



1           (3) He is a narcotic addict and has any firearms or  
2 firearm ammunition in his possession; or

3           (4) He has been a patient in a mental hospital  
4 within the past 5 years and has any firearms or firearm  
5 ammunition in his possession; or

6           (5) He is mentally retarded and has any firearms or  
7 firearm ammunition in his possession; or

8           (6) He has in his possession any explosive bullet.

9           For purposes of this paragraph "explosive bullet" means  
10 the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which  
11 contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode  
12 upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal.  
13 "Cartridge" means a tubular metal case having a projectile  
14 affixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear  
15 end thereof, with the propellant contained in such tube  
16 between the projectile and the cap; or

17           (b) Sentence.

18           Unlawful possession of firearms, other than handguns, and  
19 firearm ammunition is a Class A misdemeanor. Unlawful  
20 possession of handguns is a Class 4 felony.

21           (c) Nothing in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this  
22 Section prohibits a person under 18 years of age from  
23 participating in any lawful recreational activity with a  
24 firearm such as, but not limited to, practice shooting at  
25 targets upon established public or private target ranges or  
26 hunting, trapping, or fishing in accordance with the Wildlife  
27 Code or the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

28           (d) The provisions of any ordinance or resolution  
29 adopted before, on, or after the effective date of this  
30 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly by any unit of  
31 local government that imposes restrictions or limitations on  
32 the acquisition, possession, transportation, storage,  
33 purchase, sale, or other dealing in rifles and shotguns and  
34 ammunition, components, accessories, and accoutrements of

1 rifles and shotguns in a manner other than those that are  
2 imposed by subsection (a) of this Section are invalid, except  
3 as authorized by this Code, and all those existing ordinances  
4 and resolutions are void.

5 (e) A unit of local government, including a home rule  
6 unit, may not regulate the acquisition, possession,  
7 transportation, storage, purchase, sale, or other dealing in  
8 rifles and shotguns, and may not regulate ammunition,  
9 components, accessories, or accoutrements for rifles and  
10 shotguns in a manner other than the manner provided in  
11 subsection (a). This Section is limitation under subsection  
12 (i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution  
13 on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and  
14 functions exercised by the State.

15 (Source: P.A. 91-696, eff. 4-13-00; 92-839, eff. 8-22-02.)

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