



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2005 and 2006

SB0044

Introduced 1/26/2005, by Sen. John O. Jones

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Gun-free Zone Criminal Conduct Liability Act. Provides that any person, organization, or entity or any agency of government, including any unit of local government, that creates a gun-free zone is liable for all costs, attorney's fees, and treble damages resulting from criminal conduct that occurs against an individual in the gun-free zone, if a reasonable person would believe that possession of a firearm could have helped the individual defend against such conduct. Defines "gun-free zone". Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT to create the Gun-free Zone Criminal Conduct
2 Liability Act.

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

5 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
6 Gun-free Zone Criminal Conduct Liability Act.

7 Section 5. Liability for criminal conduct in a gun-free
8 zone.

9 (a) Any person, organization, or entity or any agency of
10 government, including any unit of local government, that
11 creates a gun-free zone is liable for all costs, attorney's
12 fees, and treble damages resulting from criminal conduct that
13 occurs against an individual in the gun-free zone, if a
14 reasonable person would believe that possession of a firearm
15 could have helped the individual defend against such conduct.

16 (b) For the purposes of this Section:

17 (1) "Criminal conduct" includes offenses specified in
18 the Criminal Code of 1961.

19 (2) "Gun-free zone" means any building, place, area, or
20 curtilage that is open to the public, or in or upon any
21 public conveyance, where a person's right or ability to
22 keep arms or to bear arms is infringed, restricted, or
23 diminished in any way by statute, policy, rule, regulation,
24 ordinance, utterance, or posted signs.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
26 becoming law.