

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 4-9 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/4-9) (from Ch. 38, par. 4-9)

7 Sec. 4-9. Absolute liability.

8 A person may be guilty of an offense without having, as to  
9 each element thereof, one of the mental states described in  
10 Sections 4--4 through 4--7 if the offense is a misdemeanor  
11 which is not punishable by incarceration or by a fine exceeding  
12 \$1,000 ~~\$500~~, or the statute defining the offense clearly  
13 indicates a legislative purpose to impose absolute liability  
14 for the conduct described.

15 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 1983.)