

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 changing  
5 Section 12-4 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/12-4) (from Ch. 38, par. 12-4)

7 Sec. 12-4. Aggravated Battery.

8 (a) A person who, in committing a battery, intentionally or  
9 knowingly causes great bodily harm, or permanent disability or  
10 disfigurement commits aggravated battery.

11 (b) In committing a battery, a person commits aggravated  
12 battery if he or she:

13 (1) Uses a deadly weapon other than by the discharge of  
14 a firearm;

15 (2) Is hooded, robed or masked, in such manner as to  
16 conceal his identity;

17 (3) Knows the individual harmed to be a teacher or  
18 other person employed in any school and such teacher or  
19 other employee is upon the grounds of a school or grounds  
20 adjacent thereto, or is in any part of a building used for  
21 school purposes;

22 (4) (Blank);

23 (5) (Blank);

1           (6) Knows the individual harmed to be a community  
2           policing volunteer while such volunteer is engaged in the  
3           execution of any official duties, or to prevent the  
4           volunteer from performing official duties, or in  
5           retaliation for the volunteer performing official duties,  
6           and the battery is committed other than by the discharge of  
7           a firearm;

8           (7) Knows the individual harmed to be an emergency  
9           medical technician - ambulance, emergency medical  
10          technician - intermediate, emergency medical technician -  
11          paramedic, ambulance driver, other medical assistance,  
12          first aid personnel, or hospital personnel engaged in the  
13          performance of any of his or her official duties, or to  
14          prevent the emergency medical technician - ambulance,  
15          emergency medical technician - intermediate, emergency  
16          medical technician - paramedic, ambulance driver, other  
17          medical assistance, first aid personnel, or hospital  
18          personnel from performing official duties, or in  
19          retaliation for performing official duties;

20          (8) Is, or the person battered is, on or about a public  
21          way, public property or public place of accommodation or  
22          amusement;

23          (8.5) Is, or the person battered is, on a publicly or  
24          privately owned sports or entertainment arena, stadium,  
25          community or convention hall, special event center,  
26          amusement facility, or a special event center in a public

1 park during any 24-hour period when a professional sporting  
2 event, National Collegiate Athletic Association  
3 (NCAA)-sanctioned sporting event, United States Olympic  
4 Committee-sanctioned sporting event, or International  
5 Olympic Committee-sanctioned sporting event is taking  
6 place in this venue;

7 (9) Knows the individual harmed to be the driver,  
8 operator, employee or passenger of any transportation  
9 facility or system engaged in the business of  
10 transportation of the public for hire and the individual  
11 assaulted is then performing in such capacity or then using  
12 such public transportation as a passenger or using any area  
13 of any description designated by the transportation  
14 facility or system as a vehicle boarding, departure, or  
15 transfer location;

16 (10) Knows the individual harmed to be an individual of  
17 60 years of age or older;

18 (11) Knows the individual harmed is pregnant;

19 (12) Knows the individual harmed to be a judge whom the  
20 person intended to harm as a result of the judge's  
21 performance of his or her official duties as a judge;

22 (13) (Blank);

23 (14) Knows the individual harmed to be a person who is  
24 physically handicapped;

25 (15) Knowingly and without legal justification and by  
26 any means causes bodily harm to a merchant who detains the

1 person for an alleged commission of retail theft under  
2 Section 16A-5 of this Code. In this item (15), "merchant"  
3 has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 16A-2.4 of this  
4 Code;

5 (16) Is, or the person battered is, in any building or  
6 other structure used to provide shelter or other services  
7 to victims or to the dependent children of victims of  
8 domestic violence pursuant to the Illinois Domestic  
9 Violence Act of 1986 or the Domestic Violence Shelters Act,  
10 or the person battered is within 500 feet of such a  
11 building or other structure while going to or from such a  
12 building or other structure. "Domestic violence" has the  
13 meaning ascribed to it in Section 103 of the Illinois  
14 Domestic Violence Act of 1986. "Building or other structure  
15 used to provide shelter" has the meaning ascribed to  
16 "shelter" in Section 1 of the Domestic Violence Shelters  
17 Act;

18 (17) (Blank);

19 (18) Knows the individual harmed to be an officer or  
20 employee of the State of Illinois, a unit of local  
21 government, or school district engaged in the performance  
22 of his or her authorized duties as such officer or  
23 employee; ~~or~~

24 (19) Knows the individual harmed to be an emergency  
25 management worker engaged in the performance of any of his  
26 or her official duties, or to prevent the emergency

1 management worker from performing official duties, or in  
2 retaliation for the emergency management worker performing  
3 official duties; ~~or~~

4 (20) Knows the individual harmed to be a private  
5 security officer engaged in the performance of any of his  
6 or her official duties, or to prevent the private security  
7 officer from performing official duties, or in retaliation  
8 for the private security officer performing official  
9 duties; or

10 (21) ~~(20)~~ Knows the individual harmed to be a taxi  
11 driver and the battery is committed while the taxi driver  
12 is on duty; or

13 (22) ~~(20)~~ Knows the individual harmed to be a utility  
14 worker, while the utility worker is engaged in the  
15 execution of his or her duties, or to prevent the utility  
16 worker from performing his or her duties, or in retaliation  
17 for the utility worker performing his or her duties. In  
18 this paragraph (22) ~~(20)~~, "utility worker" means a person  
19 employed by a public utility as defined in Section 3-105 of  
20 the Public Utilities Act and also includes an employee of a  
21 municipally owned utility, an employee of a cable  
22 television company, an employee of an electric cooperative  
23 as defined in Section 3-119 of the Public Utilities Act, an  
24 independent contractor or an employee of an independent  
25 contractor working on behalf of a cable television company,  
26 public utility, municipally owned utility, or an electric

1 cooperative, or an employee of a telecommunications  
2 carrier as defined in Section 13-202 of the Public  
3 Utilities Act, an independent contractor or an employee of  
4 an independent contractor working on behalf of a  
5 telecommunications carrier, or an employee of a telephone  
6 or telecommunications cooperative as defined in Section  
7 13-212 of the Public Utilities Act, or an independent  
8 contractor or an employee of an independent contractor  
9 working on behalf of a telephone or telecommunications  
10 cooperative.

11 For the purpose of paragraph (14) of subsection (b) of this  
12 Section, a physically handicapped person is a person who  
13 suffers from a permanent and disabling physical  
14 characteristic, resulting from disease, injury, functional  
15 disorder or congenital condition.

16 For the purpose of paragraph (20) of subsection (b) and  
17 subsection (e) of this Section, "private security officer"  
18 means a registered employee of a private security contractor  
19 agency under the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private  
20 Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004.

21 (c) A person who administers to an individual or causes him  
22 to take, without his consent or by threat or deception, and for  
23 other than medical purposes, any intoxicating, poisonous,  
24 stupefying, narcotic, anesthetic, or controlled substance  
25 commits aggravated battery.

26 (d) A person who knowingly gives to another person any food

1 that contains any substance or object that is intended to cause  
2 physical injury if eaten, commits aggravated battery.

3 (d-3) A person commits aggravated battery when he or she  
4 knowingly and without lawful justification shines or flashes a  
5 laser gunsight or other laser device that is attached or  
6 affixed to a firearm, or used in concert with a firearm, so  
7 that the laser beam strikes upon or against the person of  
8 another.

9 (d-5) An inmate of a penal institution or a sexually  
10 dangerous person or a sexually violent person in the custody of  
11 the Department of Human Services who causes or attempts to  
12 cause a correctional employee of the penal institution or an  
13 employee of the Department of Human Services to come into  
14 contact with blood, seminal fluid, urine, or feces, by  
15 throwing, tossing, or expelling that fluid or material commits  
16 aggravated battery. For purposes of this subsection (d-5),  
17 "correctional employee" means a person who is employed by a  
18 penal institution.

19 (e) Sentence.

20 (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (2), ~~and~~  
21 (3), and (4) aggravated battery is a Class 3 felony.

22 (2) Aggravated battery that does not cause great bodily  
23 harm or permanent disability or disfigurement is a Class 2  
24 felony when the person knows the individual harmed to be a  
25 peace officer, a community policing volunteer, a private  
26 security officer, a correctional institution employee, an

1 employee of the Department of Human Services supervising or  
2 controlling sexually dangerous persons or sexually violent  
3 persons, or a fireman while such officer, volunteer,  
4 employee, or fireman is engaged in the execution of any  
5 official duties including arrest or attempted arrest, or to  
6 prevent the officer, volunteer, employee, or fireman from  
7 performing official duties, or in retaliation for the  
8 officer, volunteer, employee, or fireman performing  
9 official duties, and the battery is committed other than by  
10 the discharge of a firearm.

11 (3) Aggravated battery that causes great bodily harm or  
12 permanent disability or disfigurement in violation of  
13 subsection (a) is a Class 1 felony when the person knows  
14 the individual harmed to be a peace officer, a community  
15 policing volunteer, a private security officer, a  
16 correctional institution employee, an employee of the  
17 Department of Human Services supervising or controlling  
18 sexually dangerous persons or sexually violent persons, or  
19 a fireman while such officer, volunteer, employee, or  
20 fireman is engaged in the execution of any official duties  
21 including arrest or attempted arrest, or to prevent the  
22 officer, volunteer, employee, or fireman from performing  
23 official duties, or in retaliation for the officer,  
24 volunteer, employee, or fireman performing official  
25 duties, and the battery is committed other than by the  
26 discharge of a firearm.



1           (4) Aggravated battery under subsection (d-5) is a

2           Class 2 felony.

3           (Source: P.A. 94-243, eff. 1-1-06; 94-327, eff. 1-1-06; 94-333,  
4           eff. 7-26-05; 94-363, eff. 7-29-05; 94-482, eff. 1-1-06;  
5           95-236, eff. 1-1-08; 95-256, eff. 1-1-08; 95-331, eff. 8-21-07;  
6           95-429, eff. 1-1-08; revised 10-30-07.)