

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 Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing
5 Section 24-1.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-1.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 24-1.1)

7 Sec. 24-1.1. Unlawful Use or Possession of Weapons by
8 Felons or Persons in the Custody of the Department of
9 Corrections Facilities.

10 (a) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly possess on or
11 about his person or on his land or in his own abode or fixed
12 place of business any weapon prohibited under Section 24-1 of
13 this Act or any firearm or any firearm ammunition if the person
14 has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State or
15 any other jurisdiction. This Section shall not apply if the
16 person has been granted relief by the Director of the
17 Department of State Police under Section 10 of the Firearm
18 Owners Identification Card Act.

19 (b) It is unlawful for any person confined in a penal
20 institution, which is a facility of the Illinois Department of
21 Corrections, to possess any weapon prohibited under Section
22 24-1 of this Code or any firearm or firearm ammunition,
23 regardless of the intent with which he possesses it.

1 (c) It shall be an affirmative defense to a violation of
2 subsection (b), that such possession was specifically
3 authorized by rule, regulation, or directive of the Illinois
4 Department of Corrections or order issued pursuant thereto.

5 (d) The defense of necessity is not available to a person
6 who is charged with a violation of subsection (b) of this
7 Section.

8 (e) Sentence. Violation of this Section by a person not
9 confined in a penal institution shall be a Class 3 felony for
10 which the person, ~~if sentenced to a term of imprisonment,~~ shall
11 be sentenced to no less than 2 years and no more than 10 years
12 and any second or subsequent violation shall be a Class 2
13 felony for which the person shall be sentenced to a term of
14 imprisonment of not less than 3 years and not more than 14
15 years. Violation of this Section by a person not confined in a
16 penal institution who has been convicted of a forcible felony,
17 a felony violation of Article 24 of this Code or of the Firearm
18 Owners Identification Card Act, stalking or aggravated
19 stalking, or a Class 2 or greater felony under the Illinois
20 Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the
21 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act is a Class
22 2 felony for which the person shall be sentenced to not less
23 than 3 years and not more than 14 years. Violation of this
24 Section by a person who is on parole or mandatory supervised
25 release is a Class 2 felony for which the person, ~~if sentenced~~
26 ~~to a term of imprisonment,~~ shall be sentenced to not less than

1 3 years and not more than 14 years. Violation of this Section
2 by a person not confined in a penal institution is a Class X
3 felony when the firearm possessed is a machine gun. Any person
4 who violates this Section while confined in a penal
5 institution, which is a facility of the Illinois Department of
6 Corrections, is guilty of a Class 1 felony, if he possesses any
7 weapon prohibited under Section 24-1 of this Code regardless of
8 the intent with which he possesses it, a Class X felony if he
9 possesses any firearm, firearm ammunition or explosive, and a
10 Class X felony for which the offender shall be sentenced to not
11 less than 12 years and not more than 50 years when the firearm
12 possessed is a machine gun. A violation of this Section while
13 wearing or in possession of body armor as defined in Section
14 33F-1 is a Class X felony punishable by a term of imprisonment
15 of not less than 10 years and not more than 40 years. The
16 possession of each firearm or firearm ammunition in violation
17 of this Section constitutes a single and separate violation.

18 (Source: P.A. 94-72, eff. 1-1-06; 94-284, eff. 7-21-05; 94-556,
19 eff. 9-11-05; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07.)