

# HB0447



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB0447**

Introduced 1/26/2007, by Rep. Dennis M. Reboletti - Ruth Munson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/12-6.5 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Creates the offense of Internet gang recruitment. Provides that it is a Class 4 felony for a person to post on any Internet site or establish any Internet site that displays gang insignia or icons with the intent of coercing, soliciting, recruiting, or inducing another person to join or remain a member of a gang or in furtherance of gang-related activity.

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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 1961 is amended by adding  
5 Section 12-6.5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-6.5 new)

7 Sec. 12-6.5. Internet gang recruitment.

8 (a) In this Section, "gang" and "gang-related" have the  
9 meanings ascribed to them in Section 10 of the Illinois  
10 Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act.

11 (b) A person commits the offense of Internet gang  
12 recruitment when he or she posts on any Internet site or  
13 establishes any Internet site that displays gang insignia or  
14 icons with the intent of coercing, soliciting, recruiting, or  
15 inducing another person to join or remain a member of a gang or  
16 in furtherance of gang-related activity.

17 (c) Sentence. Internet gang recruitment is a Class 4  
18 felony.