



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB1041

Introduced 1/9/2025, by Rep. John M. Cabello

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/7-5.5

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Deletes language providing that a peace officer, or any other person acting under the color of law, shall not discharge kinetic impact projectiles or other non-lethal or less-lethal projectiles in a manner that targets the back.

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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 2012 is amended by  
5 changing Section 7-5.5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/7-5.5)

7 Sec. 7-5.5. Prohibited use of force by a peace officer.

8 (a) A peace officer, or any other person acting under the  
9 color of law, shall not use a chokehold or restraint above the  
10 shoulders with risk of asphyxiation in the performance of his  
11 or her duties, unless deadly force is justified under this  
12 Article.

13 (b) A peace officer, or any other person acting under the  
14 color of law, shall not use a chokehold or restraint above the  
15 shoulders with risk of asphyxiation, or any lesser contact  
16 with the throat or neck area of another, in order to prevent  
17 the destruction of evidence by ingestion.

18 (c) As used in this Section, "chokehold" means applying  
19 any direct pressure to the throat, windpipe, or airway of  
20 another. "Chokehold" does not include any holding involving  
21 contact with the neck that is not intended to reduce the intake  
22 of air such as a headlock where the only pressure applied is to  
23 the head.

1 (d) As used in this Section, "restraint above the  
2 shoulders with risk of positional asphyxiation" means a use of  
3 a technique used to restrain a person above the shoulders,  
4 including the neck or head, in a position which interferes  
5 with the person's ability to breathe after the person no  
6 longer poses a threat to the officer or any other person.

7 (e) A peace officer, or any other person acting under the  
8 color of law, shall not:

9 (i) use force as punishment or retaliation;

10 (ii) discharge kinetic impact projectiles and all  
11 other non-lethal or less-lethal projectiles in a manner  
12 that targets the head, neck, groin, or anterior pelvis,~~or~~  
13 ~~back~~;

14 (iii) discharge conducted electrical weapons in a  
15 manner that targets the head, chest, neck, groin, or  
16 anterior pelvis;

17 (iv) discharge firearms or kinetic impact projectiles  
18 indiscriminately into a crowd;

19 (v) use chemical agents or irritants for crowd  
20 control, including pepper spray and tear gas, prior to  
21 issuing an order to disperse in a sufficient manner to  
22 allow for the order to be heard and repeated if necessary,  
23 followed by sufficient time and space to allow compliance  
24 with the order unless providing such time and space would  
25 unduly place an officer or another person at risk of death  
26 or great bodily harm; or

1           (vi) use chemical agents or irritants, including  
2       pepper spray and tear gas, prior to issuing an order in a  
3       sufficient manner to ensure the order is heard, and  
4       repeated if necessary, to allow compliance with the order  
5       unless providing such time and space would unduly place an  
6       officer or another person at risk of death or great bodily  
7       harm.

8       (Source: P.A. 101-652, eff. 7-1-21; 102-28, eff. 6-25-21;  
9       102-687, eff. 12-17-21.)