

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB0380

by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/1-2

from Ch. 38, par. 1-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the general purposes of the Code.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,

- **represented in the General Assembly:**
- 4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing
- 5 Section 1-2 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/1-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 1-2)
- 7 Sec. 1-2. General purposes. The The provisions of this Code
- 8 shall be construed in accordance with the general purposes
- 9 hereof, to:
- 10 (a) Forbid and prevent the commission of offenses;
- 11 (b) Define adequately the act and mental state which
- 12 constitute each offense, and limit the condemnation of conduct
- as criminal when it is without fault;
- 14 (c) Prescribe penalties which are proportionate to the
- 15 seriousness of offenses and which permit recognition of
- 16 differences in rehabilitation possibilities among individual
- 17 offenders;
- 18 (d) Prevent arbitrary or oppressive treatment of persons
- 19 accused or convicted of offenses.
- 20 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 1983.)