

SB1553



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1553

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Rachelle Crowe

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/12C-5

was 720 ILCS 5/12-21.6

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person commits endangering the life or health of a child when he or she knowingly causes or permits a child to be placed in circumstances that cause bodily injury to the child. Provides that this offense is a Class 4 felony.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

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 12C-5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12C-5) (was 720 ILCS 5/12-21.6)

7 Sec. 12C-5. Endangering the life or health of a child.

8 (a) A person commits endangering the life or health of a
9 child when he or she knowingly: (1) causes or permits the life
10 or health of a child under the age of 18 to be endangered; or
11 (2) causes or permits a child to be placed in circumstances
12 that endanger the child's life or health. It is not a violation
13 of this Section for a person to relinquish a child in
14 accordance with the Abandoned Newborn Infant Protection Act.

15 (a-5) A person commits endangering the life or health of a
16 child when he or she knowingly causes or permits a child to be
17 placed in circumstances that cause bodily injury to the child.

18 (b) A trier of fact may infer that a child 6 years of age
19 or younger is unattended if that child is left in a motor
20 vehicle for more than 10 minutes.

21 (c) "Unattended" means either: (i) not accompanied by a
22 person 14 years of age or older; or (ii) if accompanied by a
23 person 14 years of age or older, out of sight of that person.

1 (d) Sentence. A violation of subsection (a) ~~this Section~~
2 is a Class A misdemeanor. A second or subsequent violation of
3 subsection (a) ~~this Section~~ is a Class 3 felony. A violation of
4 subsection (a) ~~this Section~~ that is a proximate cause of the
5 death of the child is a Class 3 felony for which a person, if
6 sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be sentenced to a
7 term of not less than 2 years and not more than 10 years. A
8 violation of subsection (a-5) is a Class 4 felony. A parent,
9 who is found to be in violation of this Section with respect to
10 his or her child, may be sentenced to probation for this
11 offense pursuant to Section 12C-15.
12 (Source: P.A. 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13.)