

AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

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

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

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 \$1,000 ~~\$500~~, or the statute defining the offense clearly indicates a legislative purpose to impose absolute liability for the conduct described.

(Source: Laws 1961, p. 1983.)