



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB4628

Introduced 2/3/2026, by Rep. Joe C. Sosnowski

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/12-6.6 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person commits threatening another person when that person knowingly delivers or conveys, directly or indirectly, to another person by any means, whether verbal, written, or through social media, a communication containing: (1) a threat that would place another person or a member of his or her immediate family in reasonable apprehension of immediate or future bodily harm, death, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint; or (2) a threat that would place another person or a member of his or her immediate family in reasonable apprehension that damage will occur to property in the custody, care, or control of the person or his or her immediate family. Provides that threatening another person is a Class 3 felony for a first offense and a Class 2 felony for a second or subsequent offense. Defines "immediate family" and "social media".

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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 adding
5 Section 12-6.6 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-6.6 new)

7 Sec. 12-6.6. Threatening another person.

8 (a) In this Section:

9 "Immediate family" means a spouse, child, or children.

10 "Social media" means a service, platform, or site
11 where users communicate with one another and share media,
12 such as pictures, videos, music, and blogs, with other
13 users free of charge.

14 (b) A person commits threatening another person when that
15 person knowingly delivers or conveys, directly or indirectly,
16 to another person by any means, whether verbal, written, or
17 through social media, a communication containing:

18 (1) a threat that would place another person or a
19 member of his or her immediate family in reasonable
20 apprehension of immediate or future bodily harm, death,
21 sexual assault, confinement, or restraint; or

22 (2) a threat that would place another person or a
23 member of his or her immediate family in reasonable

1 apprehension that damage will occur to property in the
2 custody, care, or control of the person or his or her
3 immediate family.

4 (c) Sentence. Threatening another person is a Class 3
5 felony for a first offense and a Class 2 felony for a second or
6 subsequent offense.