98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

HB1916

by Rep. Tom Cross

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/1-2

from Ch. 38, par. 1-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the general purposes of the Code.

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A BILL FOR

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AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing
Section 1-2 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/1-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 1-2)

Sec. 1-2. General purposes. <u>The</u> <u>The</u> provisions of this Code shall be construed in accordance with the general purposes hereof, to:

10 (a) Forbid and prevent the commission of offenses;

(b) Define adequately the act and mental state which constitute each offense, and limit the condemnation of conduct as criminal when it is without fault;

14 (c) Prescribe penalties which are proportionate to the 15 seriousness of offenses and which permit recognition of 16 differences in rehabilitation possibilities among individual 17 offenders;

18 (d) Prevent arbitrary or oppressive treatment of persons19 accused or convicted of offenses.

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