

# HB3477



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

**HB3477**

by Rep. Mark Batinick

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/26-8 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Creates the offense of kindling a fire on a public way. Provides that a person commits the offense when he or she knowingly lights, kindles, or burns a fire on the surface of a road, street, or other public way. Provides exemptions. Provides that a violation is a petty offense for which a fine not exceeding \$1,000 may be imposed.

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A BILL FOR

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 adding  
5 Section 26-8 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/26-8 new)

7 Sec. 26-8. Kindling a fire on a public way.

8 (a) A person commits kindling a fire on a public way when  
9 he or she knowingly lights, kindles, or burns a fire on the  
10 surface of a road, street, or other public way.

11 (b) This Section does not apply to:

12 (1) persons engaged in construction work in a  
13 construction or maintenance speed zone as defined in  
14 Section 11-605.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code;

15 (2) the use of a flare by emergency personnel; or

16 (3) the use of a flare to signal approaching traffic of  
17 an emergency or disabled vehicle.

18 (c) Sentence. Kindling a fire on a public way is a petty  
19 offense for which a fine not exceeding \$1,000 may be imposed.