

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

6 (720 ILCS 550/12) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 712)

7 Sec. 12. (a) The following are subject to forfeiture:

8 (1) all substances containing cannabis which have been  
9 produced, manufactured, delivered, or possessed in  
10 violation of this Act;

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

15 (3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or  
16 vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport,  
17 or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale,  
18 receipt, possession, or concealment of property described  
19 in paragraph (1) or (2) that constitutes a felony violation  
20 of the Act, but:

21 (i) no conveyance used by any person as a common  
22 carrier in the transaction of business as a common  
23 carrier is subject to forfeiture under this Section

1 unless it appears that the owner or other person in  
2 charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy  
3 to a violation of this Act;

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

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

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

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

22 (6) all real property, including any right, title, and  
23 interest including, but not limited to, any leasehold  
24 interest or the beneficial interest to a land trust, in the  
25 whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or  
26 improvements, that is used or intended to be used to

1 facilitate the manufacture, distribution, sale, receipt,  
2 or concealment of property described in paragraph (1) or  
3 (2) of this subsection (a) that constitutes a felony  
4 violation of this Act or that is the proceeds of any felony  
5 violation of this Act.

6 (b) Property subject to forfeiture under this Act may be  
7 seized by the Director or any peace officer upon process or  
8 seizure warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over  
9 the property. Seizure by the Director or any peace officer  
10 without process may be made:

11 (1) if the property subject to seizure has been the  
12 subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a  
13 criminal proceeding or in an injunction or forfeiture  
14 proceeding based upon this Act or the Drug Asset Forfeiture  
15 Procedure Act;

16 (2) if there is probable cause to believe that the  
17 property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or  
18 safety;

19 (3) if there is probable cause to believe that the  
20 property is subject to forfeiture under this Act and the  
21 property is seized under circumstances in which a  
22 warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or

23 (4) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure  
24 of 1963.

25 (c) In the event of seizure pursuant to subsection (b),  
26 forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted in accordance with

1 the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

2 (c-1) In the event the State's Attorney is of the opinion  
3 that real property is subject to forfeiture under this Act,  
4 forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted in accordance with  
5 the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. The exemptions from  
6 forfeiture provisions of Section 8 of the Drug Asset Forfeiture  
7 Procedure Act are applicable.

8 (d) Property taken or detained under this Section shall not  
9 be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of  
10 the Director subject only to the order and judgments of the  
11 circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture  
12 proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney under the  
13 Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. When property is seized  
14 under this Act, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an  
15 inventory of the seized property, estimate the property's  
16 value, and shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized  
17 property and the estimate of the property's value to the  
18 Director. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director may:

- 19 (1) place the property under seal;
- 20 (2) remove the property to a place designated by him;
- 21 (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing  
22 agency;
- 23 (4) remove the property to a storage area for  
24 safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument  
25 or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes,  
26 deposit it in an interest bearing account;

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

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

10          (e) No disposition may be made of property under seal until  
11          the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals  
12          have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor,  
13          orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the  
14          proceeds of the sale with the court.

15          (f) When property is forfeited under this Act the Director  
16          shall sell all such property unless such property is required  
17          by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and shall  
18          distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys  
19          forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (g).  
20          However, upon the application of the seizing agency or  
21          prosecutor who was responsible for the investigation, arrest or  
22          arrests and prosecution which lead to the forfeiture, the  
23          Director may return any item of forfeited property to the  
24          seizing agency or prosecutor for official use in the  
25          enforcement of laws relating to cannabis or controlled  
26          substances, if the agency or prosecutor can demonstrate that

1 the item requested would be useful to the agency or prosecutor  
2 in their enforcement efforts. When any forfeited conveyance,  
3 including an aircraft, vehicle, or vessel, is returned to the  
4 seizing agency or prosecutor, the conveyance may be used  
5 immediately in the enforcement of the criminal laws of this  
6 State. Upon disposal, all proceeds from the sale of the  
7 conveyance must be used for drug enforcement purposes. When any  
8 real property returned to the seizing agency is sold by the  
9 agency or its unit of government, the proceeds of the sale  
10 shall be delivered to the Director and distributed in  
11 accordance with subsection (g).

12 (g) All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property  
13 forfeited and seized under this Act shall be distributed as  
14 follows:

15 (1) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan  
16 enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or state law  
17 enforcement agency or agencies which conducted or  
18 participated in the investigation resulting in the  
19 forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable  
20 relationship to the degree of direct participation of the  
21 law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the  
22 forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the  
23 property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort  
24 with respect to the violation of the law upon which the  
25 forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or  
26 agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws

1 governing cannabis and controlled substances or for  
2 security cameras used for the prevention or detection of  
3 violence, except that amounts distributed to the Secretary  
4 of State shall be deposited into the Secretary of State  
5 Evidence Fund to be used as provided in Section 2-115 of  
6 the Illinois Vehicle Code.

7 (2) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the  
8 State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution  
9 resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a  
10 special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the  
11 State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws  
12 governing cannabis and controlled substances. In counties  
13 over 3,000,000 population, 25% will be distributed to the  
14 Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement  
15 of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances. If  
16 the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney  
17 General, the portion provided hereunder shall be  
18 distributed to the Attorney General for use in the  
19 enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled  
20 substances.

21 (ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the  
22 State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in  
23 the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that Office to be  
24 used for additional expenses incurred in the  
25 investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising  
26 under laws governing cannabis and controlled substances.

1           The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor  
2           shall not receive distribution from cases brought in  
3           counties with over 3,000,000 population.

4           (3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State  
5           Police for expenses related to the administration and sale  
6           of seized and forfeited property.

7           (Source: P.A. 94-1004, eff. 7-3-06.)

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