

1 AN ACT in relation to 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
5 adding Section 16-17 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/16-17 new)

7 Sec. 16-17. Theft of advertising services.

8 (a) In this Section, "unauthorized advertisement" means
9 any form of representation or communication, including any
10 handbill, newsletter, pamphlet, or notice that contains any
11 letters, words, or pictorial representation that is attached
12 to or inserted in a newspaper or periodical without a
13 contractual agreement between the publisher and an
14 advertiser.

15 (b) Any person who knowingly attaches or inserts an
16 unauthorized advertisement in a newspaper or periodical, and
17 who redistributes it to the public or who has the intent to
18 redistribute it to the public, is guilty of the offense of
19 theft of advertising services.

20 (c) Sentence. Theft of advertising services is a Class A
21 misdemeanor.

22 (d) This Section applies to any newspaper or periodical
23 that is offered for retail sale or is distributed without
24 charge.

25 (e) This Section does not apply if the publisher or
26 authorized distributor of the newspaper or periodical
27 consents to the attachment or insertion of the advertisement.

28 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
29 becoming law.