

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by  
5 changing Section 7-1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 7-1)

7 Sec. 7-1. Use of force in defense of person. A person is  
8 justified in the use of force against another when and to the  
9 extent that he or she reasonably believes that such conduct  
10 is necessary to defend himself or herself or another against  
11 such other's imminent use of unlawful force. However, the  
12 person he is justified in the use of force which is intended  
13 or likely to cause death or great bodily harm only if he or  
14 she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to  
15 prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or  
16 herself or another, or the commission of a forcible felony.

17 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 1983.)