

1 AN ACT in relation to 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 7-13.5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/7-13.5 new)

7 Sec. 7-13.5. Necessity for common carriers. There is a  
8 rebuttable presumption that action or possession undertaken  
9 by a commercial airline pilot, navigator, engineer, or flight  
10 attendant, on or after September 11, 2001, is necessary to  
11 avoid a public or private injury greater than the injury that  
12 might reasonably result from his or her own conduct, if the  
13 conduct or possession is reasonably necessary to provide for  
14 the safety of a commercial aircraft. In the case of a person  
15 who flies across state lines, no Illinois or municipal  
16 licenses for carrying concealed weapons are required to  
17 establish this defense.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
19 becoming law.