

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 2012 is amended by changing  
5 Section 17-8.3 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/17-8.3) (was 720 ILCS 5/17-22)

7 Sec. 17-8.3. False information on an application for  
8 employment with certain public or private agencies; use of  
9 false academic degree.

10 (a) It is unlawful for an applicant for employment with a  
11 public or private agency that provides State funded services to  
12 persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities to  
13 knowingly furnish false information regarding professional  
14 certification, licensing, criminal background, or employment  
15 history for the 5 years immediately preceding the date of  
16 application on an application for employment with the agency if  
17 the position of employment requires or provides opportunity for  
18 contact with persons with mental illness or developmental  
19 disabilities.

20 (b) It is unlawful for a person to knowingly use a false  
21 academic degree for the purpose of obtaining employment,  
22 obtaining ~~or~~ admission to an institution of higher learning,  
23 obtaining ~~or~~ admission to an advanced degree program at an

1 institution of higher learning, or ~~for the purpose of~~ obtaining  
2 a promotion or higher compensation in employment.

3 (c) Sentence. A violation of this Section is a Class A  
4 misdemeanor.

5 (Source: P.A. 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11.)