

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 adding Section 12-7.6 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-7.6 new)

7 Sec. 12-7.6. Cross burning.

8 (a) A person commits the offense of cross burning who,
9 with the intent to intimidate any other person or group of
10 persons, burns or causes to be burned a cross.

11 (b) Sentence. Cross burning is a Class A misdemeanor for
12 a first offense and a Class 4 felony for a second or
13 subsequent offense.

14 (c) For the purposes of this Section, a person acts with
15 the "intent to intimidate" when he or she intentionally
16 places or attempts to place another person in fear of
17 physical injury or fear of damage to that other person's
18 property.