



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/12-3.05

was 720 ILCS 5/12-4

Provides that the Act may be referred to as the Knight-Silas Act. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that aggravated battery, other than by the discharge of a firearm, includes a battery committed by a person who, at the time of the commission of the offense, is 21 years of age or older and the battery was committed upon an individual whom the person committing the offense knows to be a person working under the Adult Protective Services Program or an Ombudsman under the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program of the Department on Aging, or a Department of Children and Family Services employee: (1) performing his or her official duties; (2) battered to prevent performance of his or her official duties; or (3) battered in retaliation for performing his or her official duties. Provides that a violation is a Class 2 felony, except if the battery causes great bodily harm or permanent disability or disfigurement to an individual, a violation is a Class 1 felony. Defines "Department of Children and Family Services employee" and "ombudsman".

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

4 Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Knight-Silas  
5 Act.

6 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by  
7 changing Section 12-3.05 as follows:

8 (720 ILCS 5/12-3.05) (was 720 ILCS 5/12-4)

9 Sec. 12-3.05. Aggravated battery.

10 (a) Offense based on injury. A person commits aggravated  
11 battery when, in committing a battery, other than by the  
12 discharge of a firearm, he or she knowingly does any of the  
13 following:

14 (1) Causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
15 or disfigurement.

16 (2) Causes severe and permanent disability, great  
17 bodily harm, or disfigurement by means of a caustic or  
18 flammable substance, a poisonous gas, a deadly biological  
19 or chemical contaminant or agent, a radioactive substance,  
20 or a bomb or explosive compound.

21 (3) Causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
22 or disfigurement to an individual whom the person knows to

1 be a peace officer, community policing volunteer, fireman,  
2 private security officer, correctional institution  
3 employee, a person performing duties related to the Adult  
4 Protective Services Act or ombudsman under the State Long  
5 Term Care Ombudsman Program of the Department on Aging, or  
6 Department of Human Services employee supervising or  
7 controlling sexually dangerous persons or sexually violent  
8 persons:

9 (i) performing his or her official duties;

10 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
11 official duties; or

12 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
13 or her official duties.

14 (3.1) Is, at the time of the commission of the  
15 offense, 21 years of age or older and causes great bodily  
16 harm or permanent disability or disfigurement to an  
17 individual whom the person knows to be a Department of  
18 Children and Family Services employee:

19 (i) performing his or her official duties;

20 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
21 official duties; or

22 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
23 or her official duties.

24 (4) Causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
25 or disfigurement to an individual 60 years of age or  
26 older.

1 (5) Strangles another individual.

2 (b) Offense based on injury to a child or person with an  
3 intellectual disability. A person who is at least 18 years of  
4 age commits aggravated battery when, in committing a battery,  
5 he or she knowingly and without legal justification by any  
6 means:

7 (1) causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
8 or disfigurement to any child under the age of 13 years, or  
9 to any person with a severe or profound intellectual  
10 disability; or

11 (2) causes bodily harm or disability or disfigurement  
12 to any child under the age of 13 years or to any person  
13 with a severe or profound intellectual disability.

14 (c) Offense based on location of conduct. A person commits  
15 aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, other than  
16 by the discharge of a firearm, he or she is or the person  
17 battered is on or about a public way, public property, a public  
18 place of accommodation or amusement, a sports venue, or a  
19 domestic violence shelter, or in a church, synagogue, mosque,  
20 or other building, structure, or place used for religious  
21 worship.

22 (d) Offense based on status of victim. A person commits  
23 aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, other than  
24 by discharge of a firearm, he or she knows the individual  
25 battered to be any of the following:

26 (1) A person 60 years of age or older.

1           (2) A person who is pregnant or has a physical  
2 disability.

3           (3) A teacher or school employee upon school grounds  
4 or grounds adjacent to a school or in any part of a  
5 building used for school purposes.

6           (4) A peace officer, community policing volunteer,  
7 fireman, private security officer, correctional  
8 institution employee, a person performing duties related  
9 to the Adult Protective Services Act or ombudsman under  
10 the State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program of the  
11 Department on Aging, or Department of Human Services  
12 employee supervising or controlling sexually dangerous  
13 persons or sexually violent persons:

14                   (i) performing his or her official duties;

15                   (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
16 official duties; or

17                   (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
18 or her official duties.

19           (4.1) (A) A Department of Children and Family Services  
20 employee:

21                   (i) performing his or her official duties;

22                   (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
23 official duties; or

24                   (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
25 or her official duties; and

26           (B) the person committing the offense, at the time of

1 the commission of the offense, is 21 years of age or older.

2 (5) A judge, emergency management worker, emergency  
3 medical services personnel, or utility worker:

4 (i) performing his or her official duties;

5 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
6 official duties; or

7 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
8 or her official duties.

9 (6) An officer or employee of the State of Illinois, a  
10 unit of local government, or a school district, while  
11 performing his or her official duties.

12 (7) A transit employee performing his or her official  
13 duties, or a transit passenger.

14 (8) A taxi driver on duty.

15 (9) A merchant who detains the person for an alleged  
16 commission of retail theft under Section 16-26 of this  
17 Code and the person without legal justification by any  
18 means causes bodily harm to the merchant.

19 (10) A person authorized to serve process under  
20 Section 2-202 of the Code of Civil Procedure or a special  
21 process server appointed by the circuit court while that  
22 individual is in the performance of his or her duties as a  
23 process server.

24 (11) A nurse while in the performance of his or her  
25 duties as a nurse.

26 (12) A merchant: (i) while performing his or her

1 duties, including, but not limited to, relaying directions  
2 for healthcare or safety from his or her supervisor or  
3 employer or relaying health or safety guidelines,  
4 recommendations, regulations, or rules from a federal,  
5 State, or local public health agency; and (ii) during a  
6 disaster declared by the Governor, or a state of emergency  
7 declared by the mayor of the municipality in which the  
8 merchant is located, due to a public health emergency and  
9 for a period of 6 months after such declaration.

10 (e) Offense based on use of a firearm. A person commits  
11 aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, he or she  
12 knowingly does any of the following:

13 (1) Discharges a firearm, other than a machine gun or  
14 a firearm equipped with a silencer, and causes any injury  
15 to another person.

16 (2) Discharges a firearm, other than a machine gun or  
17 a firearm equipped with a silencer, and causes any injury  
18 to a person he or she knows to be a peace officer,  
19 community policing volunteer, person summoned by a police  
20 officer, fireman, private security officer, correctional  
21 institution employee, or emergency management worker:

22 (i) performing his or her official duties;

23 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
24 official duties; or

25 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
26 or her official duties.

1           (3) Discharges a firearm, other than a machine gun or  
2 a firearm equipped with a silencer, and causes any injury  
3 to a person he or she knows to be emergency medical  
4 services personnel:

5                   (i) performing his or her official duties;

6                   (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
7 official duties; or

8                   (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
9 or her official duties.

10          (4) Discharges a firearm and causes any injury to a  
11 person he or she knows to be a teacher, a student in a  
12 school, or a school employee, and the teacher, student, or  
13 employee is upon school grounds or grounds adjacent to a  
14 school or in any part of a building used for school  
15 purposes.

16          (5) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
17 with a silencer, and causes any injury to another person.

18          (6) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
19 with a silencer, and causes any injury to a person he or  
20 she knows to be a peace officer, community policing  
21 volunteer, person summoned by a police officer, fireman,  
22 private security officer, correctional institution  
23 employee or emergency management worker:

24                   (i) performing his or her official duties;

25                   (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
26 official duties; or



1 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
2 or her official duties.

3 (7) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
4 with a silencer, and causes any injury to a person he or  
5 she knows to be emergency medical services personnel:

6 (i) performing his or her official duties;

7 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
8 official duties; or

9 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
10 or her official duties.

11 (8) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
12 with a silencer, and causes any injury to a person he or  
13 she knows to be a teacher, or a student in a school, or a  
14 school employee, and the teacher, student, or employee is  
15 upon school grounds or grounds adjacent to a school or in  
16 any part of a building used for school purposes.

17 (f) Offense based on use of a weapon or device. A person  
18 commits aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, he  
19 or she does any of the following:

20 (1) Uses a deadly weapon other than by discharge of a  
21 firearm, or uses an air rifle as defined in Section  
22 24.8-0.1 of this Code.

23 (2) Wears a hood, robe, or mask to conceal his or her  
24 identity.

25 (3) Knowingly and without lawful justification shines  
26 or flashes a laser gunsight or other laser device attached

1 to a firearm, or used in concert with a firearm, so that  
2 the laser beam strikes upon or against the person of  
3 another.

4 (4) Knowingly video or audio records the offense with  
5 the intent to disseminate the recording.

6 (g) Offense based on certain conduct. A person commits  
7 aggravated battery when, other than by discharge of a firearm,  
8 he or she does any of the following:

9 (1) Violates Section 401 of the Illinois Controlled  
10 Substances Act by unlawfully delivering a controlled  
11 substance to another and any user experiences great bodily  
12 harm or permanent disability as a result of the injection,  
13 inhalation, or ingestion of any amount of the controlled  
14 substance.

15 (2) Knowingly administers to an individual or causes  
16 him or her to take, without his or her consent or by threat  
17 or deception, and for other than medical purposes, any  
18 intoxicating, poisonous, stupefying, narcotic,  
19 anesthetic, or controlled substance, or gives to another  
20 person any food containing any substance or object  
21 intended to cause physical injury if eaten.

22 (3) Knowingly causes or attempts to cause a  
23 correctional institution employee or Department of Human  
24 Services employee to come into contact with blood, seminal  
25 fluid, urine, or feces by throwing, tossing, or expelling  
26 the fluid or material, and the person is an inmate of a

1 penal institution or is a sexually dangerous person or  
2 sexually violent person in the custody of the Department  
3 of Human Services.

4 (h) Sentence. Unless otherwise provided, aggravated  
5 battery is a Class 3 felony.

6 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a) (4),  
7 (d) (4), (d) (4.1), or (g) (3) is a Class 2 felony.

8 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a) (3),  
9 (a) (3.1), or (g) (1) is a Class 1 felony.

10 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a) (1) is a  
11 Class 1 felony when the aggravated battery was intentional and  
12 involved the infliction of torture, as defined in paragraph  
13 (10) of subsection (b-5) of Section 5-8-1 of the Unified Code  
14 of Corrections, as the infliction of or subjection to extreme  
15 physical pain, motivated by an intent to increase or prolong  
16 the pain, suffering, or agony of the victim.

17 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a) (1) is a  
18 Class 2 felony when the person causes great bodily harm or  
19 permanent disability to an individual whom the person knows to  
20 be a member of a congregation engaged in prayer or other  
21 religious activities at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other  
22 building, structure, or place used for religious worship.

23 Aggravated battery under subdivision (a) (5) is a Class 1  
24 felony if:

25 (A) the person used or attempted to use a dangerous  
26 instrument while committing the offense;

1           (B) the person caused great bodily harm or permanent  
2           disability or disfigurement to the other person while  
3           committing the offense; or

4           (C) the person has been previously convicted of a  
5           violation of subdivision (a)(5) under the laws of this  
6           State or laws similar to subdivision (a)(5) of any other  
7           state.

8           Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(1) is a  
9           Class X felony.

10          Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a)(2) is a  
11          Class X felony for which a person shall be sentenced to a term  
12          of imprisonment of a minimum of 6 years and a maximum of 45  
13          years.

14          Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(5) is a  
15          Class X felony for which a person shall be sentenced to a term  
16          of imprisonment of a minimum of 12 years and a maximum of 45  
17          years.

18          Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(2),  
19          (e)(3), or (e)(4) is a Class X felony for which a person shall  
20          be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of a minimum of 15 years  
21          and a maximum of 60 years.

22          Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(6),  
23          (e)(7), or (e)(8) is a Class X felony for which a person shall  
24          be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of a minimum of 20 years  
25          and a maximum of 60 years.

26          Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (b)(1) is a

1 Class X felony, except that:

2 (1) if the person committed the offense while armed  
3 with a firearm, 15 years shall be added to the term of  
4 imprisonment imposed by the court;

5 (2) if, during the commission of the offense, the  
6 person personally discharged a firearm, 20 years shall be  
7 added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court;

8 (3) if, during the commission of the offense, the  
9 person personally discharged a firearm that proximately  
10 caused great bodily harm, permanent disability, permanent  
11 disfigurement, or death to another person, 25 years or up  
12 to a term of natural life shall be added to the term of  
13 imprisonment imposed by the court.

14 (i) Definitions. In this Section:

15 "Building or other structure used to provide shelter" has  
16 the meaning ascribed to "shelter" in Section 1 of the Domestic  
17 Violence Shelters Act.

18 "Department of Children and Family Services employee"  
19 includes any (i) Department caseworker or (ii) investigator  
20 employed by an agency or organization providing social work,  
21 case work, or investigative services under a contract with or  
22 a grant from the Department of Children and Family Services.

23 "Domestic violence" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
24 Section 103 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

25 "Domestic violence shelter" means any building or other  
26 structure used to provide shelter or other services to victims

1 or to the dependent children of victims of domestic violence  
2 pursuant to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 or the  
3 Domestic Violence Shelters Act, or any place within 500 feet  
4 of such a building or other structure in the case of a person  
5 who is going to or from such a building or other structure.

6 "Firearm" has the meaning provided under Section 1.1 of  
7 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, and does not  
8 include an air rifle as defined by Section 24.8-0.1 of this  
9 Code.

10 "Machine gun" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section  
11 24-1 of this Code.

12 "Merchant" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section  
13 16-0.1 of this Code.

14 "Ombudsman" has the meaning ascribed to it in paragraph  
15 (3.1) of subsection (b) of Section 4.04 of the Illinois Act on  
16 the Aging.

17 "Strangle" means intentionally impeding the normal  
18 breathing or circulation of the blood of an individual by  
19 applying pressure on the throat or neck of that individual or  
20 by blocking the nose or mouth of that individual.

21 (Source: P.A. 103-51, eff. 1-1-24.)