

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 1961 is amended by  
5 changing Section 20-1.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/20-1.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 20-1.1)

7 Sec. 20-1.1. Aggravated Arson.

8 (a) A person commits aggravated arson when in the course  
9 of committing arson he or she knowingly damages, partially or  
10 totally, any building or structure, including any adjacent  
11 building or structure, including all or any part of a school  
12 building, house trailer, watercraft, motor vehicle, or  
13 railroad car, and (1) he knows or reasonably should know  
14 that one or more persons are present therein or (2) any  
15 person suffers great bodily harm, or permanent disability or  
16 disfigurement as a result of the fire or explosion or (3) a  
17 fireman or policeman who is present at the scene acting in  
18 the line of duty, is injured as a result of the fire or  
19 explosion. For purposes of this Section, property "of  
20 another" means a building or other property, whether real or  
21 personal, in which a person other than the offender has an  
22 interest that the offender has no authority to defeat or  
23 impair, even though the offender may also have an interest in  
24 the building or property; and "school building" means any  
25 public or private pre-school, elementary or secondary school,  
26 community college, college, or university.

27 (b) Sentence. Aggravated arson is a Class X felony.

28 (Source: P.A. 92-421, eff. 8-17-01.)

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
30 becoming law.