you. This process is also your opportunity to try to prove to a judge that you should get your property back. The complaint lists the date, time, and location of your first court date. You must appear in court on that day, or you may lose the case automatically. You must also file an appearance and answer. If you are unable to pay the appearance fee, you may qualify to have the fee waived. If there is a criminal case related to the seizure of your property, your case may be set for trial after the criminal case has been resolved. Before trial, the judge may allow discovery, where the State can ask you to respond in writing to questions and give them certain documents, and you can make similar requests of the State. The trial is your opportunity to explain what happened when your property was seized and why you should get the property back."

(B) The laws of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to all other proceedings under this Act except that the parties shall be allowed to use, and the court must receive and consider, all relevant hearsay evidence that relates to evidentiary foundation, chain of custody, business records, recordings, laboratory analysis, laboratory reports, and the use of technology in the investigation that resulted in the seizure of the property that is subject to the forfeiture action.

(C) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. A person not named in the forfeiture complaint who claims to have an interest in the property may petition to intervene as a claimant under Section 2-408 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(D) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest holder under penalty of perjury and must set forth:

(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;

(ii) the address at which the claimant will accept mail;

(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest in the property;

(iv) the date, identity of transferor, and circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property;

(v) the names and addresses of all other persons known to have an interest in the property;

(vi) the specific provisions of Section 8 of this Act relied on in asserting it is exempt from forfeiture, if applicable;

(vii) all essential facts supporting each

assertion;

(viii) the precise relief sought; and

(ix) in a forfeiture action involving currency or its equivalent, a claimant shall provide the State with notice of the claimant's intent to allege that the currency or its equivalent is not related to the alleged factual basis for the forfeiture, and why.

(E) The answer must be filed with the court within 45 days after service of the civil in rem complaint.

(F) The trial shall be held within 60 days after filing of the answer unless continued for good cause.

(G) The State, in its case in chief, shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture; and at least one of the following:

(i) In the case of personal property, including conveyances:

(a) that the claimant was legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture;

(b) that the claimant knew or reasonably should have known of the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture;

(c) that the claimant knew or reasonably should have known that the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture was likely to occur;

(d) that the claimant held the property for the benefit of, or as nominee for, any person whose

conduct gave rise to its forfeiture;

(e) that if the claimant acquired the interest through any person engaging in any of the conduct described above or conduct giving rise to the forfeiture:

(1) the claimant did not acquire it as a bona fide purchaser for value, or

(2) the claimant acquired the interest under such circumstances that the claimant reasonably should have known the property was derived from, or used in, the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture;

(f) that the claimant is not the true owner of the property;

(g) that the claimant acquired the interest:

(1) before the commencement of the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture and the person whose conduct gave rise to the forfeiture did not have authority to convey the interest to a bona fide purchaser for value at the time of the conduct; or

(2) after the commencement of the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture and the owner or interest holder acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser for value without

knowledge of the conduct that gave rise to the forfeiture, and without the knowledge of the seizure of the property for forfeiture.

(ii) In the case of real property:

(a) that the claimant was legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture;

(b) that the claimant solicited, conspired, or attempted to commit the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture; or

(c) that the claimant had acquired or stood to acquire substantial proceeds from the conduct giving rise to its forfeiture other than as an interest holder in an arm's length transaction;

(d) that the claimant is not the true owner of the property;

(e) that the claimant acquired the interest:

(1) before the commencement of the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture and the person whose conduct gave rise to the forfeiture did not have authority to convey the interest to a bona fide purchaser for value at the time of the conduct; or

(2) after the commencement of the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture and the owner or interest holder acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or

bona fide purchaser for value without knowledge of the conduct that gave rise to the forfeiture, and before the filing in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county in which the real estate is located a notice of seizure for forfeiture or a lis pendens notice.

(G-5) If the property that is the subject of the forfeiture proceeding is currency or its equivalent, the State, in its case in chief, shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property is subject to forfeiture. If the State makes that showing, the claimant shall have the burden of production to set forth evidence that the currency or its equivalent is not related to the alleged factual basis of the forfeiture. After the production of evidence, the State shall maintain the burden of proof to overcome this assertion.

(G-10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the State's burden of proof at the trial of the forfeiture action shall be by clear and convincing evidence if:

(1) a finding of not guilty is entered as to all counts and all defendants in a criminal proceeding relating to the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture action; or

(2) the State receives an adverse finding at a preliminary hearing and fails to secure an indictment

in a criminal proceeding related to the factual allegations of the forfeiture action.

(H) If the State does not meet its burden of proof, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property as to which the State does meet its burden of proof forfeited to the State. If the State does meet its burden of proof, the court shall order all property forfeited to the State.

(I) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Act regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.

(J) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding shall not preclude civil proceedings under this Act; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the State's Attorney, the court may stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the

Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of such property unless such return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney.

(K) Title to all property declared forfeited under this Act vests in the State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture unless a person to whom the property was transferred makes an appropriate claim under this Act and has the claim adjudicated in the judicial in rem proceeding.

(L) A civil action under this Act must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.

(M) No property shall be forfeited under this Act from a person who, without actual or constructive notice that the property was the subject of forfeiture proceedings, obtained possession of the property as a bona fide



purchaser for value. A person who purports to transfer property after receiving actual or constructive notice that the property is subject to seizure or forfeiture is guilty of contempt of court and shall be liable to the State for a penalty in the amount of the fair market value of the property.

(N) If property is ordered forfeited under this Act from a claimant who held title to the property in joint tenancy or tenancy in common with another claimant, the court shall determine the amount of each owner's interest in the property according to principles of property law.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

(725 ILCS 150/13.4)

Sec. 13.4. Applicability; savings clause.

(a) The changes made to this Act by Public Act 100-512 ~~100-0512~~ and Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ only apply to property seized on and after July 1, 2018.

(b) The changes made to this Act by Public Act 100-699 ~~this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly~~ are subject to Section 4 of the Statute on Statutes.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

Section 35. The Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act is amended by changing Section 40 as follows:

(740 ILCS 147/40)

Sec. 40. Forfeiture.

(a) The following are subject to seizure and forfeiture:

(1) any property that is directly or indirectly used or intended for use in any manner to facilitate streetgang related activity; and

(2) any property constituting or derived from gross profits or other proceeds obtained from streetgang related activity.

(b) Property subject to forfeiture under this Section may be seized under the procedures set forth in ~~under~~ Section 36-2.1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, except that actual physical seizure of real property subject to forfeiture under this Act requires the issuance of a seizure warrant. Nothing in this Section prohibits the constructive seizure of real property through the filing of a complaint for forfeiture in circuit court and the recording of a lis pendens against the real property without a hearing, warrant application, or judicial approval.

(c) The State's Attorney may initiate forfeiture proceedings under the procedures in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012. The State shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the property was acquired through a pattern of streetgang related activity.

(d) Property forfeited under this Section shall be disposed

of in accordance with Section 36-7 of Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012 for the forfeiture of vehicles, vessels, and aircraft.

(e) Within 60 days of the date of the seizure of contraband under this Section, the State's Attorney shall initiate forfeiture proceedings as provided in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012. An owner or person who has a lien on the property may establish as a defense to the forfeiture of property that is subject to forfeiture under this Section that the owner or lienholder had no knowledge that the property was acquired through a pattern of streetgang related activity. Property that is forfeited under this Section shall be disposed of as provided in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012 for the forfeiture of vehicles, vessels, and aircraft. The proceeds of the disposition shall be paid to the Gang Violence Victims and Witnesses Fund to be used to assist in the prosecution of gang crimes.

(f) Property seized or forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

(g) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-512 ~~100-0512~~ only apply to property seized on and after July 1, 2018.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

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