96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB3028

Introduced 2/4/2010, by Sen. William R. Haine

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/4-9

from Ch. 38, par. 4-9

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that a person may be guilty of an offense without having, as to each element thereof, one of the mental states described in the Code if the offense is a misdemeanor which is not punishable by incarceration or by a fine exceeding \$1,000 (rather than \$500), or the statute defining the offense clearly indicates a legislative purpose to impose absolute liability for the conduct described.

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AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing
Section 4-9 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/4-9) (from Ch. 38, par. 4-9)

7 Sec. 4-9. Absolute liability.

A person may be guilty of an offense without having, as to each element thereof, one of the mental states described in Sections 4--4 through 4--7 if the offense is a misdemeanor which is not punishable by incarceration or by a fine exceeding $\frac{$1,000}{$500}$, or the statute defining the offense clearly indicates a legislative purpose to impose absolute liability for the conduct described.

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