

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 HB0630

by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/26.5-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning harassment by telephone.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Section 26.5-2 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/26.5-2)

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- 7 Sec. 26.5-2. Harassment by telephone.
- 8 (a) A person commits harassment by telephone when he or she
 9 uses telephone communication for any of the the following
 10 purposes:
- 11 (1) Making any comment, request, suggestion or 12 proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy or 13 indecent with an intent to offend;
 - (2) Making a telephone call, whether or not conversation ensues, with intent to abuse, threaten or harass any person at the called number;
 - (3) Making or causing the telephone of another repeatedly to ring, with intent to harass any person at the called number;
 - (4) Making repeated telephone calls, during which conversation ensues, solely to harass any person at the called number;
- 23 (5) Making a telephone call or knowingly inducing a

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person to make a telephone call for the purpose of harassing another person who is under 13 years of age, regardless of whether the person under 13 years of age consents to the harassment, if the defendant is at least 16 years of age at the time of the commission of the offense; or

- (6) Knowingly permitting any telephone under one's control to be used for any of the purposes mentioned herein.
- 10 (b) Every telephone directory published for distribution 11 to members of the general public shall contain a notice setting 12 forth a summary of the provisions of this Section. The notice 13 shall be printed in type which is no smaller than any other type on the same page and shall be preceded by the word 14 "WARNING". All telephone companies in this 15 State shall 16 cooperate with law enforcement agencies in using their 17 facilities and personnel to detect and prevent violations of this Article. 18
- 19 (Source: P.A. 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13.)