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## **DEADLY WEAPONS**

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## § 13.5/24-1 UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPONS.

- (A) No person shall knowingly:
- (1) Sell, manufacture, purchase, possess, or carry any bludgeon, black-jack, slung-shot, sand-club, sand-bag, metal knuckles, throwing star, orany knife, commonly referred to as a switchblade knife, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in the handle of the knife, or a ballistic knife, which is a device that propels a knifelike blade as a projectile by means of a coil spring, elastic material or compressed gas;
- (2) Carry or possess with intent to use the same unlawfully against another, a dagger, dirk, billy, dangerous knife, razor, stiletto, broken bottle or other piece of glass, stun gun or taser, or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character;
- (3) Carry on or about his person or in any vehicle, a tear gas gun projector or bomb or any object containing noxious liquid gas or substance, other than an object containing a non-lethal noxious liquid gas or substance designed for personal defense carried by a person 18 years of age or older;
- (4) Carry or possess in any vehicle or concealed on or about his person, except when on his land or in his own abode or fixed place of business, any pistol, revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm, except that this subsection (4) does not apply to or affect transportation of weapons that meet one of the following conditions:
  - (a) Are broken down in a non-functioning state;
  - (b) Are not immediately accessible; or
- (c) Are unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container by a person who has been issued a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card;
  - (5) Set a spring gun;

(6) Carry or possess any firearm, stun gun or taser or other deadly weapon in any place which is licensed to sell intoxicating beverages, or at any public gathering held pursuant to a license issued by any governmental body or any public gathering at which an admission is charged, excluding a place where a showing, demonstration, or lecture involving the exhibition of unloaded firearms is conducted. This subsection (6) does not apply to any auction or raffle of a firearm held pursuant to a license or permit issued by a governmental body, nor does it apply to persons engaged in firearm safety training courses;

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- (7) Carry or possess on or about his person on any public street, alley, or other public lands within this village, except when an invitee thereon or therein for the purpose of display of the weapon or the lawful commerce in weapons, or except when on his land or in his own abode or fixed place of business, any pistol, revolver, stun gun or taser, or other firearm, except that this subsection (7) does not apply to or affect transportation of weapons that meet one of the following conditions:
  - (a) Are broken down in a non-functioning state;
  - (b) Are not immediately accessible; or
- (c) Are unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container by a person who has been issued a currently valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card; or
- (8) Sell, manufacture, or purchase any explosive bullet. EXPLOSIVE BULLET shall mean the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal. CARTRIDGE means a tubular metal case having a projectile affixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear end thereof, with the propellant contained in the tube between the projectile and the cap.

### (B) A STUN GUN or TASER, as used in division (A), means:

- (1) Any device which is powered by electrical charging units, such as batteries, and which fires one or several barbs attached to a length of wire and which, upon hitting a human, can send out a current capable of disrupting the person's nervous system in such a manner as to render him incapable of normal functioning; or
- (2) Any device which is powered by electrical charging units, such as batteries, and which, upon contact with a human or clothing worn by a human, can send out a current capable of disrupting the person's nervous system in such a manner as to render him

incapable of normal functioning. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 5, § 24-1(a)) Penalty, see § 13.5/999-1

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## § 13.5/24-2 EXEMPTIONS.

- (A)  $\S\S 13.5/24-1(A)(3)$ , (4), and (7) do not apply to or affect any of the following:
- (1) Peace officers or any person summoned by a peace officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while actually engaged in assisting the officer.
- (2) Wardens, superintendents, and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails, and other institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense, while in the performance of their official duty, or while commuting between their homes and place of employment.
- (3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or the Illinois National Guard or the Reserve Officers Training Corps, while in the performance of their official duty.
- (4) Special agents employed by a railroad or a public utility to perform police functions or guards of armored car companies while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment; watchmen while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment.
- private alarm contractors or employed by an agency certified by the Department of Professional Regulation if their duties include the carrying of a weapon under the provisions of ILCS Ch. 225, Act 446, §§ 1 et seq., while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment, provided that the commuting is accomplished within one hour from departure from home or place of employment, as the case may be. Persons exempted under this division shall be required to have completed a course of study in firearms handling and training approved and supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation as prescribed by ILCS Ch. 225, Act 445, § 28 prior to becoming eligible for this exemption. The Department of Professional Regulation shall provide suitable documentation demonstrating the successful completion of the prescribed firearms training. Such documentation shall be carried at all times when such persons are in possession of a concealable weapon.
- (6) Any person regularly employed in a commercial or industrial operation as a security guard for the protection of persons employed and private property related to that

commercial or industrial operation while actually engaged in the performance of their duty or traveling between sites or properties belonging to the employer, and who, as a security guard, is a member of a security force of at least five persons registered with the Department of Professional Regulation; provided, that the security guard has successfully completed a course of study, approved by and supervised by the state Department of Professional Regulation consisting of not less than 40 hours of training which shall include theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. A person shall be considered to be in compliance with this section who has completed the required 20 hours of training for a security officer and 20 hours of required firearm training and who has been issued a firearm authorization card by the state Department of Professional Regulation. Conditions for the renewal of firearm authorization cards issued under the provisions of this section shall be the same as for those cards issued under the provisions of ILCS Ch. 225, Act 446, §§ 1 et seq. Such firearm authorization card shall be carried by the security guard at all times when he is in possession of a concealable weapon.

- (7) Agents and investigators of the Illinois Legislative Investigating Commission authorized by the Commission to carry the weapons specified in § 13.5/24-1(A)(3) and (4) while on duty in the course of any investigation for the Commission.
- Persons employed by a financial institution for the protection of other (8) employees and property related to that financial institution, while actually engaged in the performance of their duties, commuting between their homes and places of employment, or traveling between sites or properties owned or operated by the financial institution, provided that any person so employed has successfully completed a course of study, approved by and supervised by the state Department of Professional Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 hours of training which includes theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. A person shall be considered to be eligible for this exemption who has completed the required 20 hours of training for a security officer and 20 hours of required firearm training and who has been issued a firearm authorization card by the state Department of Professional Regulation. Conditions for renewal of firearm authorization cards issued under the provisions of this section shall be the same as for those issued under the provisions of ILCS Ch. 225, Act 446, §§ 1 et seq. Such firearm authorization card shall be carried by the person so trained at all times when such person is in possession of a concealable weapon. For purposes of this division, FINANCIAL INSTITUTION means a bank, savings and loan association, credit union, or company providing armored car services.
- (9) Any person employed by an armored car company to drive an armored car while actually engaged in the performance of his duties.
- (10) Persons who have been classified as peace officers pursuant to ILCS Ch. 20, Act 2910, §§ 0.01 et seq.
- (11) Investigators of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor authorized by the board of governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor to carry weapons pursuant to ILCS Ch. 725, Act 210, §§ 1 et seq.

- (12) Special investigators appointed by a State's Attorney under ILCS Ch. 55, Act 5, § 3-9005.
- (13) Court Security Officers while in the performance of their official duties, or while commuting between their homes and places of employment, with the consent of the Sheriff.
- (14) A person employed as an armed guard at a nuclear energy, storage, weapons or development site or facility regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission who has completed the background screening and training mandated by the rules and regulations of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- (15) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of weapons to persons authorized under (A)(1) through (13) of this section to possess those weapons.
  - (B) Section 13.5/24-1(A)(4) and (7) do not apply to or affect any of the following:
- (1) Members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, or patrons of the ranges while the members or patrons are using their firearms on those target ranges;
- (2) Duly authorized military or civil organizations while parading with the special permission of the Governor;
- (3) Licensed hunters, trappers, or fishermen while engaged in hunting, trapping, or fishing;
- (4) Transportation of weapons broken down in a non-functioning state or not immediately accessible.
- (C) Section 13.5/24-1(A)(1) does not apply to the purchase, possession, or carrying of a black-jack or slung-shot by a police officer.
- (D) Section 13.5/24-1(A)(6) does not apply to any owner, manager, or authorized employee of any place specified in that division or to any law enforcement officer.
- (E) Sections 13.5/24-1(A)(4) and (A)(7) do not apply to members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while using their firearms on those target ranges.
  - (F) Sections 13.5/24-1(A)(7) and 13.5/24-1(A)(8) do not apply to:
    - (1) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of the United States or

the Illinois National Guard, while in the performance of their official duty.

- (2) Bona fide collectors of antique or surplus military ordinance.
- (3) Laboratories having a department of forensic ballistics, or specializing in the development of ammunition or explosive ordnance.
- (4) Commerce, preparation, assembly, or possession of explosive bullets by manufacturers of ammunition licensed by the federal government, in connection with the supply of those organizations and persons exempted by division (F)(1) above, or like organizations and persons outside this state, or the transportation of explosive bullets to any organization or person exempted in this section by a common carrier or by a vehicle owned or leased by an exempted manufacturer.
- (G) An information or indictment based upon a violation of any provision of this subchapter need not negative any exemptions contained in this subchapter. The defendant shall have the burden of proving such an exemption.
- (H) Nothing in this subchapter shall prohibit, apply to, or affect the transportation, carrying, or possession of any pistol or revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm consigned to a common carrier operating under license with the state or the federal government where such transportation, carrying, or possession is incident to the lawful transportation in which the common carrier is engaged. Nothing in this subchapter shall prohibit, apply to, or affect the transportation, carrying, or possession of any pistol, revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm not the subject of and regulated by ILCS Ch. 720, Act 5, § 24-1(a)(7) or division (C) of this section above, which is unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other container by the possessor of a valid firearm owner's identification card. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 5, § 24-2)

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## § 13.5/24-3 UNLAWFUL SALE OF FIREARMS.

- (A) A person commits the offense of unlawful sale of firearms when he or she knowingly does any of the following:
- (1) Sells or gives any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person to any person under 18 years of age.
- (2) Sells or gives any firearm to a person under 21 years of age who has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent.

- (3) Sells or gives any firearm to any narcotic addict.
- (4) Sells or gives any firearm to any person who has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction.
- (5) Sells or gives any firearm to any person who has been a patient in a mental hospital within the past 5 years.
  - (6) Sells or gives any firearms to any person who is mentally retarded.
- (7) Delivers any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person, incidental to a sale, without withholding delivery of such firearm for at least 72 hours after application for its purchase has been made, or delivers any rifle, shotgun or other long gun for at least 24 hours after application for its purchase has been made. However, this paragraph (7) does not apply to:
- (a) The sale of a firearm to a law enforcement officer or a person who desires to purchase a firearm for use in promoting the public interest incident to his or her employment as a bankguard, armed truck guard, or other similar employment; or
- (b) A mail order sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois under which the firearm is mailed to a point outside the boundaries of Illinois; or
- (c) The sale of a firearm to a nonresident of Illinois while at a firearm showing or display recognized by the Illinois Department of State Police; or
- (d) The sale of a firearm to a dealer licensed under the Federal Firearms Act of the United States; or
- (8) While holding any license as a dealer, importer, manufacturer or pawnbroker under the federal Gun Control Act of 1968, manufactures, sells or delivers to any unlicensed person a handgun having a barrel, slide, frame or receiver which is a die casting of zinc alloy or any other nonhomogeneous metal which will melt or deform at temperatures of less than 800 degrees Fahrenheit. For purposes of this paragraph, (1) "firearm" is defined as in the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act; and (2) "handgun" is defined as a firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a single hand, and includes a combination of parts from which such a firearm can be assembled; or
- (9) Sells or gives a firearm of any size to any person under 18 years of age who does not possess a valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card.
- (B) Division (A)(8) of this section shall not include firearms sold within 6 months after enactment of Public Act 78-355 (approved August 21, 1973, effective October 1, 1973) nor is any firearm legally owned or possessed by any citizen or purchased by any citizen within six

months after the enactment of Public Act 78-355 subject to confiscation or seizure under the provisions of that Public Act. Nothing in Public Act 78-355 shall be construed to prohibit the gift or trade of any firearm if that firearm was legally held or acquired within six months after the enactment of that Public Act.

### (C) Sentence.

- (1) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of any of divisions (A)(3) through (8) commits a Class 4 felony. (2) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of Division (A)(2) or (9) commits a Class 3 felony.
- (3) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of division (A)(1) commits a Class 2 felony.
- (4) Any person convicted of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of Division (A)(1), (2), or (9) in any school, on the real property comprising a school, within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a school, at a school related activity, or on or within 1,000 feet of any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school or school district to transport students to or from school or a school related activity regardless of the time of day or time of year at which the offense was committed commits a Class 1 felony. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of unlawful sale of firearms in violation of divisions (A)(1), (2), or (9) in any school, on the real property comprising a school, within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a school, at a school related activity, or on or within 1,000 feet of any conveyance owned, leased, or contracted by a school or school district to transport students to or from school or a school related activity regardless of the time of day or time of year at which the offense was committed commits a Class 1 felony for which the sentence shall be a term of imprisonment of no less than five years and no more than 15 years.
- (A)(1) or (9) in residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency, in public park, in a courthouse, on residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency, on the real property comprising any public park, on the real property comprising any courthouse, or on any public way within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising any public park, courthouse, or residential property owned, operated, or managed by a public housing agency commits a Class 2 felony.

## (D) For purposes of this section:

SCHOOL. A public or private elementary or secondary school, community college, college, or university.

SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITY. Any sporting, social, academic, or other activity for which students' attendance or participation is sponsored, organized, or funded in whole or in part by a school or school district.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 5, § 24-3)

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# § 13.5/24-3.1 UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND FIREARM AMMUNITION.

A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of firearms or firearm ammunition when:

- (A) He is under 18 years of age and has in his possession any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person;
- (B) He is under 21 years of age, has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent, and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession;
- (C) He has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this or any other jurisdiction and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession;
- (D) He is a narcotic addict and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession;
- (E) He has been a patient in a mental hospital within the past five years and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or
- (F) He is mentally retarded and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession.
- (G) He has in his possession any explosive bullet. For the purposes of this section, **EXPLOSIVE BULLET** means the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal. **CARTRIDGE** means a tubular metal case having a projectile fixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear end thereof with the propellent contained in the tube between the projectile and the cap.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 5, § 24-3.1) Penalty, see § 13.5/999-1

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# § 13.5/24-6 CONFISCATION AND DISPOSITION OF WEAPONS.

Upon conviction of an offense in which a weapon was used or possessed by the offender, any weapon seized may be confiscated by the trial court for further disposition consistent with state law.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 5, § 24-6)

#### AIR RIFLES

# § 13.5/535-001 SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the Air Rifle Act. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 001)

## § 13.5/535-1 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of §§ 13.5/535-2 et seq., the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings ascribed to them respectively.

AIR RIFLE. Any air gun, air pistol, spring gun, spring pistol, B.B. gun, pellet gun, or any implement that is not a firearm, which impels a pellet constructed of hard plastic, steel, lead, or other hard materials with a force that reasonably is expected to cause bodily harm.

Any person, copartnership, DEALER. association, or corporation engaged in the business of selling at retail or renting any of the articles included in the definition of AIR RIFLE. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 1)

## § 13.5/535-2 SELLING, RENTING, OR TRANSFERRING TO CHILDREN; PROHIBITION.

- (A) It is unlawful for any dealer to sell, lend, rent, give, or otherwise transfer an air rifle to any person under the age of 13 years where the dealer knows or has cause to believe the person to be under 13 years of age or where the dealer has failed to make reasonable inquiry relative to the age of the person and the person is under 13 years of age.
- (B) It is unlawful for any person to sell, give, lend, or otherwise transfer any air rifle to any person under 13 years of age except where the relationship of parent and child, guardian and ward, or adult instructor and pupil exists between the person and the person under 13 years of age, or where the person stands in loco parentis to the person under 13 years of age.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 2) Penalty, see § 13.5/535-7

## § 13.5/535-3 CARRYING OR DISCHARGING ON PUBLIC STREETS.

- (A) It is unlawful for any person under 13 years of age to carry any air rifle on the public streets, roads, highways, or public lands within this village, unless the person under 13 years of age carries the rifle unloaded.
- (B) It is unlawful for any person to discharge any air rifle from or across any street, sidewalk, road, highway, or public land or any public place except on a safely constructed target range. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 3) Penalty, see § 13.5/535-7

# § 13.5/535-4 PERMISSIVE POSSESSION.

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, it is lawful for any person under 13 years of age to have in his possession any air rifle if it is:

- (A) Kept within his house of residence or other private enclosure;
- (B) Used by the person under 13 years of age and he is a duly enrolled member of any club, team, or society organized for educational purposes and maintaining as part of its facilities or having written permission to use an indoor or outdoor rifle range under the supervision, guidance and instruction of a responsible adult, and then only if the air rifle is actually being used in connection with the activities of the club, team, or society under the supervision of a responsible adult; or
- (C) Used in or on any private grounds or residence under circumstances when the air rifle is fired, discharged, or operated in a manner as not to endanger persons or property and then only if it is used in a manner as to prevent the projectile from passing over any grounds or space outside the limits of such grounds or residence.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 4) Penalty, see § 13.5/535-7

# § 13.5/535-5 PERMISSIVE SALES.

The provisions of §§ 137.10 through 137.14 do not prohibit sales of air rifles:

- (A) By wholesale dealers or jobbers;
- (B) To be shipped out of the state;

(C) To be used at a target range operated in accordance with § 13.5/535-4 or by members of the Armed Services of the United States or veterans' organizations.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 5) Penalty, see § 13.5/535-7

# § 13.5/535-6 SEIZURE AND REMOVAL.

Any police officer shall seize, take, remove, or cause to be removed at the expense of the owner, any air rifle sold or used in any manner in violation of this chapter.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 6) Penalty, see § 13.5/535-7

## § 13.5/535-7 SENTENCE.

Any person convicted of violating § 13.5/535-2 commits a petty offense.

Any person violating any other provisions of this Act commits a petty offense and shall pay a fine not to exceed \$50. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 535, § 7)

## SALE OF IMMORAL PUBLICATIONS TO CHILDREN

## § 13.5/670-0.01 SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the Sale of Immoral Publications to Children Act. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 670, § 0.01)

## § 13.5/670-1 SALE OF CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS TO MINORS PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, lend, give away or show, or have in his possession with intent to sell or give away, or to show or advertise, or otherwise offer for loan, gift or distribution to any minor child any book, pamphlet, magazine, newspaper, story paper or other printed paper devoted to the publication or principally made up of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal news, police reports, or accounts of criminal deeds, or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 670, § 1) Penalty, see § 13.5/999-1

# § 13.5/670-2 EXHIBITION PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to exhibit upon any street or highway, or in any place within the view, or which may be within the view or any minor child, any book, magazine, newspaper, pamphlet, story paper or other paper or publication coming within the description of matters mentioned in the first section of this act, or any of them.

(ILCS Ch. 720, Act 670, § 2) Penalty, see § 13.5/999-1

# § 13.5/670-3 EMPLOYING MINOR CHILD TO SELL SUCH PUBLICATIONS PROHIBITED.

It shall be unlawful to hire, use or employ any minor child to sell or give away, or in any manner to distribute, or who, having the care, custody or control of any minor child, to permit such child to sell, give away, or in any manner to distribute any book, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, story paper or publication coming within the description of matters mentioned in the first sections of this act, and any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 670, § 3) Penalty, see § 13.5/999-1

## SALE OF TOBACCO TO MINORS

# § 13.5/675-0.01 SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the Sale of Tobacco to Minors act. (ILCS Ch. 720, Act 675, § 0.01)

## § 13.5/675-1 SALE OF TOBACCO OR SMOKELESS TOBACCO TO MINORS PROHIBITED.

(A) No minor under 18 years of age shall buy any