94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0444

Introduced 1/26/2005, by Rep. Mr. John D'Amico

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/20-1.1

from Ch. 38, par. 20-1.1

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that a person also commits aggravated arson when in the course of committing an arson he or she knowingly damages a building or structure and a correctional officer who is present at the scene acting in the line of duty is injured as a result of the fire or explosion. Effective immediately.

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CORRECTIONAL BUDGET AND IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY HB0444

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AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing 5 Section 20-1.1 as follows:

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

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

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(b) Sentence. Aggravated arson is a Class X felony. 28 (Source: P.A. 92-421, eff. 8-17-01; P.A. 93-335, eff. 7-24-03.)

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