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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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| 720 ILCS 5/12-0.1     |                        |
| 720 ILCS 5/12-2       | from Ch. 38, par. 12-2 |
| 720 ILCS 5/12-3.05    | was 720 ILCS 5/12-4    |
| 720 ILCS 5/12-9.5 new |                        |

Provides that the Act may be referred to as the Health Care at Home Workforce Protection Act. Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides for enhancement of assault or battery to aggravated assault or aggravated battery under certain circumstances if the person knows that the individual assaulted or battered is a health care at home provider or the health care at home provider's family or household members. Creates the offense of threatening a health care at home provider. Provides that a person commits the offense when: (1) that person knowingly delivers or conveys, directly or indirectly, to a health care at home provider by any means a communication containing a threat that would place that person or a member of his or her immediate family in reasonable apprehension of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint; (2) at the time of the threat, the person knows or should have known that the victim is a health care at home provider or is an immediate family member of a health care at home provider; (3) the threat was conveyed because of an action taken by the health care at home provider acting in his or her employment or volunteer capacity or because of the victim's professional or employment status; (4) there is no consent by the person threatened; and (5) the threat contains specific facts indicative of a unique threat to the health care at home provider or his or her immediate family and not a generalized threat of harm. Provides that threatening a health care at home provider is a Class 4 felony for a first offense and a Class 3 felony for a second or subsequent offense. Defines "health care at home provider".

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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 1. This Act may be referred to as the Health Care  
5 at Home Workforce Protection Act.

6 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by  
7 changing Sections 12-0.1, 12-2, and 12-3.05 and by adding  
8 Section 12-9.5 as follows:

9 (720 ILCS 5/12-0.1)

10 Sec. 12-0.1. Definitions. In this Article, unless the  
11 context clearly requires otherwise:

12 "Bona fide labor dispute" means any controversy concerning  
13 wages, salaries, hours, working conditions, or benefits,  
14 including health and welfare, sick leave, insurance, and  
15 pension or retirement provisions, the making or maintaining of  
16 collective bargaining agreements, and the terms to be included  
17 in those agreements.

18 "Coach" means a person recognized as a coach by the  
19 sanctioning authority that conducts an athletic contest.

20 "Correctional institution employee" means a person  
21 employed by a penal institution.

22 "Emergency medical services personnel" has the meaning

1 specified in Section 3.5 of the Emergency Medical Services  
2 (EMS) Systems Act and shall include all ambulance crew  
3 members, including drivers or pilots.

4 "Family or household members" include spouses, former  
5 spouses, parents, children, stepchildren, and other persons  
6 related by blood or by present or prior marriage, persons who  
7 share or formerly shared a common dwelling, persons who have  
8 or allegedly have a child in common, persons who share or  
9 allegedly share a blood relationship through a child, persons  
10 who have or have had a dating or engagement relationship,  
11 persons with disabilities and their personal assistants, and  
12 caregivers as defined in Section 12-4.4a of this Code. For  
13 purposes of this Article, neither a casual acquaintanceship  
14 nor ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in business  
15 or social contexts shall be deemed to constitute a dating  
16 relationship.

17 "Health care at home provider" means any employee or  
18 volunteer of an Illinois licensed hospice or home health  
19 program or a home nursing provider.

20 "In the presence of a child" means in the physical  
21 presence of a child or knowing or having reason to know that a  
22 child is present and may see or hear an act constituting an  
23 offense.

24 "Park district employee" means a supervisor, director,  
25 instructor, or other person employed by a park district.

26 "Person with a physical disability" means a person who

1 suffers from a permanent and disabling physical  
2 characteristic, resulting from disease, injury, functional  
3 disorder, or congenital condition.

4 "Private security officer" means a registered employee of  
5 a private security contractor agency under the Private  
6 Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint  
7 Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004.

8 "Probation officer" means a person as defined in the  
9 Probation and Probation Officers Act.

10 "Sports official" means a person at an athletic contest  
11 who enforces the rules of the contest, such as an umpire or  
12 referee.

13 "Sports venue" means a publicly or privately owned sports  
14 or entertainment arena, stadium, community or convention hall,  
15 special event center, or amusement facility, or a special  
16 event center in a public park, during the 12 hours before or  
17 after the sanctioned sporting event.

18 "Streetgang", "streetgang member", and "criminal street  
19 gang" have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 10  
20 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act.

21 "Transit employee" means a driver, operator, or employee  
22 of any transportation facility or system engaged in the  
23 business of transporting the public for hire.

24 "Transit passenger" means a passenger of any  
25 transportation facility or system engaged in the business of  
26 transporting the public for hire, including a passenger using

1 any area designated by a transportation facility or system as  
2 a vehicle boarding, departure, or transfer location.

3 "Utility worker" means any of the following:

4 (1) A person employed by a public utility as defined  
5 in Section 3-105 of the Public Utilities Act.

6 (2) An employee of a municipally owned utility.

7 (3) An employee of a cable television company.

8 (4) An employee of an electric cooperative as defined  
9 in Section 3-119 of the Public Utilities Act.

10 (5) An independent contractor or an employee of an  
11 independent contractor working on behalf of a cable  
12 television company, public utility, municipally owned  
13 utility, or electric cooperative.

14 (6) An employee of a telecommunications carrier as  
15 defined in Section 13-202 of the Public Utilities Act, or  
16 an independent contractor or an employee of an independent  
17 contractor working on behalf of a telecommunications  
18 carrier.

19 (7) An employee of a telephone or telecommunications  
20 cooperative as defined in Section 13-212 of the Public  
21 Utilities Act, or an independent contractor or an employee  
22 of an independent contractor working on behalf of a  
23 telephone or telecommunications cooperative.

24 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15; 99-816, eff. 8-15-16.)

25 (720 ILCS 5/12-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 12-2)

1           Sec. 12-2. Aggravated assault.

2           (a) Offense based on location of conduct. A person commits  
3 aggravated assault when he or she commits an assault against  
4 an individual who is on or about a public way, public property,  
5 a public place of accommodation or amusement, or a sports  
6 venue, or in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other building,  
7 structure, or place used for religious worship.

8           (b) Offense based on status of victim. A person commits  
9 aggravated assault when, in committing an assault, he or she  
10 knows the individual assaulted to be any of the following:

11           (1) A person with a physical disability or a person 60  
12 years of age or older and the assault is without legal  
13 justification.

14           (2) A teacher or school employee upon school grounds  
15 or grounds adjacent to a school or in any part of a  
16 building used for school purposes.

17           (3) A park district employee upon park grounds or  
18 grounds adjacent to a park or in any part of a building  
19 used for park purposes.

20           (4) A community policing volunteer, private security  
21 officer, or utility worker:

22           (i) performing his or her official duties;

23           (ii) assaulted to prevent performance of his or  
24 her official duties; or

25           (iii) assaulted in retaliation for performing his  
26 or her official duties.

1           (4.1) A peace officer, fireman, emergency management  
2 worker, or emergency medical services personnel:

3           (i) performing his or her official duties;

4           (ii) assaulted to prevent performance of his or  
5 her official duties; or

6           (iii) assaulted in retaliation for performing his  
7 or her official duties.

8           (5) A correctional officer or probation officer:

9           (i) performing his or her official duties;

10          (ii) assaulted to prevent performance of his or  
11 her official duties; or

12          (iii) assaulted in retaliation for performing his  
13 or her official duties.

14          (6) A correctional institution employee, a county  
15 juvenile detention center employee who provides direct and  
16 continuous supervision of residents of a juvenile  
17 detention center, including a county juvenile detention  
18 center employee who supervises recreational activity for  
19 residents of a juvenile detention center, or a Department  
20 of Human Services employee, Department of Human Services  
21 officer, or employee of a subcontractor of the Department  
22 of Human Services supervising or controlling sexually  
23 dangerous persons or sexually violent persons:

24          (i) performing his or her official duties;

25          (ii) assaulted to prevent performance of his or  
26 her official duties; or

1 (iii) assaulted in retaliation for performing his  
2 or her official duties.

3 (7) An employee of the State of Illinois, a municipal  
4 corporation therein, or a political subdivision thereof,  
5 performing his or her official duties.

6 (8) A transit employee performing his or her official  
7 duties, or a transit passenger.

8 (9) A sports official or coach actively participating  
9 in any level of athletic competition within a sports  
10 venue, on an indoor playing field or outdoor playing  
11 field, or within the immediate vicinity of such a facility  
12 or field.

13 (10) A person authorized to serve process under  
14 Section 2-202 of the Code of Civil Procedure or a special  
15 process server appointed by the circuit court, while that  
16 individual is in the performance of his or her duties as a  
17 process server.

18 (11) A health care at home provider or the health care  
19 at home provider's family or household members under all  
20 of the following circumstances:

21 (A) the conduct is in response to an action by the  
22 health care at home provider acting in his or her  
23 capacity as a health care at home provider or because  
24 of the health care at home provider's professional or  
25 employment status;

26 (B) there is no consent by the person harmed or

1           threatened by the conduct; and

2                   (C) the conduct includes specific facts indicative  
3           of a unique threat to or action against the health care  
4           at home provider or his or her immediate family and not  
5           a generalized threat of harm.

6           (c) Offense based on use of firearm, device, or motor  
7           vehicle. A person commits aggravated assault when, in  
8           committing an assault, he or she does any of the following:

9                   (1) Uses a deadly weapon, an air rifle as defined in  
10           Section 24.8-0.1 of this Act, or any device manufactured  
11           and designed to be substantially similar in appearance to  
12           a firearm, other than by discharging a firearm.

13                   (2) Discharges a firearm, other than from a motor  
14           vehicle.

15                   (3) Discharges a firearm from a motor vehicle.

16                   (4) Wears a hood, robe, or mask to conceal his or her  
17           identity.

18                   (5) Knowingly and without lawful justification shines  
19           or flashes a laser gun sight or other laser device  
20           attached to a firearm, or used in concert with a firearm,  
21           so that the laser beam strikes near or in the immediate  
22           vicinity of any person.

23                   (6) Uses a firearm, other than by discharging the  
24           firearm, against a peace officer, community policing  
25           volunteer, fireman, private security officer, emergency  
26           management worker, emergency medical services personnel,

1 employee of a police department, employee of a sheriff's  
2 department, or traffic control municipal employee:

3 (i) performing his or her official duties;

4 (ii) assaulted to prevent performance of his or  
5 her official duties; or

6 (iii) assaulted in retaliation for performing his  
7 or her official duties.

8 (7) Without justification operates a motor vehicle in  
9 a manner which places a person, other than a person listed  
10 in subdivision (b) (4), in reasonable apprehension of being  
11 struck by the moving motor vehicle.

12 (8) Without justification operates a motor vehicle in  
13 a manner which places a person listed in subdivision  
14 (b) (4), in reasonable apprehension of being struck by the  
15 moving motor vehicle.

16 (9) Knowingly video or audio records the offense with  
17 the intent to disseminate the recording.

18 (d) Sentence. Aggravated assault as defined in subdivision  
19 (a), (b) (1), (b) (2), (b) (3), (b) (4), (b) (7), (b) (8), (b) (9),  
20 (c) (1), (c) (4), or (c) (9) is a Class A misdemeanor, except  
21 that aggravated assault as defined in subdivision (b) (4) and  
22 (b) (7) is a Class 4 felony if a Category I, Category II, or  
23 Category III weapon is used in the commission of the assault.  
24 Aggravated assault as defined in subdivision (b) (4.1), (b) (5),  
25 (b) (6), (b) (10), (b) (11), (c) (2), (c) (5), (c) (6), or (c) (7) is  
26 a Class 4 felony. Aggravated assault as defined in subdivision

1 (c) (3) or (c) (8) is a Class 3 felony.

2 (e) For the purposes of this Section, "Category I weapon",  
3 "Category II weapon", and "Category III weapon" have the  
4 meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 33A-1 of this  
5 Code.

6 (Source: P.A. 101-223, eff. 1-1-20; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

7 (720 ILCS 5/12-3.05) (was 720 ILCS 5/12-4)

8 Sec. 12-3.05. Aggravated battery.

9 (a) Offense based on injury. A person commits aggravated  
10 battery when, in committing a battery, other than by the  
11 discharge of a firearm, he or she knowingly does any of the  
12 following:

13 (1) Causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
14 or disfigurement.

15 (2) Causes severe and permanent disability, great  
16 bodily harm, or disfigurement by means of a caustic or  
17 flammable substance, a poisonous gas, a deadly biological  
18 or chemical contaminant or agent, a radioactive substance,  
19 or a bomb or explosive compound.

20 (3) Causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
21 or disfigurement to an individual whom the person knows to  
22 be a peace officer, community policing volunteer, fireman,  
23 private security officer, correctional institution  
24 employee, or Department of Human Services employee  
25 supervising or controlling sexually dangerous persons or

1 sexually violent persons:

2 (i) performing his or her official duties;

3 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
4 official duties; or

5 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
6 or her official duties.

7 (4) Causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
8 or disfigurement to an individual 60 years of age or  
9 older.

10 (5) Strangles another individual.

11 (b) Offense based on injury to a child or person with an  
12 intellectual disability. A person who is at least 18 years of  
13 age commits aggravated battery when, in committing a battery,  
14 he or she knowingly and without legal justification by any  
15 means:

16 (1) causes great bodily harm or permanent disability  
17 or disfigurement to any child under the age of 13 years, or  
18 to any person with a severe or profound intellectual  
19 disability; or

20 (2) causes bodily harm or disability or disfigurement  
21 to any child under the age of 13 years or to any person  
22 with a severe or profound intellectual disability.

23 (c) Offense based on location of conduct. A person commits  
24 aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, other than  
25 by the discharge of a firearm, he or she is or the person  
26 battered is on or about a public way, public property, a public

1 place of accommodation or amusement, a sports venue, or a  
2 domestic violence shelter, or in a church, synagogue, mosque,  
3 or other building, structure, or place used for religious  
4 worship.

5 (d) Offense based on status of victim. A person commits  
6 aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, other than  
7 by discharge of a firearm, he or she knows the individual  
8 battered to be any of the following:

9 (1) A person 60 years of age or older.

10 (2) A person who is pregnant or has a physical  
11 disability.

12 (3) A teacher or school employee upon school grounds  
13 or grounds adjacent to a school or in any part of a  
14 building used for school purposes.

15 (4) A peace officer, community policing volunteer,  
16 fireman, private security officer, correctional  
17 institution employee, or Department of Human Services  
18 employee supervising or controlling sexually dangerous  
19 persons or sexually violent persons:

20 (i) performing his or her official duties;

21 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
22 official duties; or

23 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
24 or her official duties.

25 (5) A judge, emergency management worker, emergency  
26 medical services personnel, or utility worker:

- 1 (i) performing his or her official duties;
- 2 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
3 official duties; or
- 4 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
5 or her official duties.
- 6 (6) An officer or employee of the State of Illinois, a  
7 unit of local government, or a school district, while  
8 performing his or her official duties.
- 9 (7) A transit employee performing his or her official  
10 duties, or a transit passenger.
- 11 (8) A taxi driver on duty.
- 12 (9) A merchant who detains the person for an alleged  
13 commission of retail theft under Section 16-26 of this  
14 Code and the person without legal justification by any  
15 means causes bodily harm to the merchant.
- 16 (10) A person authorized to serve process under  
17 Section 2-202 of the Code of Civil Procedure or a special  
18 process server appointed by the circuit court while that  
19 individual is in the performance of his or her duties as a  
20 process server.
- 21 (11) A nurse while in the performance of his or her  
22 duties as a nurse.
- 23 (12) A merchant: (i) while performing his or her  
24 duties, including, but not limited to, relaying directions  
25 for healthcare or safety from his or her supervisor or  
26 employer or relaying health or safety guidelines,

1 recommendations, regulations, or rules from a federal,  
2 State, or local public health agency; and (ii) during a  
3 disaster declared by the Governor, or a state of emergency  
4 declared by the mayor of the municipality in which the  
5 merchant is located, due to a public health emergency and  
6 for a period of 6 months after such declaration.

7 (13) A health care at home provider or the health care  
8 at home provider's family or household members under all  
9 of the following circumstances:

10 (A) the act is in response to an action by the  
11 health care at home provider acting in his or her  
12 capacity as a health care at home provider or because  
13 of the health care at home provider's professional or  
14 employment status; and

15 (B) there is no consent by the person harmed.

16 (e) Offense based on use of a firearm. A person commits  
17 aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, he or she  
18 knowingly does any of the following:

19 (1) Discharges a firearm, other than a machine gun or  
20 a firearm equipped with a silencer, and causes any injury  
21 to another person.

22 (2) Discharges a firearm, other than a machine gun or  
23 a firearm equipped with a silencer, and causes any injury  
24 to a person he or she knows to be a peace officer,  
25 community policing volunteer, person summoned by a police  
26 officer, fireman, private security officer, correctional

1 institution employee, or emergency management worker:

2 (i) performing his or her official duties;

3 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
4 official duties; or

5 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
6 or her official duties.

7 (3) Discharges a firearm, other than a machine gun or  
8 a firearm equipped with a silencer, and causes any injury  
9 to a person he or she knows to be emergency medical  
10 services personnel:

11 (i) performing his or her official duties;

12 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
13 official duties; or

14 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
15 or her official duties.

16 (4) Discharges a firearm and causes any injury to a  
17 person he or she knows to be a teacher, a student in a  
18 school, or a school employee, and the teacher, student, or  
19 employee is upon school grounds or grounds adjacent to a  
20 school or in any part of a building used for school  
21 purposes.

22 (5) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
23 with a silencer, and causes any injury to another person.

24 (6) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
25 with a silencer, and causes any injury to a person he or  
26 she knows to be a peace officer, community policing

1 volunteer, person summoned by a police officer, fireman,  
2 private security officer, correctional institution  
3 employee or emergency management worker:

4 (i) performing his or her official duties;

5 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
6 official duties; or

7 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
8 or her official duties.

9 (7) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
10 with a silencer, and causes any injury to a person he or  
11 she knows to be emergency medical services personnel:

12 (i) performing his or her official duties;

13 (ii) battered to prevent performance of his or her  
14 official duties; or

15 (iii) battered in retaliation for performing his  
16 or her official duties.

17 (8) Discharges a machine gun or a firearm equipped  
18 with a silencer, and causes any injury to a person he or  
19 she knows to be a teacher, or a student in a school, or a  
20 school employee, and the teacher, student, or employee is  
21 upon school grounds or grounds adjacent to a school or in  
22 any part of a building used for school purposes.

23 (f) Offense based on use of a weapon or device. A person  
24 commits aggravated battery when, in committing a battery, he  
25 or she does any of the following:

26 (1) Uses a deadly weapon other than by discharge of a

1 firearm, or uses an air rifle as defined in Section  
2 24.8-0.1 of this Code.

3 (2) Wears a hood, robe, or mask to conceal his or her  
4 identity.

5 (3) Knowingly and without lawful justification shines  
6 or flashes a laser gunsight or other laser device attached  
7 to a firearm, or used in concert with a firearm, so that  
8 the laser beam strikes upon or against the person of  
9 another.

10 (4) Knowingly video or audio records the offense with  
11 the intent to disseminate the recording.

12 (g) Offense based on certain conduct. A person commits  
13 aggravated battery when, other than by discharge of a firearm,  
14 he or she does any of the following:

15 (1) Violates Section 401 of the Illinois Controlled  
16 Substances Act by unlawfully delivering a controlled  
17 substance to another and any user experiences great bodily  
18 harm or permanent disability as a result of the injection,  
19 inhalation, or ingestion of any amount of the controlled  
20 substance.

21 (2) Knowingly administers to an individual or causes  
22 him or her to take, without his or her consent or by threat  
23 or deception, and for other than medical purposes, any  
24 intoxicating, poisonous, stupefying, narcotic,  
25 anesthetic, or controlled substance, or gives to another  
26 person any food containing any substance or object

1 intended to cause physical injury if eaten.

2 (3) Knowingly causes or attempts to cause a  
3 correctional institution employee or Department of Human  
4 Services employee to come into contact with blood, seminal  
5 fluid, urine, or feces by throwing, tossing, or expelling  
6 the fluid or material, and the person is an inmate of a  
7 penal institution or is a sexually dangerous person or  
8 sexually violent person in the custody of the Department  
9 of Human Services.

10 (h) Sentence. Unless otherwise provided, aggravated  
11 battery is a Class 3 felony.

12 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a)(4),  
13 (d)(4), or (g)(3) is a Class 2 felony.

14 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a)(3) or  
15 (g)(1) is a Class 1 felony.

16 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a)(1) is a  
17 Class 1 felony when the aggravated battery was intentional and  
18 involved the infliction of torture, as defined in paragraph  
19 (10) of subsection (b-5) of Section 5-8-1 of the Unified Code  
20 of Corrections, as the infliction of or subjection to extreme  
21 physical pain, motivated by an intent to increase or prolong  
22 the pain, suffering, or agony of the victim.

23 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a)(1) is a  
24 Class 2 felony when the person causes great bodily harm or  
25 permanent disability to an individual whom the person knows to  
26 be a member of a congregation engaged in prayer or other

1 religious activities at a church, synagogue, mosque, or other  
2 building, structure, or place used for religious worship.

3 Aggravated battery under subdivision (a)(5) is a Class 1  
4 felony if:

5 (A) the person used or attempted to use a dangerous  
6 instrument while committing the offense;

7 (B) the person caused great bodily harm or permanent  
8 disability or disfigurement to the other person while  
9 committing the offense; or

10 (C) the person has been previously convicted of a  
11 violation of subdivision (a)(5) under the laws of this  
12 State or laws similar to subdivision (a)(5) of any other  
13 state.

14 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(1) is a  
15 Class X felony.

16 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (a)(2) is a  
17 Class X felony for which a person shall be sentenced to a term  
18 of imprisonment of a minimum of 6 years and a maximum of 45  
19 years.

20 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(5) is a  
21 Class X felony for which a person shall be sentenced to a term  
22 of imprisonment of a minimum of 12 years and a maximum of 45  
23 years.

24 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(2),  
25 (e)(3), or (e)(4) is a Class X felony for which a person shall  
26 be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of a minimum of 15 years

1 and a maximum of 60 years.

2 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (e)(6),  
3 (e)(7), or (e)(8) is a Class X felony for which a person shall  
4 be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of a minimum of 20 years  
5 and a maximum of 60 years.

6 Aggravated battery as defined in subdivision (b)(1) is a  
7 Class X felony, except that:

8 (1) if the person committed the offense while armed  
9 with a firearm, 15 years shall be added to the term of  
10 imprisonment imposed by the court;

11 (2) if, during the commission of the offense, the  
12 person personally discharged a firearm, 20 years shall be  
13 added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court;

14 (3) if, during the commission of the offense, the  
15 person personally discharged a firearm that proximately  
16 caused great bodily harm, permanent disability, permanent  
17 disfigurement, or death to another person, 25 years or up  
18 to a term of natural life shall be added to the term of  
19 imprisonment imposed by the court.

20 (i) Definitions. In this Section:

21 "Building or other structure used to provide shelter" has  
22 the meaning ascribed to "shelter" in Section 1 of the Domestic  
23 Violence Shelters Act.

24 "Domestic violence" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
25 Section 103 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986.

26 "Domestic violence shelter" means any building or other

1 structure used to provide shelter or other services to victims  
2 or to the dependent children of victims of domestic violence  
3 pursuant to the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 or the  
4 Domestic Violence Shelters Act, or any place within 500 feet  
5 of such a building or other structure in the case of a person  
6 who is going to or from such a building or other structure.

7 "Firearm" has the meaning provided under Section 1.1 of  
8 the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, and does not  
9 include an air rifle as defined by Section 24.8-0.1 of this  
10 Code.

11 "Machine gun" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section  
12 24-1 of this Code.

13 "Merchant" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section  
14 16-0.1 of this Code.

15 "Strangle" means intentionally impeding the normal  
16 breathing or circulation of the blood of an individual by  
17 applying pressure on the throat or neck of that individual or  
18 by blocking the nose or mouth of that individual.

19 (Source: P.A. 103-51, eff. 1-1-24.)

20 (720 ILCS 5/12-9.5 new)

21 Sec. 12-9.5. Threatening health care at home providers.

22 (a) A person commits threatening a health care at home  
23 provider when:

24 (1) that person knowingly delivers or conveys,  
25 directly or indirectly, to a health care at home provider

1 by any means a communication containing a threat that  
2 would place the health care at home provider or a member of  
3 his or her immediate family in reasonable apprehension of  
4 immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault,  
5 confinement, or restraint;

6 (2) at the time of the threat, the person knows or  
7 should have known that the victim is a health care at home  
8 provider or is an immediate family member of a health care  
9 at home provider;

10 (3) the threat was conveyed because of an action taken  
11 by the health care at home provider acting in his or her  
12 employment or volunteer capacity or because of the  
13 victim's professional or employment status;

14 (4) there is no consent by the person threatened; and

15 (5) the threat contains specific facts indicative of a  
16 unique threat to the health care at home provider or his or  
17 her immediate family and not a generalized threat of harm.

18 (b) As used in this Section, "immediate family" means a  
19 health care at home provider's parent, spouse, sibling, child,  
20 stepchild, or foster child.

21 (c) Sentence. Threatening a health care at home provider  
22 is a Class 4 felony for a first offense and a Class 3 felony  
23 for a second or subsequent offense.