

## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB1528

Introduced 2/15/2019, by Sen. Laura Fine

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends various Acts concerning forfeiture, including the Criminal Code of 2012, Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, and the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. Changes terminology of forfeiture and seizure to terms including property taken by the government during an arrest and government taking. Provides that standardized forms regarding property taken by the government during an arrest, including a hardship motion, verified claim, and answer to a complaint, as determined by the Supreme Court, shall be used statewide. Amends the Statute on Statutes. Provides that no prior precedent or case law is intended to be affected by the amendatory Act by the changing of statutory language related to what was previously known as civil asset forfeiture.

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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 Statute on Statutes is amended by adding Section 1.39-5 as follows:
- 6 (5 ILCS 70/1.39-5 new)
- 7 Sec. 1.39-5. For feiture terminology. No prior precedent or
- 8 case law is intended to be affected by this amendatory Act of
- 9 the 101st General Assembly by the changing of statutory
- language related to what was previously known as civil asset
- 11 forfeiture.
- 12 Section 10. The Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act is
- amended by changing Sections 5, 10, and 20 as follows:
- 14 (5 ILCS 810/5)
- Sec. 5. Applicability. This Act is applicable to property
- 16 taken by the government during an arrest seized or forfeited
- 17 under the following provisions of law:
- 18 (1) Section 3.23 of the Illinois Food, Drug and
- 19 Cosmetic Act;
- 20 (2) Section 44.1 of the Environmental Protection Act;
- 21 (3) Section 105-55 of the Herptiles-Herps Act;

25 (5 ILCS 810/10)

1	(4) Section 1-215 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code;
2	(5) Section 1.25 of the Wildlife Code;
3	(6) Section 17-10.6 of the Criminal Code of 2012
4	(financial institution fraud);
5	(7) Section 28-5 of the Criminal Code of 2012
6	(gambling);
7	(8) Article 29B of the Criminal Code of 2012 (money
8	<pre>laundering);</pre>
9	(9) Article 33G of the Criminal Code of 2012 (Illinois
10	Street Gang and Racketeer Influenced And Corrupt
11	Organizations Law);
12	(10) Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012
13	(government takingseizure and forfeiture of vessels,
14	<pre>vehicles, and aircraft);</pre>
15	(11) Section 47-15 of the Criminal Code of 2012
16	(dumping garbage upon real property);
17	(12) Article 124B of the Code of Criminal procedure
18	(government taking forfeiture);
19	(13) Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act;
20	(14) Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act;
21	(15) Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention
22	Act; and
23	(16) Illinois Securities Law of 1953.
24	(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)

- 1 Sec. 10. Reporting by law enforcement agency.
  - (a) Each law enforcement agency that <u>takes</u> seizes property <u>during an arrest is</u> subject to reporting under this Act shall report the following information about property <u>taken by the government during an arrest seized or forfeited</u> under State law:
    - (1) the name of the law enforcement agency that <u>took</u> seized the property;
      - (2) the date of the government taking seizure;
    - (3) the type of property <u>taken</u> seized, including a building, vehicle, boat, cash, negotiable security, or firearm, except reporting is not required for <u>government takings</u> seizures of contraband including alcohol, gambling devices, drug paraphernalia, and controlled substances;
    - (4) a description of the property <u>subject to government</u> taking during an arrest <u>seized</u> and the estimated value of the property and if the property is a conveyance, the description shall include the make, model, year, and vehicle identification number or serial number; and
    - (5) the location where the government taking seizure occurred.

The filing requirement shall be met upon filing Illinois State Police Notice/Inventory of Seized Property (Form 4-64) with the State's Attorney's Office in the county where the government taking forfeiture action is being commenced or with the Attorney General's Office if the forfeiture action is being

commenced by that office, and the forwarding of Form 4-64 upon approval of the State's Attorney's Office or the Attorney General's Office to the Department of State Police Asset Forfeiture Section. With regard to property taken by the government during an arrest seizures for which Form 4-64 is not required to be filed, the filing requirement shall be met by the filing of an annual summary report with the Department of State Police no later than 60 days after December 31 of that year.

- (b) Each law enforcement agency, including a drug task force or Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) unit, that receives proceeds from property taken by the government during an arrest forfeitures subject to reporting under this Act shall file an annual report with the Department of State Police no later than 60 days after December 31 of that year. The format of the report shall be developed by the Department of State Police and shall be completed by the law enforcement agency. The report shall include, at a minimum, the amount of funds and other property distributed to the law enforcement agency by the Department of State Police, the amount of funds expended by the law enforcement agency, and the category of expenditure, including:
- 23 (1) crime, gang, or abuse prevention or intervention 24 programs;
  - (2) compensation or services for crime victims;
  - (3) witness protection, informant fees, and controlled

- 1 purchases of contraband;
- 2 (4) salaries, overtime, and benefits, as permitted by law;
  - (5) operating expenses, including, but not limited to, capital expenditures for vehicles, firearms, equipment, computers, furniture, office supplies, postage, printing, membership fees paid to trade associations, and fees for professional services including auditing, court reporting, expert witnesses, and attorneys;
  - (6) travel, meals, entertainment, conferences, training, and continuing education seminars; and
    - (7) other expenditures of forfeiture proceeds.
  - (c) The Department of State Police shall establish and maintain on its official website a public database that includes annual aggregate data for each law enforcement agency that reports government takings seizures of property under subsection (a) of this Section, that receives distributions of forfeiture proceeds subject to reporting under this Act, or reports expenditures under subsection (b) of this Section. This aggregate data shall include, for each law enforcement agency:
    - (1) the total number of government takings asset seizures reported by each law enforcement agency during the calendar year;
    - (2) the monetary value of all currency or its equivalent <u>taken</u> seized by the law enforcement agency during the calendar year;

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- (4) the aggregate estimated value of all other property subject to government taking during an arrest seized by the law enforcement agency during the calendar year;
- (5) the monetary value of distributions by the Department of State Police of forfeited currency subject to government taking or auction proceeds from taken forfeited property to the law enforcement agency during the calendar year; and
- (6) the total amount of the law enforcement agency's expenditures of forfeiture proceeds during the calendar year, categorized as provided under subsection (b) of this Section.

The database shall not provide names, addresses, phone numbers, or other personally identifying information of owners or interest holders, persons, business entities, covert office locations, or business entities involved in the government taking forfeiture action and shall not disclose the vehicle identification number or serial number of any conveyance.

(d) The Department of State Police shall adopt rules to administer the <u>government taking</u> asset forfeiture program, including the categories of authorized expenditures consistent with the statutory guidelines for each of the <u>included</u> forfeiture statutes, the use of <u>forfeited</u> funds, other

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expenditure requirements, and the reporting of seizure and forfeiture information related to property taken by government during an arrest. The Department may adopt rules necessary to implement this Act through the use of emergency rulemaking under Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act for a period not to exceed 180 days after the effective date of this Act.

- (e) The Department of State Police shall have authority and oversight over all law enforcement agencies receiving funds subject to government taking from the Department. This authority shall include enforcement of rules and regulations adopted by the Department and sanctions for violations of any rules and regulations, including withholding of distributions of forfeiture proceeds from the law enforcement agency in violation.
- (f) Upon application by a law enforcement agency to the Department of State Police, the reporting of a particular asset subject to government taking forfeited under this Section may be delayed if the asset in question was taken seized from a person who has become a confidential informant under the agency's confidential informant policy, or if the asset was taken seized as part of an ongoing investigation. This delayed reporting shall be granted by the Department of State Police for a maximum period of 6 months if the confidential informant is still providing cooperation to law enforcement or the investigation is still ongoing, after which the asset shall be

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1 reported as required under this Act.

(q) The Department of State Police shall, on or before January 1, 2019, establish and implement the requirements of this Act. In order to implement the reporting and public database requirements under this Act, the Department of State Police Asset Forfeiture Section requires a one-time upgrade of information technology software and hardware. one-time upgrade shall be funded by a temporary allocation of 5% of all forfeited currency subject to government taking and 5% of the auction proceeds from each forfeited asset, which are to be distributed after the effective date of this Act. The Department of State Police shall transfer these funds at the time of distribution to a separate fund established by the Department of State Police. Moneys deposited in this fund shall be accounted for and shall be used only to pay for the actual one-time cost of purchasing and installing the hardware and software required to comply with this new reporting and public database requirement. Moneys deposited in the fund shall not be subject to reappropriation, reallocation, or redistribution for any other purpose. After sufficient funds are transferred to the fund to cover the actual one-time cost of purchasing and installing the hardware and software required to comply with reporting and public database requirement, new additional funds shall be transferred to the fund for any purpose. At the completion of the one-time upgrade of the information technology hardware and software to comply with

- 1 this new reporting and public database requirement, any
- 2 remaining funds in the fund shall be returned to the
- 3 participating agencies under the distribution requirements of
- 4 the statutes from which the funds were transferred, and the
- 5 fund shall no longer exist.
- 6 (h)(1) The Department of State Police, in consultation with
- 7 and subject to the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer,
- 8 may procure a single contract or multiple contracts to
- 9 implement this Act.
- 10 (2) A contract or contracts under this subsection (h) are
- 11 not subject to the Illinois Procurement Code, except for
- 12 Sections 20-60, 20-65, 20-70, and 20-160 and Article 50 of that
- 13 Code, provided that the Chief Procurement Officer may, in
- 14 writing with justification, waive any certification required
- 15 under Article 50 of the Illinois Procurement Code. The
- provisions of this paragraph (2), other than this sentence, are
- inoperative on and after July 1, 2019.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 19 (5 ILCS 810/20)
- Sec. 20. Applicability. This Act and the changes made to
- 21 this Act by Public Act 100-699 only apply to property taken by
- 22 the government during an arrest seized on and after July 1,
- 23 2018.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

- 1 Section 15. The Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is
- 2 amended by changing Section 3.23 as follows:
- 3 (410 ILCS 620/3.23)
- 4 Sec. 3.23. Legend drug prohibition.
- 5 (a) In this Section:
- 6 "Legend drug" means a drug limited by the Federal Food,
- 7 Drug and Cosmetic Act to being dispensed by or upon a medical
- 8 practitioner's prescription because the drug is:
- 9 (1) habit forming;
- 10 (2) toxic or having potential for harm; or
- 11 (3) limited in use by the new drug application for the
- 12 drug to use only under a medical practitioner's
- 13 supervision.
- "Medical practitioner" means any person licensed to
- 15 practice medicine in all its branches in the State.
- "Deliver" or "delivery" means the actual, constructive, or
- 17 attempted transfer of possession of a legend drug, with or
- 18 without consideration, whether or not there is an agency
- 19 relationship.
- 20 "Manufacture" means the production, preparation,
- 21 propagation, compounding, conversion, or processing of a
- legend drug, either directly or indirectly, by extraction from
- 23 substances of natural origin, or independently by means of
- 24 chemical synthesis, or by a combination of extraction and
- 25 chemical synthesis, and includes any packaging or repackaging

1	of	the	substance	or	labeling	of	its	container.	"Manufacture"
2	doe	s no	t include.						

- 3 (1) by an ultimate user, the preparation or compounding 4 of a legend drug for his or her own use; or
  - (2) by a medical practitioner, or his or her authorized agent under his or her supervision, the preparation, compounding, packaging, or labeling of a legend drug:
    - (A) as an incident to his or her administering or dispensing of a legend drug in the course of his or her professional practice; or
  - (B) as an incident to lawful research, teaching, or chemical analysis and not for sale.

"Prescription" has the same meaning ascribed to it in Section 3 of the Pharmacy Practice Act.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to knowingly manufacture or deliver or possess with the intent to manufacture or deliver a legend drug of 6 or more pills, tablets, capsules, or caplets or 30 ml or more of a legend drug in liquid form who is not licensed by applicable law to prescribe or dispense legend drugs or is not an employee of the licensee operating in the normal course of business under the supervision of the licensee. Any person who violates this Section is guilty of a Class 3 felony, the fine for which shall not exceed \$100,000. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of this Section is guilty of a Class 1 felony, the fine for which shall not exceed \$250,000.

1	(C)	The	following	are	subject	to	taking	by	the	government
2	during a	an ar	rest <del>forfe</del>	<del>itur</del>	e:					

- (1) (blank);
- (2) all raw materials, products, and equipment of any kind which are used, or intended for use, in manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, administering, or possessing any substance in violation of this Section;
- (3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of any substance manufactured, distributed, dispensed, or possessed in violation of this Section or property described in paragraph (2) of this subsection (c), but:
  - (A) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to taking during an arrest by the government forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to the violation;
  - (B) no conveyance is subject to <u>taking during an</u> <u>arrest by the government forfeiture</u> under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent; and

1	(C) <u>taking</u> <del>a forfeiture</del> of a conveyance encumbered
2	by a bona fide security interest is subject to the
3	interest of the secured party if he or she neither had
4	knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;

- (4) all money, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials including formulas, microfilm, tapes, and data that are used, or intended to be used, in violation of this Section;
- (5) everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for a substance in violation of this Section, all proceeds traceable to such an exchange, and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used, or intended to be used, to commit or in any manner to facilitate any violation of this Section; and
- (6) all real property, including any right, title, and interest, including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust, in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation or act that constitutes a violation of this Section or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation or act that constitutes a violation of this Section.
- (d) Property subject to <u>taking during an arrest by the</u>
  government <u>forfeiture</u> under this Act may be <u>taken</u> <u>seized</u> under

- the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act. In the event of government taking seizure, forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.
  - (e) Property taken by the government during an arrest Forfeiture under this Act is subject to an 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution disproportionate penalties analysis as provided under Section 9.5 of the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.
  - (f) With regard to possession of legend drug offenses only, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$500 shall not be subject to government taking forfeiture under this Act. For all other offenses under this Act, a sum of currency with a value of less than \$100 shall not be subject to government taking forfeiture under this Act. In the case of seizures of currency in excess of these amounts, this Section shall not create an exemption for these amounts.
  - (f-5) For felony offenses involving possession of legend drug only, no property shall be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Act because of the possession of less than 2 single unit doses of a legend drug. This exemption shall not apply in instances when the possessor, or another person at the direction of the possessor, is engaged in the destruction of any amount of a legend drug. The amount of a single unit dose shall be the State's burden to prove in its case in chief.
    - (g) If the Department suspends or revokes a registration,

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all legend drugs owned or possessed by the registrant at the time of suspension or the effective date of the revocation order may be placed under seal. No disposition may be made of substances under seal until the time for taking an appeal has elapsed or until all appeals have been concluded unless a court, upon application therefor, orders the sale of perishable substances and the deposit of the proceeds of the sale with the court. Upon a revocation rule becoming final, all substances are subject to government taking seizure and forfeiture under the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act.

- 11 (h) (Blank).
- 12 (i) (Blank).
- (j) Contraband, including legend drugs possessed without a prescription or other authorization under State or federal law, is not subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture. No property right exists in contraband. Contraband is subject to government taking seizure and shall be disposed of according to State law.
- 19 (k) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-512
  20 and Public Act 100-699 only apply to property taken by the
  21 government during an arrest seized on and after July 1, 2018.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 23 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- Section 20. The Environmental Protection Act is amended by changing Section 44.1 as follows:

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1 (415 ILCS 5/44.1)

Sec. 44.1. (a) In addition to all other civil and criminal penalties provided by law, any person convicted of a criminal violation of this Act or the regulations adopted thereunder shall be subject to government taking during an arrest by forfeit to the State (1) an amount equal to the value of all profits earned, savings realized, and benefits incurred as a direct or indirect result of such violation, and (2) any vehicle or conveyance used in the perpetration of such violation, except as provided in subsection (b).

- (b) <u>Government taking Forfeiture</u> of conveyances shall be subject to the following exceptions:
  - (1) No conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section unless it is proven that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance consented to or was privy to the covered violation.
  - (2) No conveyance is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section by reason of any covered violation which the owner proves to have been committed without his or her knowledge or consent.
  - (3) <u>Government taking</u> A <u>forfeiture</u> of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he <u>or she</u> neither had

1 knowledge of nor consented to the covered violation.

- (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), all property subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section shall be taken seized pursuant to the order of a circuit court.
- (d) Property subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section may be  $\underline{\text{taken}}$  seized by the Director or any peace officer without process:
  - (1) if the <u>government taking</u> seizure is incident to an inspection under an administrative inspection warrant, or incident to the execution of a criminal search or arrest warrant;
  - (2) if the property subject to government taking seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a criminal proceeding, or in an injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this Act; or
  - (3) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety.
- (e) Property taken or detained under this Section shall not be subject to eviction or replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings. When property is subject to government taking seized under this Act, the Director may:
  - (1) place the property under seal;
  - (2) secure the property or remove the property to a

1 place designated by him or her; or

- (3) require the sheriff of the county in which the government taking seizure occurs to take custody of the property and secure or remove it to an appropriate location for disposition in accordance with law.
- (f) All amounts <u>taken</u> <u>forfeited</u> under item (1) of subsection (a) shall be apportioned in the following manner:
  - (1) 40% shall be deposited in the Hazardous Waste Fund created in Section 22.2;
  - (2) 30% shall be paid to the office of the Attorney General or the State's Attorney of the county in which the violation occurred, whichever brought and prosecuted the action; and
- (3) 30% shall be paid to the law enforcement agency which investigated the violation.
- Any funds received under this subsection (f) shall be used solely for the enforcement of the environmental protection laws of this State.
- (g) When property is <u>subject to government taking forfeited</u> under this Section the court may order:
  - (1) that the property shall be made available for the official use of the Agency, the Office of the Attorney General, the State's Attorney of the county in which the violation occurred, or the law enforcement agency which investigated the violation, to be used solely for the enforcement of the environmental protection laws of this

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- (2) the sheriff of the county in which the <u>government</u>

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  and remove it for disposition in accordance with law; or
  - (3) the sheriff of the county in which the government taking forfeiture occurs to sell that which is not required to be destroyed by law and which is not harmful to the public. The proceeds of such sale shall be used for payment of all proper expenses of the proceedings for government taking forfeiture and sale, including expenses of seizure, maintenance of custody, advertising and court costs, and the balance, if any, shall be apportioned pursuant to subsection (f).
- (h) Property <u>taken by the government during an arrest</u>

  seized or <u>forfeited</u> under this Section is subject to reporting

  under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 100-173, eff. 1-1-18; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)
- 19 Section 25. The Fish and Aquatic Life Code is amended by changing Section 1-215 as follows:
- 21 (515 ILCS 5/1-215) (from Ch. 56, par. 1-215)
- Sec. 1-215. Illegal fishing devices; public nuisance.
- 23 Every fishing device, including seines, nets, or traps, or any
- 24 electrical device or any other devices, including vehicles,

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watercraft, or aircraft, used or operated illegally or attempted to be used or operated illegally by any person in taking, transporting, holding, or conveying any aquatic life contrary to this Code, including administrative rules, shall be deemed a public nuisance and therefore illegal and subject to government taking during an arrest seizure and confiscation by any authorized employee of the Department. Upon the government taking seizure of such an item the Department shall take and hold the item until disposed of as provided in this Code.

Upon the government taking seizure of any device because of its illegal use, the officer or authorized employee of the Department taking the property making the seizure shall, as soon as reasonably possible, cause a complaint to be filed before the Circuit Court and a summons to be issued requiring the owner or person in possession of the property to appear in court and show cause why the device <del>seized</del> should not be be subject to government taking by forfeited to the State. Upon the return of the summons duly served or upon posting or publication of notice as provided in this Code, the court shall proceed to determine the question of the illegality of the use of the taken seized property. Upon judgment being entered to the effect that the property was illegally used, an order shall be entered providing for the government taking forfeiture of the seized property to the State. The owner of the property, however, may have a jury determine the illegality of its use, and shall have the right of an appeal as in other civil cases.

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Government taking Confiscation or forfeiture shall not preclude or mitigate against prosecution and assessment of penalties provided in Section 20-35 of this Code.

Upon government taking seizure of any property under circumstances supporting a reasonable belief that the property was abandoned, lost, stolen, or otherwise illegally possessed or used contrary to this Code, except property taken seized during a search or arrest, and ultimately returned, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of under order of a court in accordance with this Code, the authorized employee of the Department shall make reasonable inquiry and efforts to identify and notify the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property and shall return the property after the person provides reasonable and satisfactory proof of his or her ownership or right to possession and reimburses the Department for all reasonable expenses of custody. If the identity or location of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property has not been ascertained within 6 months after the Department obtains possession, the Department shall effectuate the sale of the property for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction. The owner or other person entitled to possession of the property may claim and recover possession of the property at any time before its sale at public auction upon providing reasonable and satisfactory proof of ownership or right of possession and reimbursing the Department for all reasonable expenses of custody.

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- Any property <u>subject to government taking by</u> <del>forfeited to</del>
  the State by court order under this Section may be disposed of
  by public auction, except that any property that is the subject
  of a court order shall not be disposed of pending appeal of the
  order. The proceeds of the sales at auction shall be deposited
  in the Wildlife and Fish Fund.
- 7 The Department shall pay all costs of posting or 8 publication of notices required by this Section.
- 9 Property taken by the government during an arrest seized or
  10 forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the
  11 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- Section 30. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing Section 1.25 as follows:
- 15 (520 ILCS 5/1.25) (from Ch. 61, par. 1.25)
  - Sec. 1.25. Every hunting or trapping device, vehicle or conveyance, when used or operated illegally, or attempted to be used or operated illegally by any person in taking, transporting, holding, or conveying any wild bird or wild mammal, contrary to the provisions of this Act, including administrative rules, is a public nuisance and subject to government taking during an arrest seizure and confiscation by any authorized employee of the Department; upon the government taking seizure of such item the Department shall take and hold

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the same until disposed of as hereinafter provided.

Upon the government taking seizure of any property as herein provided, the authorized employee of the Department making the government taking such seizure shall forthwith cause a complaint to be filed before the Circuit Court and a summons to be issued requiring the person who illegally used or operated or attempted to use or operate such property and the owner and person in possession of such property to appear in court and show cause why the property taken seized should not be subject to government taking by forfeited to the State. Upon the return of the summons duly served or other notice as herein provided, the court shall proceed to determine the question of the illegality of the use of the taken seized property subject to government taking and upon judgment being entered to the effect that such property was illegally used, an order may be entered providing for the government taking forfeiture of the such seized property to the Department and shall thereupon become the property of the Department; but the owner of such property may have a jury determine the illegality of its use, and shall have the right of an appeal, as in other cases. Government taking Such confiscation or forfeiture shall not preclude or mitigate against prosecution and assessment of penalties otherwise provided in this Act.

Upon government taking seizure of any property under circumstances supporting a reasonable belief that such property was abandoned, lost or stolen or otherwise illegally

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possessed or used contrary to the provisions of this Act, except property taken seized during a search or arrest, and ultimately returned, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of pursuant to order of a court in accordance with this Act, the authorized employee of the Department shall make reasonable inquiry and efforts to identify and notify the owner or other person entitled to possession thereof, and shall return the after such person provides property reasonable and satisfactory proof of his ownership or right to possession and reimburses the Department for all reasonable expenses of such custody. If the identity or location of the owner or other person entitled to possession of the property has not been ascertained within 6 months after the Department obtains such possession, the Department shall effectuate the sale of the property for cash to the highest bidder at a public auction. The owner or other person entitled to possession of such property may claim and recover possession of the property at any time before its sale at public auction, upon providing reasonable and satisfactory proof of ownership or right of possession and reimbursing the Department for all reasonable expenses of custody thereof.

Any property, including guns, taken by forfeited to the State by court order pursuant to this Section, may be disposed of by public auction, except that any property which is the subject of such a court order shall not be disposed of pending appeal of the order. The proceeds of the sales at auction shall

- 1 be deposited in the Wildlife and Fish Fund.
- 2 The Department shall pay all costs of notices required by
- 3 this Section.
- 4 Property taken by the government during an arrest seized or
- 5 forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the
- 6 Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 8 Section 35. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by
- 9 changing Sections 28-5, 29B-4, 29B-5, 29B-6, 29B-7, 29B-8,
- 10 29B-9, 29B-10, 29B-11, 29B-12, 29B-13, 29B-14, 29B-15, 29B-16,
- 11 29B-17, 29B-18, 29B-19, 29B-20, 29B-21, 29B-22, 29B-23,
- 12 29B-25, 29B-26, 29B-27, 33G-6, 36-1, 36-1.1, 36-1.2, 36-1.3,
- 13 36-1.4, 36-1.5, 36-1a, 36-2, 36-2.1, 36-2.2, 36-2.5, 36-2.7,
- 14 36-3, 36-3.1, 36-4, 36.5-5, 36-6, 36-7, 36-9, and 47-15 as
- 15 follows:
- 16 (720 ILCS 5/28-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 28-5)
- 17 Sec. 28-5. <u>Government taking Seizure</u> of gambling devices
- 18 and gambling funds.
- 19 (a) Every device designed for gambling which is incapable
- 20 of lawful use or every device used unlawfully for gambling
- 21 shall be considered a "gambling device", and shall be subject
- 22 to government taking during an arrest seizure, confiscation and
- 23 destruction by the Department of State Police or by any
- 24 municipal, or other local authority, within whose jurisdiction

the same may be found. As used in this Section, a "gambling device" includes any slot machine, and includes any machine or device constructed for the reception of money or other thing of value and so constructed as to return, or to cause someone to return, on chance to the player thereof money, property or a right to receive money or property. With the exception of any device designed for gambling which is incapable of lawful use, no gambling device shall be <u>subject to government taking forfeited</u> or destroyed unless an individual with a property interest in said device knows of the unlawful use of the device.

- (b) Every gambling device shall be <u>subject to government</u> taking in <u>seized and forfeited to</u> the county wherein the <u>government taking such seizure</u> occurs. Any money or other thing of value integrally related to acts of gambling shall be <u>subject to government taking in seized and forfeited to</u> the county wherein the government taking such seizure occurs.
- (c) If, within 60 days after any property taken by the government during an arrest seizure pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this Section, a person having any property interest in the seized property is charged with an offense, the court which renders judgment upon such charge shall, within 30 days after such judgment, conduct a government taking forfeiture hearing to determine whether such property was a gambling device at the time of government taking seizure. Such hearing shall be commenced by a written petition by the State, including

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material allegations of fact, the name and address of every person determined by the State to have any property interest in the <del>seized</del> property, a representation that written notice of the date, time and place of such hearing has been mailed to every such person by certified mail at least 10 days before such date, and a request for a hearing forfeiture. Every such person may appear as a party and present evidence at such hearing. The quantum of proof required shall be a preponderance of the evidence, and the burden of proof shall be on the State. If the court determines that the seized property was a gambling device at the time of government taking seizure, an order of government taking of forfeiture and disposition of the seized property shall be entered: a gambling device shall be received by the State's Attorney, who shall effect its destruction, except that valuable parts thereof may be liquidated and the resultant money shall be deposited in the general fund of the county wherein the government taking such seizure occurred; money and other things of value shall be received by the State's Attorney and, upon liquidation, shall be deposited in the general fund of the county wherein the government taking such seizure occurred. However, in the event that a defendant raises the defense that the taken <del>seized</del> slot machine is an antique slot machine described in subparagraph (b) (7) of Section 28-1 of this Code and therefore he is exempt from the charge of a gambling activity participant, the seized antique slot machine shall not be destroyed or otherwise altered until

- a final determination is made by the Court as to whether it is such an antique slot machine. Upon a final determination by the Court of this question in favor of the defendant, such slot machine shall be immediately returned to the defendant. Such order of government taking forfeiture and disposition shall, for the purposes of appeal, be a final order and judgment in a civil proceeding.
- (d) If a government taking seizure pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this Section is not followed by a charge pursuant to subparagraph (c) of this Section, or if the prosecution of such charge is permanently terminated or indefinitely discontinued without any judgment of conviction or acquittal (1) the State's Attorney shall commence an in rem proceeding for the government taking forfeiture and destruction of a gambling device, or for the government taking forfeiture and deposit in the general fund of the county of any seized money or other things of value, or both, in the circuit court and (2) any person having any property interest in such seized gambling device, money or other thing of value may commence separate civil proceedings in the manner provided by law.
- (e) Any gambling device displayed for sale to a riverboat gambling operation or used to train occupational licensees of a riverboat gambling operation as authorized under the Riverboat Gambling Act is exempt from government taking seizure under this Section.
  - (f) Any gambling equipment, devices and supplies provided

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- 1 by a licensed supplier in accordance with the Riverboat
- 2 Gambling Act which are removed from the riverboat for repair
- 3 are exempt from government taking seizure under this Section.
- 4 (g) The following video gaming terminals are exempt from government taking seizure under this Section:
- 6 (1) Video gaming terminals for sale to a licensed 7 distributor or operator under the Video Gaming Act.
  - (2) Video gaming terminals used to train licensed technicians or licensed terminal handlers.
  - (3) Video gaming terminals that are removed from a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment for repair.
- (h) Property <u>taken by the government during an arrest</u>

  seized or <u>forfeited</u> under this Section is subject to reporting

  under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 18 (720 ILCS 5/29B-4)
- Sec. 29B-4. Protective orders and warrants for government taking forfeiture purposes.
  - (a) Upon application of the State, the court may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a satisfactory performance bond, or take any other action to preserve the availability of property described in Section 29B-5 of this Article for government taking during an arrest

## forfeiture under this Article:

- (1) upon the filing of an indictment, information, or complaint charging a violation of this Article for which government taking forfeiture may be ordered under this Article and alleging that the property with respect to which the order is sought would be subject to government taking forfeiture under this Article; or
- (2) prior to the filing of the indictment, information, or complaint, if, after notice to persons appearing to have an interest in the property and opportunity for a hearing, the court determines that:
  - (A) there is probable cause to believe that the State will prevail on the issue of government taking of property forfeiture and that failure to enter the order will result in the property being destroyed, removed from the jurisdiction of the court, or otherwise made unavailable for forfeiture; and
  - (B) the need to preserve the availability of the property through the entry of the requested order outweighs the hardship on any party against whom the order is to be entered.

Provided, however, that an order entered under paragraph (2) of this Section shall be effective for not more than 90 days, unless extended by the court for good cause shown or unless an indictment, information, complaint, or administrative notice has been filed.

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- (b) A temporary restraining order under this subsection (b) may be entered upon application of the State without notice or opportunity for a hearing when an indictment, information, complaint, or administrative notice has not yet been filed with respect to the property, if the State demonstrates that there is probable cause to believe that the property with respect to which the order is sought would be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Article and that provision of notice will jeopardize the availability of the property for government taking forfeiture. The temporary order shall expire not more than 30 days after the date on which it is entered, unless extended for good cause shown or unless the party against whom it is entered consents to an extension for a longer period. A hearing requested concerning an order entered under this subsection (b) shall be held at the earliest possible time and prior to the expiration of the temporary order.
- (c) The court may receive and consider, at a hearing held under this Section, evidence and information that would be inadmissible under the Illinois rules of evidence.
- (d) Under its authority to enter a pretrial restraining order under this Section, the court may order a defendant to repatriate any property that may be <u>taken by the government</u> during an arrest seized and forfeited and to deposit that property pending trial with the Department of State Police or another law enforcement agency designated by the Department of

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- State Police. Failure to comply with an order under this Section is punishable as a civil or criminal contempt of court.
  - (e) The State may request the issuance of a warrant authorizing the <u>government taking seizure</u> of property described in Section 29B-5 of this Article in the same manner as provided for a search warrant. If the court determines that there is probable cause to believe that the property to be <u>taken seized</u> would be subject to <u>government taking during an arrest forfeiture</u>, the court shall issue a warrant authorizing the <u>government taking seizure</u> of that property.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 12 (720 ILCS 5/29B-5)
- Sec. 29B-5. Property subject to <u>government taking</u>

  14 <u>forfeiture</u>. The following are subject to <u>government taking</u>

  15 during an arrest <u>forfeiture</u>:
  - (1) any property, real or personal, constituting, derived from, or traceable to any proceeds the person obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of a violation of this Article;
  - (2) any of the person's property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, a violation of this Article;
  - (3) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles, or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale,

receipt, possession, or concealment of property described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Section, but:

- (A) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this Article:
- (B) no conveyance is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Article by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent;
- (C) government taking a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;
- (4) all real property, including any right, title, and interest, including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust, in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation of this Article or that is

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- the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a
- 2 violation of this Article.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 4 (720 ILCS 5/29B-6)
- 5 Sec. 29B-6. Seizure.
  - (a) Property subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Article may be taken seized by the Director or any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property.

    Government taking Seizure by the Director or any peace officer without process may be made:
- 12 (1) if the <u>government taking seizure</u> is incident to a

  13 <u>seizure</u> warrant;
  - (2) if the property subject to <u>government taking</u> seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a criminal proceeding, or in an injunction or <u>government taking</u> forfeiture proceeding based upon this Article;
  - (3) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety;
  - (4) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Article and the property is taken seized under circumstances in which a warrantless government taking

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- 1 seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
- 2 (5) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.
- (b) In the event of <u>a government taking</u> seizure under subsection (a) of this Section, <u>government taking</u> forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted in accordance with this
- 8 (c) Actual physical taking seizure of real property subject 9 to government taking during an arrest forfeiture requires the 10 issuance of a seizure warrant. Nothing in this Article 11 prohibits the constructive government taking seizure of real 12 property through the filing of a complaint for forfeiture in 13 circuit court and the recording of a lis pendens against the real property that is subject to government taking forfeiture 14 15 without any hearing, warrant application, or 16 approval.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 18 (720 ILCS 5/29B-7)
- Sec. 29B-7. Safekeeping of <u>taken</u> seized property pending disposition.
- 21 (a) If property is <u>subject to government taking during an</u>
  22 <u>arrest seized</u> under this Article, the <u>seizing</u> agency shall
  23 promptly conduct an inventory of the <u>seized</u> property and
  24 estimate the property's value and shall forward a copy of the
  25 inventory of the <u>seized</u> property and the estimate of the

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- (1) place the property under seal;
- (2) remove the property to a place designated by the Director:
  - (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;
  - (4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;
  - (5) place the property under constructive government taking seizure by posting notice of government taking of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of government taking of pending forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or
  - (6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the Director.
- (b) When property is <u>subject to government taking forfeited</u> under this Article, the Director shall sell all the property unless the property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys <u>forfeited or seized</u>, under

- 1 Section 29B-26 of this Article.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 3 (720 ILCS 5/29B-8)
- 4 Sec. 29B-8. Notice to State's Attorney. The law enforcement 5 agency <u>taking</u> <del>seizing</del> property <del>for forfeiture</del> under this 6 Article shall, within 60 days after the government taking 7 during an arrest seizure, notify the State's Attorney for the 8 county, either where an act or omission giving rise to the 9 government taking forfeiture occurred or where the property was 10 taken seized, of the government taking seizure of the property 11 and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the taking 12 seizure and shall provide the State's Attorney with the 1.3 inventory of the property and its estimated value. If the property taken by the government during an arrest seized for 14 forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency taking 15 16 seizing the property shall immediately notify the Secretary of State that government taking forfeiture proceedings are 17 18 pending regarding the vehicle. This notice shall be by Form
- 20 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 21 (720 ILCS 5/29B-9)

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- Sec. 29B-9. Preliminary review.
- 23 (a) Within 28 days of <u>property taken by government during</u>
  24 an arrest the seizure, the State shall seek a preliminary

- 1 determination from the circuit court as to whether there is
- 2 probable cause that the property may be subject to government
- 3 <u>taking</u> forfeiture.
- 4 (b) The rules of evidence shall not apply to any proceeding conducted under this Section.
- 6 (c) The court may conduct the review under subsection (a)
- 7 of this Section simultaneously with a proceeding under Section
- 8 109-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a related
- 9 criminal offense if a prosecution is commenced by information
- 10 or complaint.
- 11 (d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a
- 12 preliminary hearing following the filing of an information or
- complaint charging a related criminal offense or following the
- 14 return of indictment by a grand jury charging the related
- 15 offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required
- under subsection (a) of this Section.
- 17 (e) Upon a finding of probable cause as required under this
- 18 Section, the circuit court shall order the property subject to
- 19 the applicable <del>forfeiture</del> Act held until the conclusion of any
- 20 government taking forfeiture proceeding.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 22 (720 ILCS 5/29B-10)
- 23 Sec. 29B-10. Notice to owner or interest holder.
- 24 (a) The first attempted service of notice shall be
- 25 commenced within 28 days of the latter of filing of the

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verified claim or the receipt of the notice from the seizing agency by Form 4-64. A complaint for government taking forfeiture or a notice of pending government taking forfeiture shall be served on a claimant if the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either:

(1) personal service; or (2) mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(b) If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of mailing or no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by the parties, the State's Attorney shall, within a reasonable period of time, mail a second copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of the second mailing, or no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by the parties, the State's Attorney shall have 60 days to attempt to serve the notice by personal service, including substitute service by leaving a copy at the usual place of abode with some person of the family or a person residing there, of the age of 13 years or upwards. If, after 3 attempts at service in this manner, no service of the notice is accomplished, the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous manner at the address and service shall be made by the posting.

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The attempts at service and the posting, if required, shall be documented by the person attempting service which shall be made part of a return of service returned to the State's Attorney. The State's Attorney may utilize any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, a peace officer, a private process server or investigator, or an employee, agent, or investigator of the State's Attorney's Office to attempt service without seeking leave of court.

(c) After the procedures listed are followed, service shall be effective on the owner or interest holder on the date of receipt by the State's Attorney of a return receipt, or on the date of receipt of a communication from an owner or interest holder documenting actual notice, whichever is first in time, or on the date of the last act performed by the State's Attorney in attempting personal service. For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture, the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the effective date of the notice of pending government taking forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency of the change in address or, if the owner or interest holder's address changes subsequent to the effective date of the notice of pending government taking forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in address. If the property

- seized is a conveyance, notice shall also be directed to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.
  - (d) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not known, and is not on record as provided in this Section, service by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the government taking seizure occurred shall suffice for service requirements.
  - (e) Notice to any business entity, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or partnership shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.
  - (f) Notice to a person whose address is not within the State shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.
  - (g) Notice to a person whose address is not within the United States shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt. If

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- certified mail is not available in the foreign country where the person has an address, notice shall proceed by publication requirements under subsection (d) of this Section.
  - (h) Notice to a person whom the State's Attorney reasonably should know is incarcerated within this State shall also include mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to the address of the detention facility with the inmate's name clearly marked on the envelope.
  - (i) After a claimant files a verified claim with the State's Attorney and provides an address at which the claimant will accept service, the complaint shall be served and notice shall be complete upon the mailing of the complaint to the claimant at the address the claimant provided via certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail. No return receipt need be received, or any other attempts at service need be made to comply with service and notice requirements under Section. This certified this mailing, return receipt requested, shall be proof of service of the complaint on the claimant. If notice is to be shown by actual notice from communication with a claimant, then the State's Attorney shall file an affidavit as proof of service, providing details of the communication, which shall be accepted as proof of service by the court.
  - (j) If the property seized is a conveyance, notice shall also be directed to the address reflected in the office of the

- 1 agency or official in which title to or interest in the
- 2 conveyance is required by law to be recorded by mailing a copy
- 3 of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to
- 4 that address.
- 5 (k) Notice served under this Article is effective upon
- 6 personal service, the last date of publication, or the mailing
- of written notice, whichever is earlier.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/29B-11)
- 10 Sec. 29B-11. Replevin prohibited. Property taken or
- 11 detained under this Article shall not be subject to replevin,
- but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director subject only
- 13 to the order and judgments of the circuit court having
- jurisdiction over the government taking forfeiture proceedings
- and the decisions of the State's Attorney under this Article.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 17 (720 ILCS 5/29B-12)
- 18 Sec. 29B-12. Non-judicial government taking forfeiture.
- 19 If non-real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding
- 20 the value of any conveyance, or if real property is taken
- 21 seized under the provisions of this Article, the State's
- 22 Attorney shall institute judicial in rem government taking
- 23 forfeiture proceedings as described in Section 29B-13 of this
- 24 Article within 28 days from receipt of notice of government

taking during an arrest seizure from the seizing agency under Section 29B-8 of this Article. However, if non-real property that does not exceed \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance is <u>taken</u> seized, the following procedure shall be used:

- (1) If, after review of the facts surrounding the government taking seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture, then, within 28 days after the receipt of notice of government taking seizure from the seizing agency, the State's Attorney shall cause notice of pending forfeiture to be given to the owner of the property and all known interest holders of the property in accordance with Section 29B-10 of this Article.
- (2) The notice of pending forfeiture shall include a description of the property, the estimated value of the property, the date and place of the government taking seizure, the conduct giving rise to government taking during an arrest forfeiture or the violation of law alleged, and a summary of procedures and procedural rights applicable to the government taking forfeiture action.
- (3) (A) Any person claiming an interest in property that is the subject of notice under paragraph (1) of this Section, must, in order to preserve any rights or claims to the property, within 45 days after the effective date of notice as described in Section 29B-10 of this Article, file

1	a verified claim with the State's Attorney expressing his
2	or her interest in the property. The claim shall set forth:
3	(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on
4	the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the
5	claimant;
6	(ii) the address at which the claimant will accept
7	mail;
8	(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's
9	interest in the property;
10	(iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and
11	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
12	interest in the property;
13	(v) the names and addresses of all other persons
14	known to have an interest in the property;
15	(vi) the specific provision of law relied on in
16	asserting the property is not subject to government
17	<pre>taking forfeiture;</pre>
18	(vii) all essential facts supporting each
19	assertion; and
20	(viii) the relief sought.
21	(B) If a claimant files the claim, then the State's
22	Attorney shall institute judicial in rem government taking
23	forfeiture proceedings with the clerk of the court as
24	described in Section 29B-13 of this Article within 28 days
25	after receipt of the claim.
26	(4) If no claim is filed within the 28-day period as

described in paragraph (3) of this Section, the State's Attorney shall declare the property subject to government taking forfeited and shall promptly notify the owner and all known interest holders of the property and the Director of State Police of the declaration of government taking forfeiture and the Director shall dispose of the property in accordance with law.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

(720 ILCS 5/29B-13)

Sec. 29B-13. Judicial in rem procedures. If property <u>taken</u> by the government during an arrest seized under this Article is non-real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is real property, or a claimant has filed a claim under paragraph (3) of Section 29B-12 of this Article, the following judicial in rem procedures shall apply:

(1) If, after a review of the facts surrounding the government taking seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture, then, within 28 days of the receipt of notice of government taking seizure by the seizing agency or the filing of the claim, whichever is later, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial government taking forfeiture proceedings by filing a verified complaint for government taking forfeiture. If authorized by law, property taken by the government during

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- (2) A complaint of government taking forfeiture shall include:
  - (A) a description of the property taken seized;
  - (B) the date and place of the government taking seizure of the property;
  - (C) the name and address of the law enforcement agency who took the property making the seizure; and
  - (D) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the government taking seizure.
- (3) The complaint shall be served upon the person from whom the property was <u>taken</u> seized and all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, as provided in Section 29B-10 of this Article. The complaint shall be accompanied by the following written notice:

"This is a civil court proceeding subject to the Code of Civil Procedure. You received this Complaint of Government Taking Forfeiture because the State's Attorney's office has brought a legal action seeking taking forfeiture of your seized property. This complaint starts the court process where the State seeks to prove that your property should be taken forfeited and not returned to you. This process is also your opportunity to try to prove to a

judge that you should get your property back. The complaint lists the date, time, and location of your first court date. You must appear in court on that day, or you may lose the case automatically. You must also file an appearance and answer. If you are unable to pay the appearance fee, you may qualify to have the fee waived. If there is a criminal case related to the government taking seizure of your property, your case may be set for trial after the criminal case has been resolved. Before trial, the judge may allow discovery, where the State can ask you to respond in writing to questions and give them certain documents, and you can make similar requests of the State. The trial is your opportunity to explain what happened when your property was taken seized and why you should get the property back."

(4) Proceedings Forfeiture proceedings under this Article shall be subject to the Code of Civil Procedure and the rules of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to proceedings under this Article with the following exception. The parties shall be allowed to use, and the court shall receive and consider, all relevant hearsay evidence that relates to evidentiary foundation, chain of custody, business records, recordings, laboratory analysis, laboratory reports, and relevant hearsay related to the use of technology in the investigation that resulted in the government taking seizure of property that is

subject to the forfeiture action.

- (5) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. Upon motion of the State, the court shall first hold a hearing, in which a claimant shall establish by a preponderance of the evidence, that he or she has a lawful, legitimate ownership interest in the property and that it was obtained through a lawful source.
- (6) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest holder under penalty of perjury and shall set forth:
  - (A) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the notice of pending government taking forfeiture and the name of the claimant;
  - (B) the address at which the claimant will accept mail;
  - (C) the nature and extent of the claimant's
    interest in the property;
  - (D) the date, identity of transferor, and circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property;
  - (E) the names and addresses of all other persons known to have an interest in the property;
    - (F) all essential facts supporting each assertion;
    - (G) the precise relief sought; and

1 (H) in <u>an</u> a <u>forfeiture</u> action involving currency or 2 its equivalent, a claimant shall provide the State with 3 notice of his or her intent to allege that the currency 4 or its equivalent is not related to the alleged factual 5 basis for the <u>government taking</u> <del>forfeiture</del>, and why.

The answer shall follow the rules under the Code of Civil Procedure.

- (7) The answer shall be filed with the court within 45 days after service of the civil in rem complaint.
- (8) The hearing shall be held within 60 days after filing of the answer unless continued for good cause.
- (9) At the judicial in rem proceeding, in the State's case in chief, the State shall show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture. If the State makes such a showing, the claimant shall have the burden of production to set forth evidence that the property is not related to the alleged factual basis of the government taking forfeiture. After this production of evidence, the State shall maintain the burden of proof to overcome this assertion. A claimant shall provide the State notice of its intent to allege that the currency or its equivalent is not related to the alleged factual basis of the government taking forfeiture and why. As to conveyances, at the judicial in rem proceeding, in its case in chief, the State shall show by a preponderance of the evidence:

1	(A) that the property is subject to government
2	taking forfeiture; and
3	(B) at least one of the following:
4	(i) that the claimant was legally accountable
5	for the conduct giving rise to the government
6	<pre>taking forfeiture;</pre>
7	(ii) that the claimant knew or reasonably
8	should have known of the conduct giving rise to the
9	<pre>government taking forfeiture;</pre>
10	(iii) that the claimant knew or reasonably
11	should have known that the conduct giving rise to
12	the government taking forfeiture was likely to
13	occur;
14	(iv) that the claimant held the property for
15	the benefit of, or as nominee for, any person whose
16	conduct gave rise to the government taking its
17	<del>forfeiture</del> ;
18	(v) that if the claimant acquired the interest
19	through any person engaging in any of the conduct
20	described above or conduct giving rise to the
21	<pre>government taking forfeiture:</pre>
22	(a) the claimant did not acquire it as a
23	bona fide purchaser for value; or
24	(b) the claimant acquired the interest
25	under the circumstances that the claimant
26	reasonably should have known the property was

_	derived from, or used in, the conduct giving
2	rise to the government taking forfeiture; or
3	(vi) that the claimant is not the true owner of
1	the property that is subject to government taking
	forfeiture.

- (10) If the State does not meet its burden to show that the property is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property taken by forfeited to the State. If the State does meet its burden to show that the property is subject to government taking forfeiture, the court shall order all property taken by forfeited to the State.
- (11) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
- (12) On a motion by the parties, the court may stay government taking civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a money laundering violation. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to government taking forfeiture under this Article shall not be subject to return or release by a court

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1	exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the
2	taking seizure of the property unless the return or release
3	is consented to by the State's Attorney.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

5 (720 ILCS 5/29B-14)

6 Sec. 29B-14. Innocent owner hearing.

- (a) After a complaint for government taking forfeiture has been filed and all claimants have appeared and answered, a claimant may file a motion with the court for an innocent owner hearing prior to trial. This motion shall be made and supported by sworn affidavit and shall assert the following along with specific facts that support each assertion:
  - (1) that the claimant filing the motion is the true owner of the conveyance as interpreted by case law;
  - (2) that the claimant was not legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture or acquiesced in the conduct;
  - (3) that the claimant did not solicit, conspire, or attempt to commit the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture;
  - (4) that the claimant did not know or did not have reason to know that the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture was likely to occur; and
  - (5) that the claimant did not hold the property for the benefit of, or as nominee for, any person whose conduct

- gave rise to government taking during an arrest its forfeiture, or if the claimant acquired the interest through any person, the claimant acquired it as a bona fide purchaser for value or acquired the interest without knowledge of the taking seizure of the property for forfeiture.
- (b) The claimant's motion shall include specific facts supporting these assertions.
- (c) Upon this filing, a hearing may only be conducted after the parties have been given the opportunity to conduct limited discovery as to the ownership and control of the property, the claimant's knowledge, or any matter relevant to the issues raised or facts alleged in the claimant's motion. Discovery shall be limited to the People's requests in these areas but may proceed by any means allowed in the Code of Civil Procedure.
  - (1) After discovery is complete and the court has allowed for sufficient time to review and investigate the discovery responses, the court shall conduct a hearing. At the hearing, the fact that the conveyance is subject to government taking forfeiture shall not be at issue. The court shall only hear evidence relating to the issue of innocent ownership.
  - (2) At the hearing on the motion, it shall be the burden of the claimant to prove each of the assertions listed in subsection (a) of this Section by a preponderance

1 of the evidence.

- 2 (3) If a claimant meets his or her burden of proof, the
  3 court shall grant the motion and order the property
  4 returned to the claimant. If the claimant fails to meet his
  5 or her burden of proof, then the court shall deny the
  6 motion and the forfeiture case shall proceed according to
  7 the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/29B-15)

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- Sec. 29B-15. Burden and commencement of forfeiture action related to the government taking of property.
  - (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the State's burden of proof at the trial of <u>an</u> the forfeiture action <u>related to government taking of property during an</u> arrest shall be by clear and convincing evidence if:
    - (1) a finding of not guilty is entered as to all counts and all defendants in a criminal proceeding relating to the conduct giving rise to the forfeiture action; or
    - (2) the State receives an adverse finding at a preliminary hearing and fails to secure an indictment in a criminal proceeding relating to the factual allegations of the forfeiture action.
  - (b) All property declared <u>subject to government taking</u>

    forfeited under this Article vests in the State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to the government taking

of property during an arrest forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, title to any property or proceeds subject to government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered taken forfeited unless the person to whom the property was transferred makes an appropriate claim and has his or her claim adjudicated at the judicial in rem hearing.

(c) A civil action under this Article shall be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to the government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.

(Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

20 (720 ILCS 5/29B-16)

Sec. 29B-16. Joint tenancy or tenancy in common. If property is ordered <u>subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited</u> under this Section from a claimant who held title to the property in joint tenancy or tenancy in common with another claimant, the court shall determine the amount of

- 1 each owner's interest in the property according to principles
- of property law.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 4 (720 ILCS 5/29B-17)
- 5 Sec. 29B-17. Exception for bona fide purchasers. No
- 6 property shall be <u>subject to government taking during an arrest</u>
- 7 forfeited under this Article from a person who, without actual
- 8 or constructive notice that the property was the subject of the
- 9 <u>government taking forfeiture</u> proceedings, obtained possession
- of the property as a bona fide purchaser for value. A person
- 11 who purports to effect transfer of property after receiving
- 12 actual or constructive notice that the property is subject to
- 13 government taking of property during an arrest seizure or
- 14 forfeiture is quilty of contempt of court and shall be liable
- to the State for a penalty in the amount of the fair market
- 16 value of the property.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 18 (720 ILCS 5/29B-18)
- 19 Sec. 29B-18. Proportionality. Property that is subject to
- 20 government taking during an arrest <del>forfeited</del> shall be subject
- 21 to an 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution
- 22 disproportionate penalties analysis and the property
- 23 forfeiture may be denied in whole or in part if the court finds
- 24 that the government taking forfeiture would constitute an

- 1 excessive fine in violation of the 8th Amendment as interpreted
- 2 by case law.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 4 (720 ILCS 5/29B-19)
- 5 Sec. 29B-19. Stay of time periods. If property is taken by
- 6 the government during an arrest seized for evidence and for
- 7 forfeiture, the time periods for instituting judicial and
- 8 non-judicial government taking forfeiture proceedings shall
- 9 not begin until the property is no longer necessary for
- 10 evidence.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 12 (720 ILCS 5/29B-20)
- 13 Sec. 29B-20. Settlement of claims. Notwithstanding other
- 14 provisions of this Article, the State's Attorney and a claimant
- of seized property taken by the government during an arrest may
- 16 enter into an agreed-upon settlement concerning the taken
- 17 seized property in such an amount and upon such terms as are
- 18 set out in writing in a settlement agreement. All proceeds from
- 19 a settlement agreement shall be tendered to the Department of
- 20 State Police and distributed under Section 29B-26 of this
- 21 Article.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 23 (720 ILCS 5/29B-21)

Sec. 29B-21. Attorney's fees. Nothing in this Article 1 2 applies to property that constitutes reasonable bona fide 3 attorney's fees paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the government taking forfeiture proceeding or 4 5 criminal proceeding relating directly thereto if the property 6 was paid before its taking seizure and before the issuance of 7 any seizure warrant or court order prohibiting transfer of the 8 property and if the attorney, at the time he or she received 9 the property did not know that it was property subject to 10 government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this 11 Article.

- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 13 (720 ILCS 5/29B-22)
- 14 Sec. 29B-22. Construction.
- 15 (a) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the
  16 forfeiture provisions of this Article be liberally construed so
  17 as to effect their remedial purpose. The government taking
  18 forfeiture of property and other remedies under this Article
  19 shall be considered to be in addition to, and not exclusive of,
  20 any sentence or other remedy provided by law.
- 21 (b) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-512 22 and Public Act 100-699 are subject to Section 2 of the Statute 23 on Statutes.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

1 (720 ILCS 5/29B-23)

Sec. 29B-23. Judicial review. If property has been declared subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited under Section 29B-12 of this Article, any person who has an interest in the property ordered subject to government taking declared forfeited may, within 30 days after the effective date of the notice of the declaration of government taking forfeiture, file a claim as described in paragraph (3) of Section 29B-12 of this Article. If a claim is filed under this Section, then the procedures described in Section of 29B-13 of this Article apply.

- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 13 (720 ILCS 5/29B-25)
- 14 Sec. 29B-25. Return of property, damages, and costs.
- 15 (a) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of
  16 property taken by the government during an arrest seized for
  17 forfeiture shall deliver property ordered by the court to be
  18 returned or conveyed to the claimant within a reasonable time
  19 not to exceed 7 days, unless the order is stayed by the trial
  20 court or a reviewing court pending an appeal, motion to
  21 reconsider, or other reason.
  - (b) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of property is responsible for any damages, storage fees, and related costs applicable to property returned. The claimant shall not be subject to any charges by the State for storage of

the property or expenses incurred in the preservation of the property. Charges for the towing of a conveyance shall be borne by the claimant unless the conveyance was towed for the sole reason of government taking of seizure for forfeiture. This Section does not prohibit the imposition of any fees or costs by a home rule unit of local government related to the impoundment of a conveyance under an ordinance enacted by the unit of government.

- (c) A law enforcement agency shall not retain <u>taken</u> forfeited property for its own use or transfer the property to any person or entity, except as provided under this Section. A law enforcement agency may apply in writing to the Director of State Police to request that <u>taken</u> forfeited property be awarded to the agency for a specifically articulated official law enforcement use in an investigation. The Director shall provide a written justification in each instance detailing the reasons why the <u>taken</u> forfeited property was placed into official use and the justification shall be retained for a period of not less than 3 years.
- (d) A claimant or a party interested in personal property contained within a <u>taken seized</u> conveyance may file a request with the State's Attorney in a non-judicial government taking forfeiture action, or a motion with the court in a judicial government taking forfeiture action for the return of any personal property contained within a conveyance that is <u>taken</u> seized under this Article. The return of personal property

- shall not be unreasonably withheld if the personal property is 1
- 2 not mechanically or electrically coupled to the conveyance,
- needed for evidentiary purposes, or otherwise contraband. Any 3
- law enforcement agency that returns property under a court 4
- 5 order under this Section shall not be liable to any person who
- claims ownership to the property if it is returned to an 6
- 7 improper party.
- (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.) 8
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/29B-26)
- Sec. 29B-26. Distribution of proceeds. All moneys and the 10
- 11 sale proceeds of all other property taken by the government
- 12 during an arrest forfeited and seized under this Article shall
- be distributed as follows: 1.3
- 14 (1) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan
- 15 enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law
- 16 enforcement agency or agencies that conducted
- participated in the investigation resulting 17 in
- government taking forfeiture. The distribution shall bear 18
- 19 reasonable relationship to the degree of
- 20 participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort
- 21 resulting in the government taking forfeiture, taking into
- 22 account the total value of the property taken forfeited and
- the total law enforcement effort with respect to the 23
- 24 violation of the law upon which the government taking
- 25 forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or

agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws.

- (2) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the government taking forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws. In counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided under this subparagraph (i) shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws.
- (ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that office to be used for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and appeal of cases arising under laws. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.
- (3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State Police for expenses related to the administration and sale of  $\underline{\text{taken}}$  seized and  $\underline{\text{forfeited}}$  property.

Moneys and the sale proceeds distributed to the Department of State Police under this Article shall be deposited in the

- 1 Money Laundering Asset Recovery Fund created in the State
- 2 treasury and shall be used by the Department of State Police
- 3 for State law enforcement purposes. All moneys and sale
- 4 proceeds of property taken by the government during an arrest
- 5 forfeited and seized under this Article and distributed
- 6 according to this Section may also be used to purchase opioid
- 7 antagonists as defined in Section 5-23 of the Substance Use
- 8 Disorder Act.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 10 (720 ILCS 5/29B-27)
- 11 Sec. 29B-27. Applicability; savings clause.
- 12 (a) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-512
- and Public Act 100-699 only apply to property taken by the
- 14 government during an arrest seized on and after July 1, 2018.
- 15 (b) The changes made to this Article by Public Act 100-699
- are subject to Section 4 of the Statute on Statutes.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 18 (720 ILCS 5/33G-6)
- 19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June 11, 2022)
- 20 Sec. 33G-6. Remedial proceedings, procedures, and taken by
- 21 the government during an arrest forfeiture. Under this Article:
- 22 (a) <u>Under this Article, the</u> <del>The</del> circuit court shall have
- jurisdiction to prevent and restrain violations of this Article
- 24 by issuing appropriate orders, including:

- (1) ordering any person to disgorge illicit proceeds obtained by a violation of this Article or divest himself or herself of any interest, direct or indirect, in any enterprise or real or personal property of any character, including money, obtained, directly or indirectly, by a violation of this Article;
  - (2) imposing reasonable restrictions on the future activities or investments of any person or enterprise, including prohibiting any person or enterprise from engaging in the same type of endeavor as the person or enterprise engaged in, that violated this Article; or
  - (3) ordering dissolution or reorganization of any enterprise, making due provision for the rights of innocent persons.
- (b) Any violation of this Article is subject to the remedies, procedures, and government taking forfeiture as set forth in Article 29B of this Code.
- 18 (c) Property <u>taken by the government during an arrest</u>
  19 <del>seized or forfeited</del> under this Article is subject to reporting
  20 under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 22 revised 10-3-18.)
- 23 (720 ILCS 5/36-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-1)
- Sec. 36-1. Property subject to <u>government taking during an</u> arrest <del>forfeiture</del>.

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- (a) Any vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Article if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is used with the knowledge and consent of the owner in the commission of or in the attempt to commit as defined in Section 8-4 of this Code:
- (1) an offense prohibited by Section 9-1 (first degree murder), Section 9-3 (involuntary manslaughter and reckless homicide), Section 10-2 (aggravated kidnaping), Section 11-1.20 (criminal sexual assault), Section 11-1.30 (aggravated criminal sexual assault), Section 11-1.40 (predatory criminal sexual assault of a child), subsection (a) of Section 11-1.50 (criminal sexual abuse), subsection (a), (c), or (d) of Section 11-1.60 (aggravated criminal sexual abuse), Section 11-6 (indecent solicitation of a child), Section 11-14.4 (promoting juvenile prostitution except for keeping a place of juvenile prostitution), Section 11-20.1 (child pornography), paragraph (a)(1), (a) (2), (a) (4), (b) (1), (b) (2), (e) (1), (e) (2), (e) (3), (e)(4), (e)(5), (e)(6), or (e)(7) of Section 12-3.05 (aggravated battery), Section 12-7.3 (stalking), Section 12-7.4 (aggravated stalking), Section 16-1 (theft if the theft is of precious metal or of scrap metal), subdivision (f)(2) or (f)(3) of Section 16-25 (retail theft), Section 18-2 (armed robbery), Section 19-1 (burglary), Section 19-2 (possession of burglary tools), Section 19-3

(residential burglary), Section 20-1 (arson; residential arson; place of worship arson), Section 20-2 (possession of explosives or explosive or incendiary devices), subdivision (a) (6) or (a) (7) of Section 24-1 (unlawful use of weapons), Section 24-1.2 (aggravated discharge of a firearm), Section 24-1.2-5 (aggravated discharge of a machine gun or a firearm equipped with a device designed or used for silencing the report of a firearm), Section 24-1.5 (reckless discharge of a firearm), Section 28-1 (gambling), or Section 29D-15.2 (possession of a deadly substance) of this Code;

- (2) an offense prohibited by Section 21, 22, 23, 24 or 26 of the Cigarette Tax Act if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft contains more than 10 cartons of such cigarettes;
- (3) an offense prohibited by Section 28, 29, or 30 of the Cigarette Use Tax Act if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft contains more than 10 cartons of such cigarettes;
- (4) an offense prohibited by Section 44 of the Environmental Protection Act;
- (5) an offense prohibited by Section 11-204.1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer);
- (6) an offense prohibited by Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code (driving while under the influence of

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1	alcohol or other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or
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3	provision of a local ordinance, and:
4	(A) during a period in which his or her driving
5	privileges are revoked or suspended if the revocation
6	or suspension was for:
7	(i) Section 11-501 (driving under the
8	influence of alcohol or other drug or drugs,
9	intoxicating compound or compounds or any
10	combination thereof),
11	(ii) Section 11-501.1 (statutory summary
12	suspension or revocation),
13	(iii) paragraph (b) of Section 11-401 (motor
14	vehicle accidents involving death or personal
15	injuries), or
16	(iv) reckless homicide as defined in Section
17	9-3 of this Code;
18	(B) has been previously convicted of reckless
19	homicide or a similar provision of a law of another
20	state relating to reckless homicide in which the person
21	was determined to have been under the influence of

alcohol, other drug or drugs, or intoxicating compound

or compounds as an element of the offense or the person

has previously been convicted of committing a

violation of driving under the influence of alcohol or

other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or

compounds or any combination thereof and was involved in a motor vehicle accident that resulted in death, great bodily harm, or permanent disability or disfigurement to another, when the violation was a proximate cause of the death or injuries;

- (C) the person committed a violation of driving under the influence of alcohol or other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds or any combination thereof under Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code or a similar provision for the third or subsequent time;
- (D) he or she did not possess a valid driver's license or permit or a valid restricted driving permit or a valid judicial driving permit or a valid monitoring device driving permit; or
- (E) he or she knew or should have known that the vehicle he or she was driving was not covered by a liability insurance policy;
- (7) an offense described in subsection (g) of Section 6-303 of the Illinois Vehicle Code;
- (8) an offense described in subsection (e) of Section 6-101 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; or
- (9) (A) operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof under Section 5-16 of the Boat Registration and Safety Act during a period in which

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his or her privileges to operate a watercraft are revoked or suspended and the revocation or suspension was for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof; (B) operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof and has been previously convicted of reckless homicide or a similar provision of a law in another state relating to reckless homicide in which the person was determined to have been under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof as an element of the offense or the person has previously been convicted of committing a violation of operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compound or compounds, or combination thereof and was involved in an accident that resulted in death, great bodily harm, or permanent disability or disfigurement to another, when the violation was proximate cause of the death or injuries; or (C) the person committed a violation of operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol, other drug or drugs, intoxicating compounds, or combination thereof under compound or Section 5-16 of the Boat Registration and Safety Act or a similar provision for the third or subsequent time.

(b) In addition, any mobile or portable equipment used in

- the commission of an act which is in violation of Section 7g of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Act shall be subject to government taking during an arrest seizure and forfeiture under the same procedures provided in this Article for the government taking during an arrest of seizure and forfeiture of vessels or watercraft, vehicles, and aircraft, and any such equipment shall be deemed a vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft for purposes of this Article.
  - (c) In addition, when a person discharges a firearm at another individual from a vehicle with the knowledge and consent of the owner of the vehicle and with the intent to cause death or great bodily harm to that individual and as a result causes death or great bodily harm to that individual, the vehicle shall be subject to government taking during an arrest seizure and forfeiture under the same procedures provided in this Article for the government taking during an arrest seizure and forfeiture of vehicles used in violations of clauses (1), (2), (3), or (4) of subsection (a) of this Section.
  - (d) If the spouse of the owner of a vehicle  $\underline{taken}$  seized for an offense described in subsection (g) of Section 6-303 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, a violation of subdivision (d) (1) (A), (d) (1) (D), (d) (1) (G), (d) (1) (H), or (d) (1) (I) of Section 11-501 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, or Section 9-3 of this Code makes a showing that the  $\underline{taken}$  seized vehicle is the only source of transportation and it is determined that the

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financial hardship to the family as a result of the government taking seizure outweighs the benefit to the State from the government taking seizure, the vehicle may be given forfeited to the spouse or family member and the title to the vehicle shall be transferred to the spouse or family member who is properly licensed and who requires the use of the vehicle for employment or family transportation purposes. A written declaration of forfeiture of a vehicle under this Section shall be sufficient cause for the title to be transferred to the spouse or family member. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply only to one forfeiture per vehicle. If the vehicle is the subject of а subsequent government taking <del>forfeiture</del> proceeding by virtue of a subsequent conviction of either spouse or the family member, the spouse or family member to whom the vehicle was taken forfeited under the first government taking forfeiture proceeding may not utilize the provisions of this paragraph in another government taking forfeiture proceeding. If the owner of the vehicle <del>seized</del> owns more than one vehicle, the procedure set out in this paragraph may be used for only one vehicle.

(e) In addition, property subject to government taking forfeiture under Section 40 of the Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act may be taken seized and forfeited under this Article.

25 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)

- 1 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.1)
- 2 Sec. 36-1.1. <u>Property taken by government during an arrest</u>
  3 <del>Seizure</del>.
  - (a) Any property subject to taking by the government during an arrest forfeiture under this Article may be taken seized and impounded by the Director of State Police or any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property.
  - (b) Any property subject to taking by the government during an arrest forfeiture under this Article may be taken seized and impounded by the Director of State Police or any peace officer without process if there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to taking by the government during an arrest forfeiture under Section 36-1 of this Article and the property is taken seized under circumstances in which a warrantless government taking seizure or arrest would be reasonable.
  - (c) If the seized property is a conveyance, an investigation shall be made by the law enforcement agency as to any person whose right, title, interest, or lien is of record in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.
  - (d) After taking seizure under this Section, notice shall be given to all known interest holders that government taking forfeiture proceedings, including a preliminary review, may be instituted and the proceedings may be instituted under this

- 1 Article.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 3 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.2)
- 4 Sec. 36-1.2. Receipt for taken <del>seized</del> property. If a law
- 5 enforcement officer <u>takes</u> <u>seizes</u> property for <u>government</u>
- 6 <u>taking forfeiture</u> under this Article, the officer shall provide
- an itemized receipt to the person possessing the property or,
- 8 in the absence of a person to whom the receipt could be given,
- 9 shall leave the receipt in the place where the property was
- 10 found, if possible.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 12 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.3)
- 13 Sec. 36-1.3. Safekeeping of taken seized property pending
- 14 disposition.
- 15 (a) Property taken <del>seized</del> under this Article is deemed to
- be in the custody of the Director of State Police, subject only
- 17 to the order and judgments of the circuit court having
- 18 jurisdiction over the government taking forfeiture proceedings
- and the decisions of the State's Attorney under this Article.
- 20 (b) If property is taken <del>seized</del> under this Article, the
- 21 seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the taken
- 22 seized property and estimate the property's value and shall
- forward a copy of the inventory of taken seized property and
- 24 the estimate of the property's value to the Director of State

- Police. Upon receiving notice of government taking seizure, the
  Director of State Police may:
- 3 (1) place the property under seal;
- 4 (2) remove the property to a place designated by the Director of State Police:
  - (3) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;
    - (4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping;
    - (5) place the property under constructive <u>government</u> taking seizure by posting notice of pending <u>government</u> taking forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending <u>government</u> taking forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending <u>taking</u> by the <u>government</u> during an arrest <u>forfeiture</u> in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or
    - (6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the seizing agency.
  - (c) The seizing agency shall exercise ordinary care to protect the property subject of the forfeiture from negligent loss, damage, or destruction.
    - (d) Property taken by the government during an arrest seized or forfeited under this Article is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 2 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 3 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.4)
- 4 Sec. 36-1.4. Notice to State's Attorney. The law
- 5 enforcement agency taking seizing property for forfeiture
- 6 under this Article shall, as soon as practicable but not later
- 7 than 28 days after the government taking seizure, notify the
- 8 State's Attorney for the county in which an act or omission
- 9 giving rise to the government taking during an arrest seizure
- 10 occurred or in which the property was taken seized and the
- 11 facts and circumstances giving rise to the government taking
- 12 seizure and shall provide the State's Attorney with the
- 13 inventory of the property and its estimated value. The notice
- 14 shall be by the delivery of Illinois State Police
- Notice/Inventory of Seized Property (Form 4-64). If the
- 16 property taken by the government during an arrest seized for
- 17 forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency taking
- 18 seizing the property shall immediately notify the Secretary of
- 19 State that government taking forfeiture proceedings are
- 20 pending regarding the vehicle.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 22 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 23 (720 ILCS 5/36-1.5)
- Sec. 36-1.5. Preliminary review.

- (a) Within 14 days of the government taking of property during an arrest seizure, the State's Attorney of the county in which the taking seizure occurred shall seek a preliminary determination from the circuit court as to whether there is probable cause that the property may be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture.
- (b) The rules of evidence shall not apply to any proceeding conducted under this Section.
- (c) The court may conduct the review under subsection (a) of this Section simultaneously with a proceeding under Section 109-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a related criminal offense if a prosecution is commenced by information or complaint.
- (d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing following the filing of an information or complaint charging a related criminal offense or following the return of indictment by a grand jury charging the related offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required under subsection (a) of this Section.
- (e) Upon making a finding of probable cause as required under this Section, the circuit court shall order the property subject to the provisions of the applicable forfeiture Act held until the conclusion of any government taking forfeiture proceeding.
- For <u>takings</u> seizures of conveyances, within 28 days of a finding of probable cause under subsection (a) of this Section,

the registered owner or other claimant may file a motion in writing supported by sworn affidavits claiming that denial of the use of the conveyance during the pendency of the government taking forfeiture proceedings creates a substantial hardship and alleges facts showing that the hardship was not due to his or her culpable negligence. The court shall consider the following factors in determining whether a substantial hardship has been proven:

- (1) the nature of the claimed hardship;
- (2) the availability of public transportation or other available means of transportation; and
  - (3) any available alternatives to alleviate the hardship other than the return of the seized conveyance.

If the court determines that a substantial hardship has been proven, the court shall then balance the nature of the hardship against the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance. If the court determines that the hardship outweighs the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance, the court may temporarily release the conveyance to the registered owner or the registered owner's authorized designee, or both, until the conclusion of the government taking forfeiture proceedings or for such shorter period as ordered by the court provided that the person to whom the conveyance is released provides proof of insurance and a valid driver's license and all State and local registrations for operation of the conveyance are current. The court shall place conditions on the conveyance

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the stated hardship and providing limiting its use to transportation for employment, religious purposes, medical needs, child care, and restricting the conveyance's use to only those individuals authorized to use the conveyance by the registered owner. The use of the vehicle shall be further restricted to exclude all recreational and entertainment purposes. The court may order additional restrictions it deems reasonable and just on its own motion or on motion of the People. The court shall revoke the order releasing the conveyance and order that the conveyance be taken again reseized by law enforcement if the conditions of release are violated or if the conveyance is used in the commission of any offense identified in subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

If the court orders the release of the conveyance during the pendency of the <u>government taking forfeiture</u> proceedings, the court may order the registered owner or his or her authorized designee to post a cash security with the clerk of the court as ordered by the court. If cash security is ordered, the court shall consider the following factors in determining the amount of the cash security:

- (A) the full market value of the conveyance;
- (B) the nature of the hardship;
- (C) the extent and length of the usage of the conveyance;
- 26 (D) the ability of the owner or designee to pay; and

1 (E) other conditions as the court deems necessary to safeguard the conveyance.

If the conveyance is released, the court shall order that the registered owner or his or her designee safeguard the conveyance, not remove the conveyance from the jurisdiction, not conceal, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the conveyance, not encumber the conveyance, and not diminish the value of the conveyance in any way. The court shall also make a determination of the full market value of the conveyance prior to it being released based on a source or sources defined in 50 Ill. Adm. Code 919.80(c)(2)(A) or 919.80(c)(2)(B).

arrest forfeiture is released under this Section and is subsequently taken forfeited, the person to whom the conveyance was released shall return the conveyance to the law enforcement agency that took seized the conveyance within 7 days from the date of the declaration of government taking forfeiture or order of government taking forfeiture. If the conveyance is not returned within 7 days, the cash security shall be taken forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture. If the cash security was less than the full market value, a judgment shall be entered against the parties to whom the conveyance was released and the registered owner, jointly and severally, for the difference between the full market value and the amount of the cash security. If the conveyance is returned in a condition

other than the condition in which it was released, the cash 1 2 security shall be returned to the surety who posted the security minus the amount of the diminished value, and that 3 amount shall be taken forfeited in the same manner as the 4 5 conveyance subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture. Additionally, the court may enter an order allowing 6 7 any law enforcement agency in the State of Illinois to <a href="take">take</a> 8 seize the conveyance wherever it may be found in the State to 9 satisfy the judgment if the cash security was less than the 10 full market value of the conveyance.

- 11 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 12 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

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- 13 (720 ILCS 5/36-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-2)
- 14 Sec. 36-2. Complaint for <u>property taken by government</u> 15 during an arrest <del>forfeiture</del>.
  - (a) If the State's Attorney of the county in which a government taking during an arrest such seizure occurs finds that the alleged violation of law giving rise to the taking seizure was incurred without willful negligence or without any intention on the part of the owner of the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft or any person whose right, title, or interest is of record as described in Section 36-1 of this Article, to violate the law, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify remission of the government taking forfeiture, he or she may cause the law

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- enforcement agency having custody of the property to return the property to the owner within a reasonable time not to exceed 7 days. The State's Attorney shall exercise his or her discretion under this subsection (a) prior to or promptly after the preliminary review under Section 36-1.5.
  - If, after review of the facts surrounding government taking seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture and the State's Attorney does not cause the government taking forfeiture to be remitted under subsection (a) of this Section, he or she shall bring an action for government taking forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the government taking seizure and confiscation has taken place by filing a verified complaint for government taking forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the taking seizure occurred, or within whose jurisdiction an act or omission giving rise to the taking seizure occurred, subject to Supreme Court Rule 187. The complaint shall be filed as soon as practicable but not later than 28 days after the State's Attorney receives notice from the seizing agency as provided under Section 36-1.4 of this Article. A complaint of government taking forfeiture shall include:
    - (1) a description of the property seized;
- 25 (2) the date and place of <u>government taking seizure</u> of the property;

- (3) the name and address of the law enforcement agency making the government taking seizure; and
  - (4) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the government taking seizure.

The complaint shall be served upon each person whose right, title, or interest is of record in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, or any other department of this State, or any other state of the United States if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be so registered, as the case may be, the person from whom the property was taken seized, and all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, as provided in this Article. The complaint shall be accompanied by the following written notice:

"This is a civil court proceeding subject to the Code of Civil Procedure. You received this Complaint of Government Taking Forfeiture because the State's Attorney's office has brought a legal action seeking government taking forfeiture of your seized property. This complaint starts the court process where the State seeks to prove that your property should be taken forfeited and not returned to you. This process is also your opportunity to try to prove to a judge that you should get your property back. The complaint lists the date, time, and location of your first court date. You must appear in court on that day, or you may lose the case automatically. You must also

file an appearance and answer. If you are unable to pay the 1 2 appearance fee, you may qualify to have the fee waived. If 3 there is a criminal case related to the taking seizure of your property, your case may be set for trial after the criminal 4 5 case has been resolved. Before trial, the judge may allow 6 discovery, where the State can ask you to respond in writing to 7 questions and give them certain documents, and you can make 8 similar requests of the State. The trial is your opportunity to 9 explain what happened when your property was taken seized and 10 why you should get the property back."

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- 15 (g) (Blank).
- 16 (h) (Blank).
- 17 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18;
- 18 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 19 (720 ILCS 5/36-2.1)

Sec. 36-2.1. Notice to owner or interest holder. The first attempted service of notice shall be commenced within 28 days of the receipt of the notice from the seizing agency who took the property by Form 4-64. If the property taken seized is a conveyance, notice shall also be directed to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which

1	title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be
2	recorded. A complaint for government taking forfeiture shall be
3	served upon the property owner or interest holder in the
4	following manner:

- (1) If the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either:
  - (A) personal service; or
  - (B) mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.
    - (i) If notice is sent by certified mail and no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of mailing, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, the State's Attorney shall, within a reasonable period of time, mail a second copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.
    - (ii) If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of the second attempt at service by certified mail, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, the State's

Attorney shall have 60 days to attempt to serve the notice by personal service, which also includes substitute service by leaving a copy at the usual place of abode with some person of the family or a person residing there, of the age of 13 years or upwards. If, after 3 attempts at service in this manner, no service of the notice is accomplished, then the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous manner at this address and service shall be made by the posting.

The attempts at service and the posting, if required, shall be documented by the person attempting service and said documentation shall be made part of a return of service returned to the State's Attorney.

The State's Attorney may utilize a Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, any peace officer, a private process server or investigator, or any employee, agent, or investigator of the State's Attorney's office to attempt service without seeking leave of court.

After the procedures are followed, service shall be effective on an owner or interest holder on the date of receipt by the State's Attorney of a return receipt, or on the date of receipt of a communication from an owner or interest holder documenting actual notice, whichever is first in time, or on the date of the last act performed by the State's Attorney in attempting

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personal service under item (ii) of this paragraph (1). If notice is to be shown by actual notice from communication with a claimant, then the State's Attorney shall file an affidavit providing details of the communication, which shall be accepted as sufficient proof of service by the court.

For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture, the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the effective date of the complaint government taking forfeiture, the owner interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency who took the property of the change in address or, if the owner or interest holder's address changes subsequent to the effective date of the notice of pending government taking forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in address; or if the property seized is a conveyance, to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.

(2) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not

known, and is not on record, then notice shall be served by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the government taking seizure occurred.

- (3) Notice to any business entity, corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or partnership shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.
- (4) Notice to a person whose address is not within the State shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.
- (5) Notice to a person whose address is not within the United States shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice shall be complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt. If certified mail is not available in the foreign country where the person has an address, then notice shall proceed by publication under paragraph (2) of this Section.
  - (6) Notice to any person whom the State's Attorney

reasonably should know is incarcerated within the State
shall also include mailing a copy of the notice by
certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class
mail to the address of the detention facility with the
inmate's name clearly marked on the envelope.

6 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

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- 9 Sec. 36-2.2. Replevin prohibited; return of personal 10 property inside taken <del>seized</del> conveyance.
  - (a) Property taken seized under this Article shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director of State Police, subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the government taking forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney.
    - (b) A claimant or a party interested in personal property contained within a taken seized conveyance may file a motion with the court in a judicial forfeiture action for the return of any personal property contained within a conveyance taken seized under this Article. The return of personal property shall not be unreasonably withheld if the personal property is not mechanically or electrically coupled to the conveyance, needed for evidentiary purposes, or otherwise contraband. A law enforcement agency that returns property under a court order

- 1 under this Section shall not be liable to any person who claims
- 2 ownership to the property if the property is returned to an
- 3 improper party.

Procedure.

- 4 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 5 (720 ILCS 5/36-2.5)
- 6 Sec. 36-2.5. Judicial in rem procedures.
- 7 (a) The laws of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to judicial in rem proceedings under this Article.
- 9 (b) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may
  10 file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the
  11 action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or
  12 interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. A person not
  13 named in the government taking forfeiture complaint who claims
  14 to have an interest in the property may petition to intervene
  15 as a claimant under Section 2-408 of the Code of Civil
- 17 (c) The answer shall be filed with the court within 45 days
  18 after service of the civil in rem complaint.
- 19 (d) The trial shall be held within 60 days after filing of 20 the answer unless continued for good cause.
- 21 (e) In its case in chief, the State shall show by a 22 preponderance of the evidence that:
- 23 (1) the property is subject to government taking during 24 an arrest forfeiture; and
- 25 (2) at least one of the following:

1	(i)	the	claimant	knew	or	should	have	known	that	the
2	conduct	was	likely to	occu	r;	or				

(ii) the claimant is not the true owner of the property that is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture.

In any <u>government taking</u> forfeiture case under this Article, a claimant may present evidence to overcome evidence presented by the State that the property is subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture.

- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the State's burden of proof at the trial of the government taking forfeiture action shall be by clear and convincing evidence if:
  - (1) a finding of not guilty is entered as to all counts and all defendants in a criminal proceeding relating to the conduct giving rise to the <u>government taking forfeiture</u> action; or
  - (2) the State receives an adverse finding at a preliminary hearing and fails to secure an indictment in a criminal proceeding related to the factual allegations of the government taking forfeiture action.
- (g) If the State does not meet its burden of proof, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property in which the State does meet its burden of proof taken by forfeited to the State. If the State does meet its burden of

- proof, the court shall order all property <u>taken by</u> <del>forfeited to</del> the State.
  - (h) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
  - (i) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding shall not preclude civil proceedings under this Act; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by either party, the court may stay civil government taking forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a violation of law authorizing government taking during an arrest forfeiture under Section 36-1 of this Article.
  - (j) Title to all property declared <u>taken</u> forfeited under this Act vests in this State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to <u>government taking</u> forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Article, any property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to <u>government taking</u> forfeiture unless a person to whom the property was transferred makes an appropriate claim under or has the claim adjudicated at the judicial in rem hearing.
    - (k) No property shall be subject to government taking

- during an arrest forfeited under this Article from a person who, without actual or constructive notice that the property was the subject of government taking forfeiture proceedings, obtained possession of the property as a bona fide purchaser for value. A person who purports to transfer property after receiving actual or constructive notice that the property is subject to government taking during an arrest seizure or forfeiture is guilty of contempt of court and shall be liable to the State for a penalty in the amount of the fair market value of the property.
- (1) A civil action under this Article shall be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the taken forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
- (m) If property is ordered <u>taken</u> forfeited under this Article from a claimant who held title to the property in joint tenancy or tenancy in common with another claimant, the court shall determine the amount of each owner's interest in the property according to principles of property law.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 25 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

- 1 (720 ILCS 5/36-2.7)
- 2 Sec. 36-2.7. Innocent owner hearing.
  - (a) After a complaint for government taking forfeiture has been filed and all claimants have appeared and answered, a claimant may file a motion with the court for an innocent owner hearing prior to trial. This motion shall be made and supported by sworn affidavit and shall assert the following along with specific facts that support each assertion:
    - (1) that the claimant filing the motion is the true owner of the conveyance as interpreted by case law; and
    - (2) that the claimant did not know or did not have reason to know the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture was likely to occur.
  - The claimant's motion shall include specific facts that support these assertions.
  - (b) Upon the filing, a hearing may only be conducted after the parties have been given the opportunity to conduct limited discovery as to the ownership and control of the property, the claimant's knowledge, or any matter relevant to the issues raised or facts alleged in the claimant's motion. Discovery shall be limited to the People's requests in these areas but may proceed by any means allowed in the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 24 (c) After discovery is complete and the court has allowed 25 for sufficient time to review and investigate the discovery 26 responses, the court shall conduct a hearing. At the hearing,

- the fact that the conveyance is subject to government taking
  forfeiture shall not be at issue. The court shall only hear
  evidence relating to the issue of innocent ownership.
  - (d) At the hearing on the motion, the claimant shall bear the burden of proving each of the assertions listed in subsection (a) of this Section by a preponderance of the evidence. If a claimant meets the burden of proof, the court shall grant the motion and order the conveyance returned to the claimant. If the claimant fails to meet the burden of proof, the court shall deny the motion and the forfeiture case shall proceed according to the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 13 (720 ILCS 5/36-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-3)
- 14 Sec. 36-3. Exemptions from government taking forfeiture.
  - (a) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as such common carrier may be <u>subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited</u> under the provisions of Section 36-2 unless the State proves by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) in the case of a railway car or engine, the owner, or (2) in the case of any other such vessel or watercraft, vehicle or aircraft, the owner or the master of such vessel or watercraft or the owner or conductor, driver, pilot, or other person in charge of such vehicle or aircraft was at the time of the alleged illegal act a consenting party or privy thereto.

- (b) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft shall be 1 2 subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited under 3 the provisions of Section 36-2 of this Article by reason of any act or omission committed or omitted by any person other than 4 5 such owner while such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was unlawfully in the possession of a person who 6 7 acquired possession thereof in violation of the criminal laws 8 of the United States, or of any state.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 10 (720 ILCS 5/36-3.1)
- 11 36-3.1. Proportionality. Property taken by the 12 government during an arrest forfeited under this Article shall 1.3 subject to an 8th Amendment to the United States 14 Constitution disproportionate penalties analysis, and the 15 property subject to government taking forfeiture may be denied 16 in whole or in part if the court finds that the government taking forfeiture would constitute an excessive fine in 17 violation of the 8th Amendment to the United States 18 19 Constitution, as interpreted by case law.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 21 (720 ILCS 5/36-4) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-4)
- Sec. 36-4. Remission by Attorney General. Whenever any owner of, or other person interested in, a vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft taken seized under the

provisions of this Act files with the Attorney General before the sale or destruction of such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft, a petition for the remission of such government taking forfeiture the Attorney General if he finds that such government taking forfeiture was incurred without willful negligence or without any intention on the part of the owner or any person whose right, title or interest is of record as described in Section 36-1, to violate the law, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify the remission of government taking forfeiture, may cause the same to be remitted upon such terms and conditions as he deems reasonable and just, or order discontinuance of any government taking forfeiture proceeding relating thereto.

- 14 (Source: P.A. 98-699, eff. 1-1-15.)
- 15 (720 ILCS 5/36-6)
- Sec. 36-6. Return of property, damages and costs.
- 17 (a) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of
  18 property taken by the government during an arrest seized for
  19 forfeiture shall return to the claimant, within a reasonable
  20 period of time not to exceed 7 days unless the order is stayed
  21 by the trial court or a reviewing court pending an appeal,
  22 motion to reconsider, or other reason after the court orders
  23 the property to be returned or conveyed to the claimant:
  - (1) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or returned to the claimant; and

- (2) property ordered by the court to be conveyed or 1 2 returned to the claimant under subsection (d) of Section 36-3.1 of this Article. 3
- (b) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of 4 5 property taken by the government during an arrest seized under this Article is responsible for any damages, storage fees, and 6 7 related costs applicable to property returned to a claimant under this Article. The claimant shall not be subject to any 8 9 charges by the State for storage of the property or expenses 10 incurred in the preservation of the property. Charges for the 11 towing of a conveyance shall be borne by the claimant unless 12 the conveyance was towed for the sole reason of government 13 taking seizure for forfeiture. This subsection does not prohibit the imposition of any fees or costs by a home rule 14 15 unit of local government related to the impoundment of a 16 conveyance under an ordinance enacted by the unit of 17 government.
- (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.) 18
- 19 (720 ILCS 5/36-7)
- 20 Sec. 36-7. Distribution of proceeds; selling or retaining 21 taken seized property prohibited.
- 22 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the court 23 shall order that property subject to government taking 24 forfeited under this Article be delivered to the Department of 25 State Police within 60 days.

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- (b) The Department of State Police or its designee shall dispose of all property at public auction and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys <u>taken</u> forfeited or seized, under subsection (c) of this Section.
- (c) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property taken forfeited and seized under this Act shall be distributed
  as follows:
  - (1) 65% shall be distributed to the drug task force, metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies that conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the government taking forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the government taking forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used, at the discretion of the agency, for the enforcement of criminal laws; or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence, except that amounts distributed to the Secretary of State shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Evidence Fund to be used as

provided in Section 2-115 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

Any local, municipal, or county law enforcement agency entitled to receive a monetary distribution of forfeiture proceeds may share those forfeiture proceeds pursuant to the terms of an intergovernmental agreement with a municipality that has a population in excess of 20,000 if:

- (A) the receiving agency has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the municipality to provide police services;
- (B) the intergovernmental agreement for police services provides for consideration in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per year;
- (C) the <u>government taking</u> seizure took place within the geographical limits of the municipality; and
- (D) the funds are used only for the enforcement of criminal laws; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence or the establishment of a municipal police force, including the training of officers, construction of a police station, the purchase of law enforcement equipment, or vehicles.
- (2) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution

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resulting in government taking forfeiture the instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use, discretion of the State's Attorney, in the enforcement of criminal laws; or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. In counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% will be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use, at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in the enforcement of criminal laws; or for public education in the community or schools in prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of criminal laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and shall be used at the

discretion of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising in the enforcement of criminal laws; or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.

- (3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State Police for expenses related to the administration and sale of <u>taken seized and forfeited</u> property.
- (d) A law enforcement agency shall not retain taken forfeited property for its own use or transfer the property to any person or entity, except as provided under this Section. A law enforcement agency may apply in writing to the Director of State Police to request that taken forfeited property be awarded to the agency for a specifically articulated official law enforcement use in an investigation. The Director of State Police shall provide a written justification in each instance detailing the reasons why the taken forfeited property was placed into official use, and the justification shall be retained for a period of not less than 3 years.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 24 (720 ILCS 5/36.5-5)
- Sec. 36.5-5. Vehicle impoundment.

- (a) In addition to any other penalty, fee or government taking forfeiture provided by law, a peace officer who arrests a person for a violation of Section 10-9, 11-14, 11-14.1, 11-14.3, 11-14.4, 11-18, or 11-18.1 of this Code or related municipal ordinance, may tow and impound any vehicle used by the person in the commission of the violation. The person arrested for one or more such violations shall be charged a \$1,000 fee, to be paid to the law enforcement agency that made the arrest or its designated representative. The person may recover the vehicle from the impound after a minimum of 2 hours after arrest upon payment of the fee.
- (b) \$500 of the fee shall be distributed to the law enforcement agency whose peace officers made the arrest, for the costs incurred by the law enforcement agency to investigate and to tow and impound the vehicle. Upon the defendant's conviction of one or more of the violations in connection with which the vehicle was impounded and the fee imposed under this Section, the remaining \$500 of the fee shall be deposited into the Specialized Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking Fund and disbursed in accordance with subsections (d), (e), and (f) of Section 5-9-1.21 of the Unified Code of Corrections.
- (c) Upon the presentation by the defendant of a signed court order showing that the defendant has been acquitted of all of the violations in connection with which a vehicle was impounded and a fee imposed under this Section, or that the charges against the defendant for those violations have been

- dismissed, the law enforcement agency shall refund the \$1,000
- 2 fee to the defendant.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 97-333, eff. 8-12-11; 97-897, eff. 1-1-13;
- 4 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13; 98-463, eff. 8-16-13; 98-1013, eff.
- 5 1-1-15.
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/47-15)
- 7 Sec. 47-15. Dumping garbage upon real property.
- 8 (a) It is unlawful for a person to dump, deposit, or place
- garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse upon real property not owned
- 10 by that person without the consent of the owner or person in
- 11 possession of the real property.
- 12 (b) A person who violates this Section is liable to the
- owner or person in possession of the real property on which the
- 14 garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse is dumped, deposited, or
- placed for the reasonable costs incurred by the owner or person
- in possession for cleaning up and properly disposing of the
- 17 garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse, and for reasonable
- 18 attorneys' fees.
- 19 (c) A person violating this Section is guilty of a Class B
- 20 misdemeanor for which the court must impose a minimum fine of
- 21 \$500. A second conviction for an offense committed after the
- 22 first conviction is a Class A misdemeanor for which the court
- 23 must impose a minimum fine of \$500. A third or subsequent
- violation, committed after a second conviction, is a Class 4
- 25 felony for which the court must impose a minimum fine of \$500.

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A person who violates this Section and who has an equity interest in a motor vehicle used in violation of this Section is presumed to have the financial resources to pay the minimum fine not exceeding his or her equity interest in the vehicle. Personal property used by a person in violation of this Section shall on the third or subsequent conviction of the person be taken forfeited to the county where the violation occurred and disposed of at a public sale. Before the government taking forfeiture, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether property is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section. At the government taking forfeiture hearing the State has the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that property is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section. Property taken by government during an arrest seized or forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.

(d) The statutory minimum fine required by subsection (c) is not subject to reduction or suspension unless the defendant is indigent. If the defendant files a motion with the court asserting his or her inability to pay the mandatory fine required by this Section, the court must set a hearing on the motion before sentencing. The court must require an affidavit signed by the defendant containing sufficient information to ascertain the assets and liabilities of the defendant. If the court determines that the defendant is indigent, the court must

- 1 require that the defendant choose either to pay the minimum
- fine of \$500 or to perform 100 hours of community service.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 4 Section 40. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is 5 amended by changing Sections 124B-5, 124B-10, 124B-15, 124B-100, 124B-105, 124B-110, 124B-115, 124B-120, 124B-125, 6 7 124B-130, 124B-135, 124B-140, 124B-145, 124B-150, 124B-155, 8 124B-160, 124B-165, 124B-170, 124B-175, 124B-180, 124B-190, 9 124B-195, 124B-300, 124B-305, 124B-310, 124B-400, 124B-405, 10 124B-410, 124B-415, 124B-420, 124B-425, 124B-500, 124B-505, 11 124B-510, 124B-600, 124B-605, 124B-610, 124B-615, 124B-700, 12 124B-705, 124B-710, 124B-715, 124B-720, 124B-800, 124B-805, 124B-810, 124B-815, 124B-820, 124B-825, 124B-830, 124B-900, 13 124B-905, 124B-910, 124B-915, 124B-920, 124B-925, 124B-930, 14 15 124B-935, 124B-940, 124B-1000, 124B-1010, 124B-1020, 16 124B-1030, 124B-1040, 124B-1045, and 124B-1050 and by adding 124B-7 as follows: 17
- 18 (725 ILCS 5/124B-5)
- 19 Sec. 124B-5. Purpose and scope. The purpose of this Article
  20 is to set forth in one place the provisions relating to
  21 government taking forfeiture of property in connection with
  22 violations of certain criminal statutes. Part 100 of this
  23 Article sets forth standard provisions that apply to these
  24 government taking forfeiture proceedings. In Parts 300 and

- 1 following, for each type of criminal violation, this Article
- 2 sets forth (i) provisions that apply to property taken by the
- 3 government during an arrest <del>forfeiture</del> only in connection with
- 4 that type of violation and (ii) by means of incorporation by
- 5 reference, the standard government taking forfeiture
- 6 provisions that apply to that type of violation.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 8 (725 ILCS 5/124B-7 new)
- 9 Sec. 124B-7. Standardized forms; property taken by the
- 10 government. Standardized forms regarding property taken by the
- 11 government during an arrest, including a hardship motion,
- verified claim, and answer to a complaint, as determined by the
- 13 Supreme Court, shall be used statewide.
- 14 (725 ILCS 5/124B-10)
- Sec. 124B-10. Applicability; offenses. This Article
- applies to property taken by the government during an arrest
- 17 forfeiture of property in connection with the following:
- 18 (1) A violation of Section 10-9 or 10A-10 of the
- 19 Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012
- 20 (involuntary servitude; involuntary servitude of a minor;
- or trafficking in persons).
- 22 (2) A violation of subdivision (a)(1) of Section
- 23 11-14.4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code
- of 2012 (promoting juvenile prostitution) or a violation of

- Section 11-17.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (keeping a place of juvenile prostitution).
  - (3) A violation of subdivision (a)(4) of Section 11-14.4 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 (promoting juvenile prostitution) or a violation of Section 11-19.2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (exploitation of a child).
  - (4) A second or subsequent violation of Section 11-20 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 (obscenity).
  - (5) A violation of Section 11-20.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 (child pornography).
  - (6) A violation of Section 11-20.1B or 11-20.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (aggravated child pornography).
  - (6.5) A violation of Section 11-23.5 of the Criminal Code of 2012.
  - (7) A violation of Section 12C-65 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or Article 44 of the Criminal Code of 1961 (unlawful transfer of a telecommunications device to a minor).
  - (8) A violation of Section 17--50 or Section 16D--5 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or the Criminal Code of 1961 (computer fraud).
  - (9) A felony violation of Section 17-6.3 or Article 17B of the Criminal Code of 2012 or the Criminal Code of 1961 (WIC fraud).

- (10) A felony violation of Section 48-1 of the Criminal 1 2 Code of 2012 or Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 3 (dog fighting).
- (11) A violation of Article 29D of the Criminal Code of 4 5 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 (terrorism).
- (12) A felony violation of Section 4.01 of the Humane 6 7 Care for Animals Act (animals in entertainment).
- (Source: P.A. 97-897, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13; 8
- 9 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-1138, eff.
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11 (725 ILCS 5/124B-100)

10A-10 of those Codes.

- 12 Sec. 124B-100. Definition; "offense". For purposes of this Article, "offense" is defined as follows:
- (1) In the case of government taking of property during 14 15 an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 10A-15 of the 16 Criminal Code of 1961 or Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means the offense of involuntary 17 18 servitude, involuntary servitude of minor. а trafficking in persons in violation of Section 10-9 or 19
- 21 (2) In the case of government taking of property during 22 an arrest forfeiture authorized under subdivision (a)(1) of Section 11-14.4, or Section 11-17.1, of the Criminal 23 24 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means 25 the offense of promoting juvenile prostitution or keeping a

place of juvenile prostitution in violation of subdivision

(a) (1) of Section 11-14.4, or Section 11-17.1, of those

Codes.

- (3) In the case of government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture authorized under subdivision (a) (4) of Section 11-14.4, or Section 11-19.2, of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means the offense of promoting juvenile prostitution or exploitation of a child in violation of subdivision (a) (4) of Section 11-14.4, or Section 11-19.2, of those Codes.
- (4) In the case of government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 11-20 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means the offense of obscenity in violation of that Section.
- (5) In the case of government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 11-20.1 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means the offense of child pornography in violation of Section 11-20.1 of that Code.
- (6) In the case of government taking or property during an arrestforfeiture authorized under Section 11-20.1B or 11-20.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961, "offense" means the offense of aggravated child pornography in violation of Section 11-20.1B or 11-20.3 of that Code.
  - (7) In the case of government taking of property during

an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 12C-65 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or Article 44 of the Criminal Code of 1961, "offense" means the offense of unlawful transfer of a telecommunications device to a minor in violation of Section 12C-65 or Article 44 of those Codes.

- (8) In the case of government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 17-50 or 16D-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means the offense of computer fraud in violation of Section 17-50 or 16D-5 of those Codes.
- (9) In the case of government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 17-6.3 or Article 17B of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means any felony violation of Section 17-6.3 or Article 17B of those Codes.
- (10) In the case of government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 29D-65 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means any offense under Article 29D of that Code.
- (11) In the case of government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 4.01 of the Humane Care for Animals Act, Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961, or Section 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, "offense" means any felony offense under either of those Sections.

- (12) In the case of government taking of property 1 2 during an arrest forfeiture authorized under Section 124B-1000(b) of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, 3 "offense" means an offense in violation of the Criminal 4 5 Code of 1961, the Criminal Code of 2012, the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the 6 7 Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or 8 an offense involving a telecommunications device possessed 9 by a person on the real property of any elementary or 10 secondary school without authority of the school 11 principal. (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11;
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- 97-897, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1109, eff. 13
- 1-1-13; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.) 14
- 15 (725 ILCS 5/124B-110)
- 16 124B-110. Definition; "owner". In this Article,
- "owner" means a person with an ownership interest in the 17
- 18 specific property sought to be subject to taking by the
- government during an arrest forfeited, including a leasehold, 19
- 20 lien, mortgage, recorded security interest, or valid
- 21 assignment of an ownership interest. "Owner" does not include
- 22 any of the following:
- 23 (1) A person with only a general unsecured interest in,
- 24 or claim against, the property or estate of another.
- 25 (2) A bailee, unless the bailor is identified and the

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- bailee shows a colorable legitimate interest in the
  property seized.
- 3 (3) A nominee who exercises no dominion or control over 4 the property.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 6 (725 ILCS 5/124B-125)
- Sec. 124B-125. Real property exempt from <u>taking by</u>

  8 government during an arrest <del>forfeiture</del>.
  - (a) An interest in real property is exempt from taking by the government during an arrest forfeiture under this Article if its owner or interest holder establishes by a preponderance of evidence that he or she meets all of the following requirements:
    - (1) He or she is not legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the <u>qovernment taking forfeiture</u>, or did not solicit, conspire, or attempt to commit the conduct giving rise to the <u>qovernment taking forfeiture</u>.
    - (2) He or she had not acquired and did not stand to acquire substantial proceeds from the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture other than as an interest holder in an arms-length commercial transaction.
    - (3) He or she does not hold the property for the benefit of or as a nominee for any person whose conduct gave rise to the government taking forfeiture, and, if he or she acquired the interest through any such person, he or

she acquired it as a bona fide purchaser for value without knowingly taking part in the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture.

- (4) He or she acquired the interest before a notice of government taking seizure for forfeiture or a lis pendens notice with respect to the property was filed in the office of the recorder of deeds of the county in which the property is located and either:
  - (A) acquired the interest before the commencement of the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture, and the person whose conduct gave rise to the government taking forfeiture did not have the authority to convey the interest to a bona fide purchaser for value at the time of the conduct; or
  - (B) acquired the interest after the commencement of the conduct giving rise to the <u>government taking</u> forfeiture, and he or she acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser for value without knowledge of the conduct that gave rise to the <u>government taking</u> forfeiture.
- (5) With respect to a property interest in existence at the time the illegal conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture took place, he or she either:
  - (A) did not know of the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture; or
    - (B) upon learning of the conduct giving rise to the

1	government taking forfeiture, did all that reasonably
2	could be expected under the circumstances to terminate
3	that use of the property.

- (6) The property is not a type of property, possession of which is otherwise in violation of law.
- (b) For purposes of paragraph (5) of subsection (a), ways in which a person may show that he or she did all that reasonably could be expected include demonstrating that he or she, to the extent permitted by law, did either of the following:
  - (1) Gave timely notice to an appropriate law enforcement agency of information that led the person to know that the conduct giving rise to a government taking forfeiture would occur or had occurred.
  - (2) In a timely fashion revoked or made a good faith attempt to revoke permission for those engaging in the conduct to use the property or took reasonable actions in consultation with a law enforcement agency to discourage or prevent the illegal use of the property.

A person is not required by this subsection (b) to take steps that the person reasonably believes would be likely to subject any person (other than the person whose conduct gave rise to the government taking forfeiture) to physical danger.

24 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-813, eff. 7-13-12.)

1	Sec.	124B-130.	Personal	property	exempt	from	taking	by
2	governmen	nt during ar	n arrest <del>f</del> e	<del>orfeiture</del> .				

- (a) An interest in personal property is exempt from taking by the government during an arrest forfeiture under this Article if its owner or interest holder establishes by a preponderance of evidence that he or she meets all of the following requirements:
  - (1) He or she is not legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the <u>government taking forfeiture</u>, did not acquiesce in it, and did not know and could not reasonably have known of the conduct or that the conduct was likely to occur.
  - (2) He or she had not acquired and did not stand to acquire substantial proceeds from the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture other than as an interest holder in an arms-length commercial transaction.
  - (3) He or she does not hold the property for the benefit of or as a nominee for any person whose conduct gave rise to the <u>government taking forfeiture</u>, and, if he or she acquired the interest through any such person, he or she acquired it as a bona fide purchaser for value without knowingly taking part in the conduct giving rise to the government taking <u>forfeiture</u>.
  - (4) He or she acquired the interest without knowledge of the government taking seizure of the property for forfeiture and either:

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1	(A) acquired the interest before the commencement
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3	forfeiture, and the person whose conduct gave rise to
4	the government taking forfeiture did not have the
5	authority to convey the interest to a bona fide
6	purchaser for value at the time of the conduct; or
7	(B) acquired the interest after the commencement
8	of the conduct giving rise to the government taking
9	forfeiture, and he or she acquired the interest as a
10	mortgagee, secured creditor, lienholder, or bona fide
11	purchaser for value without knowledge of the conduct
12	that gave rise to the government taking forfeiture.
13	(5) With respect to a property interest in existence at
14	the time the illegal conduct giving rise to the government
15	taking forfeiture took place, he or she either:
16	(A) did not know of the conduct giving rise to the
17	government taking forfeiture; or
18	(B) upon learning of the conduct giving rise to the
19	government taking forfeiture, did all that reasonably
20	could be expected under the circumstances to terminate
21	that use of the property.
22	(6) With respect to conveyances, he or she did not hold
23	the property jointly or in common with a person whose
24	conduct gave rise to the government taking forfeiture.

(7) The property is not a type of property, possession

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- (b) For purposes of paragraph (5) of subsection (a), ways in which a person may show that he or she did all that reasonably could be expected include demonstrating that he or she, to the extent permitted by law, did either of the following:
  - (1) Gave timely notice to an appropriate law enforcement agency of information that led the person to know that the conduct giving rise to a government taking forfeiture would occur or had occurred.
  - (2) In a timely fashion revoked or made a good faith attempt to revoke permission for those engaging in the conduct to use the property or took reasonable actions in consultation with a law enforcement agency to discourage or prevent the illegal use of the property.
  - A person is not required by this subsection (b) to take steps that the person reasonably believes would be likely to subject any person (other than the person whose conduct gave rise to the <u>government taking forfeiture</u>) to physical danger.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 20 (725 ILCS 5/124B-140)
- Sec. 124B-140. Court order with respect to innocent owner.
- 22 If the court determines, in accordance with Sections 124B-125
- through 124B-135, that an innocent owner has a partial interest
- in property otherwise subject to government taking during an
- 25 arrest forfeiture, or a joint tenancy or tenancy by the

- entirety in that property, the court may enter an appropriate order doing any of the following:
  - (1) Severing and releasing the property.
  - (2) Transferring the property to the State with a provision that the State compensate the innocent owner to the extent of his or her ownership interest once a final order of government taking forfeiture has been entered and the property has been reduced to liquid assets.
  - (3) Permitting the innocent owner to retain the property subject to a lien in favor of the State to the extent of the forfeitable interest in the property.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)

## 13 (725 ILCS 5/124B-145)

Sec. 124B-145. Property constituting attorney's fees; government taking forfeiture not applicable. Nothing in this Article applies to property that constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in a government taking forfeiture proceeding under this Article, or in a criminal proceeding relating directly to a government taking forfeiture proceeding under this Article, if (i) the property was paid before its taking seizure and before the issuance of any seizure warrant or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and (ii) the attorney, at the time he or she received the property, did not know that it was property subject to government taking

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- 1 forfeiture under this Article.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 5/124B-150)
- 4 Sec. 124B-150. Protective order; probable cause.
- 5 (a) Upon application of the State, the circuit court
  6 presiding over the trial of the person or persons charged with
  7 the offense giving rise to government taking during an arrest
  8 forfeiture may enter a restraining order or injunction, or take
  9 other appropriate action, to preserve the availability of
  10 property for government taking forfeiture under this Article.
  11 Before entering such an order or taking such action, the court
- Before entering such an order or taking such action, the court shall first determine the following:
  - (1) Whether there is probable cause to believe that the person or persons so charged have committed the offense.
    - (2) Whether the property is subject to <u>government</u> taking during an arrest <u>forfeiture</u> under this Article.
    - (b) In order to make the determinations of probable cause required under subsection (a), the court shall conduct a hearing without a jury. In that hearing, the State must establish both of the following:
      - (1) There is probable cause that the person or persons charged have committed the offense.
      - (2) There is probable cause that property may be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Article.

- (c) The court may conduct the hearing under subsection (b) simultaneously with a preliminary hearing if the prosecution is commenced by information or complaint. The court may conduct the hearing under subsection (b) at any stage in the criminal proceedings upon the State's motion.
  - (d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing following the filing of an information charging the offense or following the return of an indictment by a grand jury charging the offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required under paragraph (1) of subsection (b).
  - (e) Upon making a finding of probable cause as required under this Section, the circuit court shall enter a restraining order or injunction, or take other appropriate action, as necessary to ensure that the property is not removed from the court's jurisdiction and is not concealed, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of by the property owner or interest holder before a government taking forfeiture hearing under this Article.
  - (f) The Attorney General or State's Attorney shall file a certified copy of the restraining order, injunction, or other prohibition with the recorder of deeds or registrar of titles of each county where any property of the defendant subject to government taking forfeiture is located.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)

- 1 (725 ILCS 5/124B-155)
- Sec. 124B-155. Rights of certain parties unaffected by protective order; release of property.
  - (a) A restraining order or injunction entered, or other action taken, by the court under Section 124B-150 does not affect the rights of any bona fide purchaser, mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienholder that arose before the date on which a certified copy of the restraining order, injunction, or other prohibition was filed in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 124B-150.
  - (b) At any time, upon verified petition by the defendant or by an innocent owner or innocent bona fide third party lienholder who neither had knowledge of, nor consented to, the illegal act or omission, the court may conduct a hearing to release all or portions of any property that the court previously determined to be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture or subject to any restraining order, injunction, or other action. For good cause shown and in the court's sound discretion, the court may release the property to the defendant or innocent owner or innocent bona fide third party lienholder who neither had knowledge of, nor consented to, the illegal act or omission.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 24 (725 ILCS 5/124B-160)
- 25 Sec. 124B-160. Petition for government taking forfeiture;

- 1 forfeiture hearing; burden of proof.
- 2 (a) The Attorney General or State's Attorney may file a petition for government taking forfeiture of property in 3 connection with an offense as defined in this Article, and, 4 5 within a reasonable time after sentencing, the court shall 6 conduct a hearing to determine whether any property is subject 7 to government taking forfeiture under this Article. Every 8 person with any property interest in the property alleged to be 9 subject to government taking forfeiture may appear as a party 10 and present evidence at the hearing.
- 11 (b) At the <u>government taking forfeiture</u> hearing, the State
  12 has the burden of establishing, by a preponderance of the
  13 evidence, that the property is subject to <u>government taking</u>
  14 during an arrest <u>forfeiture</u> under this Article.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 16 (725 ILCS 5/124B-165)
- Sec. 124B-165. Order of <u>government taking forfeiture</u>; sale of <u>taken forfeited</u> property; publication of notice; challenge to <u>government taking forfeiture</u>.
- 20 (a) Upon the court's determination that property is subject
  21 to government taking forfeiture, the court shall enter an order
  22 of government taking forfeiture with respect to the property at
  23 issue. Except as provided in Section 124B-705, the order shall
  24 authorize the Attorney General or State's Attorney to take
  25 seize all property declared subject to government taking during

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- an arrest forfeited under this Article (if the property has not already been taken seized) upon terms and conditions the court deems proper. The Attorney General or State's Attorney may then sell the taken forfeited property unless the court determines that the property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public.
  - (b) Following the entry of the order of government taking forfeiture, the Attorney General or State's Attorney shall cause publication of notice of the order and his or her intent to dispose of the property. Publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the property was taken seized, for a period of 3 successive weeks.
- 13 (c) Within 30 days after the publication, any person may 14 petition the court to adjudicate the validity of his or her 15 interest in the property and whether the interest is protected 16 under this Article.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 18 (725 ILCS 5/124B-170)
- 19 Sec. 124B-170. Judicial review.
- 20 (a) Within 30 days after publication of the notice under
  21 Section 124B-165, any person claiming an interest in the
  22 property declared <u>subject to government taking forfeited</u> may
  23 file a verified claim with the court expressing his or her
  24 interest in the property. The claim must set forth the
  25 following:

- 1 (1) The caption of the proceedings as set forth in the notice of order of government taking forfeiture.
  - (2) The claimant's name and address.
  - (3) The nature and extent of the claimant's interest in the property.
    - (4) The circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property, including the date of the transfer and the identity of the transferor.
    - (5) The names and addresses of all other persons known by the claimant to have an interest in the property.
    - (6) The specific provision of law relied on in asserting that the property is not subject to government taking forfeiture.
      - (7) All essential facts supporting each assertion.
      - (8) The relief sought by the claimant.
  - (b) The claim must be accompanied by a cost bond in the form of a cashier's check payable to the clerk of the court in the amount of 10% of the reasonable value of the property as alleged by the Attorney General or State's Attorney or the amount of \$100, whichever is greater, conditioned upon the claimant's payment, in the case of government taking forfeiture, of all costs and expenses of the proceeding under this Section.
  - (c) Upon the filing of a claim and cost bond as provided in this Section, the court shall determine whether the property is subject to government taking forfeiture in accordance with this

Article. If none of the <del>seized</del> property is declared subject to 1 2 government taking during an arrest forfeited in a proceeding 3 under this Section, then, unless the court orders otherwise, the clerk of the court shall return to the claimant 90% of the 5 amount deposited with the clerk as a cost bond under this 6 Section. If any of the seized property is declared subject to 7 government taking forfeited in a proceeding under this Section, then the clerk of the court shall transfer 90% of the amount 8 9 deposited with the clerk as a cost bond under this Section to 10 the prosecuting authority. In either case, the clerk shall 11 retain the remaining 10% of the amount deposited as costs for 12 the proceeding under this Section.

(Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)

14 (725 ILCS 5/124B-175)

- Sec. 124B-175. Distribution of taken forfeited moneys and proceeds from sale of forfeited property taken by government during an arrest. All moneys subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited under this Article, together with the proceeds from the sale of all property taken forfeited under this Article.

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- 22 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 23 (725 ILCS 5/124B-180)
- 24 Sec. 124B-180. Segregation of moneys from sale proceeds for

- certain purposes. Before any distribution under Section 124B-175 or as otherwise prescribed by law, the court may order the Attorney General or State's Attorney to segregate moneys from the proceeds of the sale sufficient to do any of the
- 5 following:

- 6 (1) Satisfy any order of restitution, as the court may
  7 deem appropriate.
  - (2) Satisfy any legal right, title, or interest that the court deems superior to any right, title, or interest of the defendant at the time of the commission of the acts that gave rise to government taking forfeiture under this Article.
    - (3) Satisfy any bona fide purchaser for value of the right, title, or interest in the property who was without reasonable notice that the property was subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture.
  - (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)

## 18 (725 ILCS 5/124B-190)

Sec. 124B-190. Construction. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the forfeiture provisions of this Article be liberally construed so as to effect their purpose. The government taking forfeiture of property and other remedies under this Article shall be considered to be in addition to, and not exclusive of, any sentence or other remedy provided by law.

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1 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)

2 (725 ILCS 5/124B-195)

3 Sec. 124B-195. Reporting. Property taken by the government

4 during an arrest <del>seized or forfeited</del> under this Article is

5 subject to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting

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(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)

8 (725 ILCS 5/124B-300)

Sec. 124B-300. Persons and property subject to government taking forfeiture. A person who commits the offense of involuntary servitude, involuntary servitude of a minor, or trafficking of persons under Section 10A-10 or Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, promoting juvenile prostitution, keeping a place of juvenile prostitution, or promoting prostitution that involves keeping a place of prostitution under subsection (a)(1) or (a)(4) of Section 11-14.4 or under Section 11-14.3, 11-17.1, or 11-19.2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or of the Criminal Code of 2012 shall be subject to government taking of forfeit to the State of Illinois any profits or proceeds and any property he or she has acquired or maintained in violation of Section 10A-10 or Section 10-9 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012, promoting juvenile prostitution, keeping a place of juvenile prostitution, or promoting prostitution that involves

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- keeping a place of prostitution under subsection (a)(1) or 2 (a) (4) of Section 11-14.4 or under Section 11-14.3, 11-17.1, or 11-19.2 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or of the Criminal Code of 3 2012 that the sentencing court determines, after a government 4 5 taking forfeiture hearing under this Article, to have been
- acquired or maintained as a result of maintaining a person in 6
- 7 involuntary servitude or participating in trafficking of
- 8 persons.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-1013, eff. 1-1-15.)
- 10 (725 ILCS 5/124B-305)
- 11 Sec. 124B-305. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property subject 12
- 1.3 to government taking during an arrest forfeited and seized
- under this Part 300 shall be distributed as follows: 14
- 15 (1) 45% shall be divided equally between all State 16 agencies and units of local government whose officers or employees conducted the investigation or initiated the 17 18 hearing that resulted in the government taking forfeiture.
  - 50% shall be deposited into the Specialized Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking Fund and disbursed in accordance with subsections (d), (e), and (f) of Section 5-9-1.21 of the Unified Code of Corrections.
  - (3) 5% shall be paid to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor to train State's Attorneys on government taking forfeiture proceedings and topics

- 1 related to human trafficking.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 97-897, eff. 1-1-13; 98-1013, eff. 1-1-15.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 5/124B-400)
- 4 Sec. 124B-400. Legislative declaration. Obscenity is a
- 5 far-reaching and extremely profitable crime. This crime
- 6 persists despite the threat of prosecution and successful
- 7 prosecution because existing sanctions do not effectively
- 8 reach the money and other assets generated by it. It is
- 9 therefore necessary to supplement existing sanctions by
- 10 mandating government taking forfeiture of money and other
- 11 assets generated by this crime. Government taking of property
- 12 during an arrest <del>Forfeiture</del> diminishes the financial
- incentives that encourage and sustain obscenity and secures for
- 14 the State, local government, and prosecutors a resource for
- 15 prosecuting these crimes.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 17 (725 ILCS 5/124B-405)
- 18 Sec. 124B-405. Persons and property subject to government
- 19 taking during an arrest forfeiture. A person who has been
- 20 convicted previously of the offense of obscenity under Section
- 21 11-20 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012
- 22 and who is convicted of a second or subsequent offense of
- obscenity under that Section shall be subject to government
- 24 taking of forfeit the following to the State of Illinois:

- 1 (1) Any property constituting or derived from any proceeds that the person obtained, directly or indirectly,
- 3 as a result of the offense.
- 4 (2) Any of the person's property used in any manner,
- 5 wholly or in part, to commit the offense.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 7 (725 ILCS 5/124B-415)
- 8 Sec. 124B-415. Order to destroy property. If the Attorney
- 9 General or State's Attorney believes any property taken
- 10 forfeited and seized under this Part 400 describes, depicts, or
- 11 portrays any of the acts or activities described in subsection
- 12 (b) of Section 11-20 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
- 13 Criminal Code of 2012, the Attorney General or State's Attorney
- shall apply to the court for an order to destroy that property.
- 15 If the court determines that the property describes, depicts,
- or portrays such acts or activities it shall order the Attorney
- 17 General or State's Attorney to destroy the property.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 19 (725 ILCS 5/124B-420)
- 20 Sec. 124B-420. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 21 (a) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property
- 22 subject to government during an arrest <del>forfeited and seized</del>
- 23 under this Part 400 shall be distributed as follows:
- 24 (1) 50% shall be distributed to the unit of local

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government whose officers or employees conducted the investigation into the offense and caused the arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the government taking forfeiture, except that if the investigation, arrest or arrests, and prosecution leading to the government taking forfeiture were undertaken by the sheriff, this portion shall be distributed to the county for deposit into a special fund in the county treasury appropriated to the sheriff. Amounts distributed to the county for the sheriff or to units of local government under this paragraph shall be used for enforcement of laws or ordinances governing obscenity and child pornography. If the investigation, arrest or arrests, and prosecution leading to government taking forfeiture were undertaken solely by a State agency, however, the portion designated in this paragraph shall be paid into the State treasury to be used for enforcement of laws governing obscenity and child pornography.

- (2) 25% shall be distributed to the county in which the prosecution resulting in the government taking forfeiture was instituted, deposited into a special fund in the county treasury, and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing obscenity and child pornography.
- (3) 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited into

the Obscenity Profits Forfeiture Fund, which is hereby created in the State treasury, to be used by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for additional expenses incurred in prosecuting appeals arising under Sections 11-20, 11-20.1, 11-20.1B, and 11-20.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012. Any amounts remaining in the Fund after all additional expenses have been paid shall be used by the Office to reduce the participating county contributions to the Office on a pro-rated basis as determined by the board of governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor based on the populations of the participating counties.

- (b) Before any distribution under subsection (a), the Attorney General or State's Attorney shall retain from the forfeited moneys or sale proceeds subject to government taking during an arrest, or both, sufficient moneys to cover expenses related to the administration and sale of the forfeited property.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 96-1551, eff. 7-1-11;
- 20 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 21 (725 ILCS 5/124B-500)
- Sec. 124B-500. Persons and property subject to <u>government</u>

  taking forfeiture. A person who commits child pornography,

  aggravated child pornography, or non-consensual dissemination

  of private sexual images under Section 11-20.1, 11-20.1B,

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- 1 11-20.3, or 11-23.5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
  2 Criminal Code of 2012 shall be subject to government taking of
  3 forfeit the following property to the State of Illinois:
  - (1) Any profits or proceeds and any property the person has acquired or maintained in violation of Section 11-20.1, 11-20.1B, 11-20.3, or 11-23.5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 that the sentencing court determines, after a government taking forfeiture hearing under this Article, to have been acquired or maintained as a result of child pornography, aggravated child pornography, or non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images.
  - (2) Any interest in, securities of, claim against, or property or contractual right of any kind affording a source of influence over any enterprise that the person has established, operated, controlled, or conducted violation of Section 11-20.1, 11-20.1B, 11-20.3, 11-23.5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 that the sentencing court determines, after a government taking forfeiture hearing under this Article, to have been acquired or maintained as a result of child pornography, aggravated child pornography, or non-consensual dissemination of private sexual images.
  - (3) Any computer that contains a depiction of child pornography in any encoded or decoded format in violation of Section 11-20.1, 11-20.1B, or 11-20.3 of the Criminal

- 1 Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012. For purposes of
- 2 this paragraph (3), "computer" has the meaning ascribed to
- 3 it in Section 17-0.5 of the Criminal Code of 2012.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13; 98-1013, eff. 1-1-15;
- 5 98-1138, eff. 6-1-15.)
- 6 (725 ILCS 5/124B-505)
- 7 Sec. 124B-505. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 8 (a) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property
- 9 <u>subject to government taking during an arrest</u> forfeited and
- 10 seized under this Part 500 shall be distributed as follows:
- 11 (1) One-half shall be divided equally between all State
- agencies and units of local government whose officers or
- 13 employees conducted the investigation that resulted in the
- 14 government taking forfeiture.
- 15 (2) One-half shall be deposited into the Violent Crime
- 16 Victims Assistance Fund.
- 17 (b) Before any distribution under subsection (a), the
- 18 Attorney General or State's Attorney shall retain from the
- 19 forfeited moneys or sale proceeds, or both, sufficient moneys
- 20 to cover expenses related to the administration and sale of the
- 21 taken <del>forfeited</del> property.
- 22 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 23 (725 ILCS 5/124B-600)
- 24 Sec. 124B-600. Persons and property subject to subject to

government taking forfeiture. A person who commits the offense 1 2 of computer fraud as set forth in Section 16D-5 or Section 17-50 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 3 shall be subject to government taking of forfeit any property 4 5 that the sentencing court determines, after a government taking forfeiture hearing under this Article, the person has acquired 6 7 or maintained, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, as 8 a result of that offense. The person shall also loose forfeit 9 any interest in, securities of, claim against, or contractual 10 right of any kind that affords the person a source of influence 11 over any enterprise that the person has established, operated, 12 controlled, conducted, or participated in conducting, if the 13 person's relationship to or connection with any such thing or 14 activity directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is 15 traceable to any item or benefit that the person has obtained 16 or acquired through computer fraud.

- 17 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13;
- 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.) 18
- 19 (725 ILCS 5/124B-605)
- 20 Sec. 124B-605. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 21 (a) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property 22 subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited and seized under this Part 600 shall be distributed as follows: 23
- 24 (1) 50% shall be distributed to the unit of local 25 government whose officers or employees conducted the

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investigation into computer fraud and caused the arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the government taking distributed to forfeiture. Amounts units of local government shall be used for training or enforcement relating to detection, investigation, prosecution of financial crimes, including computer fraud. If, however, the investigation, arrest or arrests, and prosecution leading to the government taking forfeiture were undertaken solely by a State agency, the portion provided under this paragraph (1) shall be paid into the State Police Services Fund of the Illinois Department of State Police to be used for training or enforcement detection, purposes relating to investigation, prosecution of financial crimes, including computer fraud.

(2) 50% shall be distributed to the county in which the prosecution and petition for government taking forfeiture government taking <del>forfeiture</del> resulting in the instituted by the State's Attorney and shall be deposited into a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in training or enforcement purposes relating to detection, investigation, prosecution of financial crimes, including computer fraud. a prosecution and petition for government taking forfeiture resulting in the government taking forfeiture has been maintained by the Attorney General, 50% of the proceeds shall be paid into the Attorney General's

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Financial Crime Prevention Fund. If the Attorney General and the State's Attorney have participated jointly in any part of the proceedings, 25% of the proceeds forfeited shall be paid to the county in which the prosecution and petition for government taking forfeiture resulting in the government taking forfeiture occurred, and 25% shall be paid into the Attorney General's Financial Crime Prevention Fund to be used for the purposes stated in this paragraph (2).

- (b) Before any distribution under subsection (a), the Attorney General or State's Attorney shall retain from the forfeited moneys or sale proceeds, or both, sufficient moneys to cover expenses related to the administration and sale of the forfeited property.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 16 (725 ILCS 5/124B-610)

Sec. 124B-610. Computer used in commission of felony; government taking forfeiture. If a person commits a felony under any provision of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the 2012 Criminal Code of or another statute and the instrumentality used in the commission of the offense, or in connection with or in furtherance of a scheme or design to commit the offense, is a computer owned by the defendant (or, if the defendant is a minor, owned by the minor's parent or legal quardian), the computer is subject to government taking

- during an arrest forfeiture under this Article. A computer, or any part of a computer, is not subject to government taking forfeiture under this Article, however, under either of the following circumstances:
- 5 (1) The computer accessed in the commission of the 6 offense was owned or leased by the victim or an innocent 7 third party at the time the offense was committed.
- 8 (2) The rights of a creditor, lienholder, or person 9 having a security interest in the computer at the time the 10 offense was committed will be adversely affected.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 12 (725 ILCS 5/124B-700)

1.3 Sec. 124B-700. Persons and property subject to government 14 taking forfeiture. A person who commits a felony violation of 15 Article 17B or Section 17-6.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or 16 the Criminal Code of 2012 shall be subject to government taking of forfeit any property that the sentencing court determines, 17 18 after a government taking forfeiture hearing under this 19 Article, (i) the person has acquired, in whole or in part, as a result of committing the violation or (ii) the person has 20 21 maintained or used, in whole or in part, to facilitate, 22 directly or indirectly, the commission of the violation. The 23 person shall also be subject to government taking of forfeit any interest in, securities of, claim against, or contractual 24 25 right of any kind that affords the person a source of influence

over any enterprise that the person has established, operated, controlled, conducted, or participated in conducting, if the person's relationship to or connection with any such thing or activity directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is traceable to any item or benefit that the person has obtained or acquired as a result of a felony violation of Article 17B or Section 17-6.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012. Property subject to government taking forfeiture under this Part 700 includes the following:

- (1) All moneys, things of value, books, records, and research products and materials that are used or intended to be used in committing a felony violation of Article 17B or Section 17-6.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.
- (2) Everything of value furnished, or intended to be furnished, in exchange for a substance in violation of Article 17B or Section 17-6.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012; all proceeds traceable to that exchange; and all moneys, negotiable instruments, and securities used or intended to be used to commit or in any manner to facilitate the commission of a felony violation of Article 17B or Section 17-6.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.
- (3) All real property, including any right, title, and interest (including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust) in the

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whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, that is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or in any manner to facilitate the commission of a felony violation of Article 17B or Section 17-6.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 or that is the proceeds of any act that constitutes a felony violation of Article 17B or Section 17-6.3 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

- 10 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13;
- 11 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 12 (725 ILCS 5/124B-705)

Sec. 124B-705. Government taking Seizure and inventory of property subject to forfeiture. Property taken or detained under this Part shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director of State Police subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the government taking forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the Attorney General or State's Attorney under this Article. When property is taken seized under this Article, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized property and estimate the property's value and shall forward a copy of the estimate of the property's value to the Director of State Police. Upon receiving the notice of government taking seizure, the Director may do any of the

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- 2 (1) Place the property under seal.
- 3 (2) Remove the property to a place designated by the Director.
  - (3) Keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency.
    - (4) Remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account.
    - (5) Place the property under constructive government taking seizure by posting notice of the pending government taking forfeiture on it, by giving notice of the pending government taking forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing a notice of the pending government taking forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating to the property.
  - (6) Provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property on terms and conditions set by the Director.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 22 (725 ILCS 5/124B-710)
- Sec. 124B-710. Sale of <del>forfeited</del> property <u>subject to</u> 24 government taking by Director of State Police.
- 25 (a) The court shall authorize the Director of State Police

- 1 to take seize any property declared subject to government
- 2 taking during an arrest <del>forfeited</del> under this Article on terms
- 3 and conditions the court deems proper.
- 4 (b) When property is taken <del>forfeited</del> under this Part 700,
- 5 the Director of State Police shall sell the property unless the
- 6 property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to
- 7 the public. The Director shall distribute the proceeds of the
- 8 sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in
- 9 accordance with Section 124B-715.
- 10 (c) (Blank).
- 11 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 12 (725 ILCS 5/124B-715)
- 13 Sec. 124B-715. Distribution of all other property and sale
- 14 proceeds. All moneys and the sale proceeds of all property
- 15 subject to government taking <del>forfeited and seized</del> under this
- Part 700 shall be distributed to the Special Supplemental Food
- 17 Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program
- 18 administered by the Illinois Department of Human Services.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 20 (725 ILCS 5/124B-800)
- Sec. 124B-800. Persons and property subject to government
- 22 taking forfeiture.
- 23 (a) A person who commits an offense under Article 29D of
- the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 shall be

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subject to government taking of forfeit any property that the sentencing court determines, after a government taking forfeiture hearing under this Article, (i) the person has acquired or maintained, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, as a result of the offense or (ii) the person used, was about to use, or intended to use in connection with the offense. The person shall also be subject to government taking of forfeit any interest in, securities of, claim against, or contractual right of any kind that affords the person a source influence over any enterprise that the person established, operated, controlled, conducted, or participated in conducting, if the person's relationship to or connection with any such thing or activity directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is traceable to any item or benefit that the person has obtained or acquired as a result of a violation of Article 29D of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012 or that the person used, was about to use, or intended to use in connection with a violation of Article 29D of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the Criminal Code of 2012.

(b) For purposes of this Part 800, "person" has the meaning given in Section 124B-115 of this Code and, in addition to that meaning, includes, without limitation, any charitable organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, any professional fund raiser, professional solicitor, limited liability company, association, joint stock company, association, trust, trustee, or any group of people formally or

- 1 informally affiliated or associated for a common purpose, and
- any officer, director, partner, member, or agent of any person.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 4 (725 ILCS 5/124B-805)
- Sec. 124B-805. Asset freeze or <u>government taking</u> <del>seizure</del>; 6 ex parte proceeding.
  - (a) Whenever it appears that there is probable cause to believe that any person used, is using, is about to use, or is intending to use property in any way that constitutes or would constitute an offense as defined in this Article, the Attorney General or any State's Attorney may make an ex parte application to the circuit court to freeze or take seize all assets of that person. Upon a showing of probable cause in the ex parte hearing, the circuit court shall issue an order to freeze or take seize all assets of that person. A copy of the freeze or government taking seize order shall be served upon the person whose property has been frozen or taken seized.
    - (b) At any time within 30 days after service of the order to freeze or take seize property, the person whose property was ordered frozen or taken seized, or any person claiming an interest in the property, may file a motion to release his or her property. The court shall hold a hearing on the motion within 10 days.
  - (c) In any proceeding to release property, the burden of proof shall be by a preponderance of evidence and shall be on

- the State to show that the person used, was using, is about to 1 2 use, or is intending to use any property in any way that 3 constitutes or would constitute an offense as defined in this Article. If the court finds that any property was being used, 5 is about to be used, or is intended to be used in any way that constitutes or would constitute an offense as defined in this 6 7 Article, the court shall order the property frozen or held 8 until further order of the court. Any property so ordered held 9 or frozen is subject to government taking forfeiture under the 10 procedures set forth in this Article.
- 11 (d) Upon the request of the defendant, the court may
  12 release property frozen or <u>taken</u> seized under this Section in
  13 an amount sufficient to pay attorney's fees for representation
  14 of the defendant at a hearing conducted under this Article.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 16 (725 ILCS 5/124B-810)

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- 17 Sec. 124B-810. <u>Government taking Forfeiture</u> hearing 18 following property freeze or <u>taking seizure</u>.
  - (a) If a person having any property interest in property frozen or taken seized under Section 124B-805 is charged with an offense within 60 days after the property is frozen or taken seized, the court that renders judgment on the charge shall conduct a government taking forfeiture hearing within 30 days after the judgment to determine whether the property (i) was used, about to be used, or intended to be used to commit an

- offense as defined in this Article or in connection with any such offense or (ii) was integrally related to any offense as defined in this Article or intended offense as defined in this Article.
  - (b) The State shall commence a government taking forfeiture proceeding under subsection (a) by filing a written petition with the court. The petition must be verified and must include the following:
    - (1) Material allegations of fact.
    - (2) The name and address of every person determined by the State to have any property interest in the frozen or <a href="taken seized">taken seized</a> property.
    - (3) A representation that written notice of the date, time, and place of the <u>government taking forfeiture</u> hearing has been mailed to every person described in paragraph (2) by certified mail at least 10 days before the date.
      - (4) A request for government taking forfeiture.
  - (c) Every person described in paragraph (2) of subsection (b) may appear as a party and present evidence at the hearing. The quantum of proof required is a preponderance of the evidence, and the burden of proof is on the State.
  - (d) If the court determines that the frozen or <u>taken</u> seized property was used, about to be used, or intended to be used to commit an offense as defined in this Article or in connection with any such offense, or was integrally related to any offense as defined in this Article or intended offense as defined in

- 1 this Article, the court shall enter an order of government
- 2 taking forfeiture and disposition of the frozen or taken seized
- 3 property. All property subject to government taking forfeited
- 4 may be liquidated, and the resultant money, together with any
- 5 other money subject to government taking forfeited, shall be
- 6 distributed as set forth in this Article.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 8 (725 ILCS 5/124B-820)
- 9 Sec. 124B-820. No offense charged or no conviction; in rem 10 proceeding.
- 11 (a) If a person is not charged with an offense within 60 12 days after property is frozen or taken seized under Section 124B-805, or if the prosecution of the charge is permanently 1.3 14 terminated or indefinitely discontinued without any judgment 15 of conviction, or if a judgment of acquittal is entered, the 16 Attorney General or State's Attorney shall immediately commence an in rem proceeding for the government taking 17 18 forfeiture of any frozen or taken seized property in the circuit court by filing a complaint that contains the same 19 20 information as required in a petition under subsection (b) of 21 Section 124B-810. The court shall conduct the in rem proceeding 22 in the same manner as other government taking forfeiture 23 proceedings under this Article.
- 24 (b) Any person having any property interest in the frozen 25 or taken <del>seized</del> property may commence a separate civil

- 1 proceeding in the manner provided by law.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 5/124B-825)
- 4 Sec. 124B-825. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 5 After the deduction of all requisite expenses of administration
- and sale, the Attorney General or State's Attorney shall
- 7 distribute the proceeds of the sale of <del>forfeited</del> property
- 8 subject to government taking during an arrest, along with any
- 9 property subject to government taking during an arrest
- 10 forfeited or seized, between participating law enforcement
- 11 agencies in equitable portions as determined by the court
- 12 entering the government taking forfeiture order.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 14 (725 ILCS 5/124B-900)
- 15 Sec. 124B-900. Legislative declaration. The General
- 16 Assembly finds that government taking the forfeiture of real
- 17 property that is used or intended to be used in connection with
- any show, exhibition, program, or other activity featuring or
- 19 otherwise involving a fight between an animal and any other
- animal or human or involving the intentional killing of any
- 21 animal for the purpose of sport, wagering, or entertainment
- 22 will have a significant beneficial effect in deterring the
- rising incidence of those activities within this State, as well
- 24 as other crimes that frequently occur in partnership with

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- 1 animal fighting, such as illegal gambling, possession of
- 2 narcotics, and weapons violations.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 4 (725 ILCS 5/124B-905)
  - Sec. 124B-905. Persons and property subject to government taking forfeiture. A person who commits a felony violation of Section 4.01 of the Humane Care for Animals Act or a felony violation of Section 48-1 or Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or the Criminal Code of 1961 shall be subject to government taking of forfeit the following:
    - (1) Any moneys, profits, or proceeds the person acquired, in whole or in part, as a result of committing the violation.
    - (2) Any real property or interest in real property that the sentencing court determines, after a government taking forfeiture hearing under this Article, (i) the person has acquired, in whole or in part, as a result of committing the violation or (ii) the person has maintained or used, in whole or in part, to facilitate, directly or indirectly, the commission of the violation. Real property subject to government taking forfeiture under this Part 900 includes property that belongs to any of the following:
      - (A) The person organizing the show, exhibition, program, or other activity described in subsections

        (a) through (g) of Section 4.01 of the Humane Care for

Animals Act, Section 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, or Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

- (B) Any other person participating in the activity described in subsections (a) through (g) of Section 4.01 of the Humane Care for Animals Act, Section 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, or Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961 who is related to the organization and operation of the activity.
- (C) Any person who knowingly allowed the activities to occur on his or her premises.

The person shall also be subject to government taking of forfeit any interest in, securities of, claim against, or contractual right of any kind that affords the person a source of influence over any enterprise that the person has established, operated, controlled, conducted, or participated in conducting, if the person's relationship to or connection with any such thing or activity directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is traceable to any item or benefit that the person has obtained or acquired as a result of a felony violation of Section 4.01 of the Humane Care for Animals Act, a felony violation of Section 48-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or Section 26-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10; 97-1108, eff. 1-1-13;

24 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)

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- Sec. 124B-910. Notice to or service on owner or interest holder.
  - (a) Whenever notice of pending government taking forfeiture or service of an in rem complaint is required under this Article, the notice or service shall be given or made as follows:
    - If the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then notice or service shall be given or made either by personal service or by mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that address. For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture, then the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. If an owner's or interest holder's address changes before the effective date of the notice of pending government taking forfeiture, however, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency of the change in address. If the owner's or interest holder's address changes after the effective date of the notice of pending government taking forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney or Attorney General of the change in address.
    - (2) If the property <del>seized</del> is a conveyance, then notice or service shall be given or made to the address reflected

in the office of the agency or official in which title or interest to the conveyance is required by law to be recorded. Notice shall be given by mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that address.

- (3) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not known and is not on record as provided in paragraph (2), then notice of pending government taking forfeiture shall be given by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the government taking seizure occurred.
- 12 (b) Notice of pending government taking forfeiture served 13 under this Article is effective upon personal service, the last 14 date of publication, or the mailing of written notice, 15 whichever is earlier.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)

## 17 (725 ILCS 5/124B-915)

Sec. 124B-915. Property vests in State. All property declared subject to government taking forfeited under this Article vests in the State on the date of the commission of the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture, together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to government taking forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered taken forfeited unless the

- 1 transferee claims and establishes in a hearing under the
- 2 provisions of this Article that the transferee's interest is
- 3 exempt from government taking forfeiture.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 5 (725 ILCS 5/124B-925)
- 6 Sec. 124B-925. Settlement of claims. Notwithstanding any
- 7 other provision of this Article, the Attorney General or
- 8 State's Attorney and a claimant of seized property subject to
- 9 government taking may enter into an agreed-upon settlement
- 10 concerning the seized property in an amount and upon terms that
- are set out in writing in a settlement agreement.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 13 (725 ILCS 5/124B-930)
- 14 Sec. 124B-930. Disposal of property.
- 15 (a) Real property taken or detained under this Part is not
- 16 subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the
- 17 Director of State Police subject only to the order and
- 18 judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the
- 19 government taking forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of
- 20 the State's Attorney or Attorney General under this Article.
- 21 (b) When property is subject to government taking forfeited
- 22 under this Article, the Director of State Police shall sell all
- such property and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale,
- 24 together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance

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- 1 with Section 124B-935.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 5/124B-935)
- 4 Sec. 124B-935. Distribution of property and sale proceeds.
- 5 All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property <u>subject</u>
- 6 to government taking forfeited and seized under this Part 900
- 7 shall be distributed as follows:
  - (1) 65% shall be distributed to the local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies that conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the government taking forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the government taking forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the government taking forfeiture is based.
    - (2) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the government taking forfeiture was instituted for use in the enforcement of laws, including laws governing animal fighting.
    - (3) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Illinois

      Department of Agriculture for reimbursement of expenses

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incurred in the investigation, prosecution, and appeal of cases arising under laws governing animal fighting.

(4) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State Police for expenses related to the administration and sale of seized and forfeited property subject to government taking.

(Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)

8 (725 ILCS 5/124B-1000)

Sec. 124B-1000. Persons and property subject to <u>government</u> taking <del>forfeiture</del>.

- (a) A person who commits the offense of unlawful transfer of a telecommunications device to a minor in violation of Section 12C-65 or Article 44 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or the Criminal Code of 1961 shall be subject to government taking of forfeit any telecommunications device used in the commission of the offense or which constitutes evidence of the commission of such offense.
- (b) A person who commits an offense prohibited by the Criminal Code of 1961, the Criminal Code of 2012, the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or an offense involving a telecommunications device possessed by a person on the real property of any elementary or secondary school without authority of the school principal shall be subject to government taking of forfeit any telecommunications

- device used in the commission of the offense or which 1 2 constitutes evidence of the commission of such offense. A 3 person who is not a student of the particular elementary or secondary school, who is on school property as an invitee of 4 5 the school, and who has possession of a telecommunications device for lawful and legitimate purposes, shall not need to 6 7 obtain authority from the school principal to possess the 8 telecommunications device on school property.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13; 97-1150, eff. 1-25-13.)
- 10 (725 ILCS 5/124B-1010)

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- 124B-1010. Seizure. A telecommunications device subject to government taking forfeiture may be taken seized and delivered forthwith to the investigating law enforcement agency. Such telecommunications device shall not be taken seized unless it was used in the commission of an offense specified in Section 124B-1000, or constitutes evidence of such Within 15 days after such delivery, the offense. an investigating law enforcement agency shall give notice of government taking seizure to any known owners, lien holders and secured parties of such property. Within that 15 day period the investigating law enforcement agency shall also notify the State's Attorney of the county of where the government taking occurred seizure about the taking seizure.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13.)

- 1 (725 ILCS 5/124B-1020)
- 2 Sec. 124B-1020. Exception to government taking forfeiture.
- 3 No telecommunications device shall be subject to government
- 4 taking <del>forfeited</del> by reason of any act or omission established
- 5 by the owner thereof to have been committed or omitted by any
- 6 person other than the owner while the device was unlawfully in
- 7 the possession of a person who acquired possession thereof in
- 8 violation of the criminal laws of the United States, or of any
- 9 state.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 97-1109, eff. 1-1-13.)
- 11 Section 45. The Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act is
- 12 amended by changing Sections 2, 3, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.5, 4, 5,
- 13 5.1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9.1, 9.5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13.1, 13.2, 13.3,
- 14 13.4, 14, 15, 17, and 20 as follows:
- 15 (725 ILCS 150/2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1672)
- 16 Sec. 2. Legislative Declaration. The General Assembly
- finds that the government taking civil forfeiture of property
- which is used or intended to be used in, is attributable to or
- 19 facilitates the manufacture, sale, transportation,
- 20 distribution, possession or use of substances in certain
- 21 violations of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the
- 22 Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and
- 23 Community Protection Act will have a significant beneficial
- 24 effect in deterring the rising incidence of the abuse and

trafficking of such substances within this State. While government taking forfeiture may secure for State and local units of government some resources for deterring drug abuse and drug trafficking, government taking of property during an arrest forfeiture is not intended to be an alternative means of funding the administration of criminal justice. The General Assembly further finds that the federal narcotics eivil forfeiture statute upon which this Act is based has been very successful in deterring the use and distribution of controlled substances within this State and throughout the country. It is therefore the intent of the General Assembly that the forfeiture provisions of this Act be construed in light of the federal forfeiture provisions contained in 21 U.S.C. 881 as interpreted by the federal courts, except to the extent that the provisions of this Act expressly differ therefrom.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)

17 (725 ILCS 150/3) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1673)

Sec. 3. Applicability. The provisions of this Act are applicable to all property <u>subject to government taking</u> forfeitable under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act.

23 (Source: P.A. 96-573, eff. 8-18-09.)

(725 ILCS 150/3.1)

- 1 Sec. 3.1. <u>Government taking Seizure</u>.
  - (a) Actual physical <u>taking seizure</u> of real property subject to <u>government taking during an arrest</u> <u>forfeiture</u> under this Act requires the issuance of a <u>seizure</u> warrant. Nothing in this Section prohibits the constructive <u>government taking seizure</u> of real property through the filing of a complaint for <u>government taking forfeiture</u> in circuit court and the recording of a lis pendens against the real property without a hearing, warrant application, or judicial approval.
    - (b) Personal property subject to government taking forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act may be taken seized by the Director of State Police or any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property.
    - (c) Personal property subject to <u>government taking</u> forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act may be <u>taken</u> seized by the Director of State Police or any peace officer without process:
      - (1) if the <u>taking</u> seizure is incident to inspection under an administrative inspection warrant;
      - (2) if the property subject to government taking seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor

- of the State in a criminal proceeding or in an injunction or government taking forfeiture proceeding based upon this

  Act;
  - (3) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety;
  - (4) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to government taking forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Illinois Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, and the property is taken seized under circumstances in which a warrantless government taking seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
    - (5) under the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.
  - (d) If a conveyance is <u>taken</u> seized under this Act, an investigation shall be made by the law enforcement agency as to any person whose right, title, interest, or lien is of record in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.
  - (e) After government taking seizure under this Section, notice shall be given to all known interest holders that government taking forfeiture proceedings, including a preliminary review, may be instituted and the proceedings may be instituted under this Act. Upon a showing of good cause related to an ongoing investigation, the notice required for a

- 1 preliminary review under this Section may be postponed.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 150/3.2)
- 4 Sec. 3.2. Receipt for <u>taken</u> seized property. If a law
- 5 enforcement officer takes seizes property that is subject to
- 6 government taking forfeiture, the officer shall provide an
- 7 itemized receipt to the person possessing the property or, in
- 8 the absence of a person to whom the receipt could be given,
- 9 shall leave the receipt in the place where the property was
- 10 found, if possible.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 12 (725 ILCS 150/3.3)
- Sec. 3.3. Safekeeping of <u>taken</u> seized property pending
- 14 disposition.
- 15 (a) Property taken <del>seized</del> under this Act is deemed to be in
- the custody of the Director of State Police, subject only to
- 17 the order and judgments of the circuit court having
- 18 jurisdiction over the government taking forfeiture proceedings
- and the decisions of the State's Attorney under this Act.
- 20 (b) If property is taken <del>seized</del> under this Act, the <del>seizing</del>
- 21 agency shall promptly conduct an inventory of the seized
- 22 property and estimate the property's value and shall forward a
- 23 copy of the inventory of <del>seized</del> property subject to government
- taking and the estimate of the property's value to the Director

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- of State Police. Upon receiving notice of government taking

  seizure, the Director of State Police may:
  - (1) place the property under seal;
- 4 (2) remove the property to a place designated by the seizing agency;
  - (3) keep the property in the possession of the Director of State Police;
    - (4) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping;
    - (5) place the property under constructive <u>government</u> taking seizure by posting notice of pending <u>government</u> taking forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending <u>government</u> taking forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending <u>government</u> taking <u>forfeiture</u> in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or
  - (6) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the seizing agency.
- 21 (c) The seizing agency is required to exercise ordinary 22 care to protect the seized property from negligent loss, 23 damage, or destruction.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 25 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)

- 1 (725 ILCS 150/3.5)
- 2 Sec. 3.5. Preliminary review.
  - (a) Within 14 days of the government taking seizure, the State shall seek a preliminary determination from the circuit court as to whether there is probable cause that the property may be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture.
    - (b) The rules of evidence shall not apply to any proceeding conducted under this Section.
    - (c) The court may conduct the review under subsection (a) of this Section simultaneously with a proceeding under Section 109-1 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 for a related criminal offense if a prosecution is commenced by information or complaint.
    - (d) The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing following the filing of an information or complaint charging a related criminal offense or following the return of indictment by a grand jury charging the related offense as sufficient evidence of probable cause as required under subsection (a) of this Section.
    - (e) Upon making a finding of probable cause as required under this Section, the circuit court shall order the property subject to the provisions of the applicable forfeiture Act held until the conclusion of any government taking forfeiture proceeding.
- 26 For government taking <del>seizures</del> of conveyances, within 28

days after a finding of probable cause under subsection (a) of this Section, the registered owner or other claimant may file a motion in writing supported by sworn affidavits claiming that denial of the use of the conveyance during the pendency of the government taking forfeiture proceedings creates a substantial hardship and alleges facts showing that the hardship was not due to his or her culpable negligence. The court shall consider the following factors in determining whether a substantial hardship has been proven:

- (1) the nature of the claimed hardship;
- (2) the availability of public transportation or other available means of transportation; and
- (3) any available alternatives to alleviate the hardship other than the return of the seized conveyance.

If the court determines that a substantial hardship has been proven, the court shall then balance the nature of the hardship against the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance. If the court determines that the hardship outweighs the State's interest in safeguarding the conveyance, the court may temporarily release the conveyance to the registered owner or the registered owner's authorized designee, or both, until the conclusion of the government taking forfeiture proceedings or for such shorter period as ordered by the court provided that the person to whom the conveyance is released provides proof of insurance and a valid driver's license and all State and local registrations for operation of the conveyance are

current. The court shall place conditions on the conveyance limiting its use to the stated hardship and providing transportation for employment, religious purposes, medical needs, child care, and obtaining food, and restricting the conveyance's use to only those individuals authorized to use the conveyance by the registered owner. The use of the vehicle shall be further restricted to exclude all recreational and entertainment purposes. The court may order any additional restrictions it deems reasonable and just on its own motion or on motion of the People. The court shall revoke the order releasing the conveyance and order that the conveyance be taken reseized by law enforcement if the conditions of release are violated or if the conveyance is used in the commission of any offense identified in subsection (a) of Section 6-205 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

If the court orders the release of the conveyance during the pendency of the <u>government taking forfeiture</u> proceedings, the court may order the registered owner or his or her authorized designee to post a cash security with the clerk of the court as ordered by the court. If cash security is ordered, the court shall consider the following factors in determining the amount of the cash security:

- (A) the full market value of the conveyance;
- (B) the nature of the hardship;
- 25 (C) the extent and length of the usage of the 26 conveyance;

- (D) the ability of the owner or designee to pay; and
- 2 (E) other conditions as the court deems necessary to safeguard the conveyance.

If the conveyance is released, the court shall order that the registered owner or his or her designee safeguard the conveyance, not remove the conveyance from the jurisdiction, not conceal, destroy, or otherwise dispose of the conveyance, not encumber the conveyance, and not diminish the value of the conveyance in any way. The court shall also make a determination of the full market value of the conveyance prior to it being released based on a source or sources defined in 50 Ill. Adm. Code 919.80(c)(2)(A) or 919.80(c)(2)(B).

If the conveyance subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture is released under this Section and is subsequently taken forfeited, the person to whom the conveyance was released shall return the conveyance to the law enforcement agency that took seized the conveyance within 7 days from the date of the declaration of government taking forfeiture or order of government taking forfeiture. If the conveyance is not returned within 7 days, the cash security shall be lost forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject to government taking forfeiture. If the cash security was less than the full market value, a judgment shall be entered against the parties to whom the conveyance was released and the registered owner, jointly and severally, for the difference between the full market value and the amount of the cash

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security. If the conveyance is returned in a condition other 1 2 than the condition in which it was released, the cash security 3 shall be returned to the surety who posted the security minus the amount of the diminished value, and that amount shall be 5 lost forfeited in the same manner as the conveyance subject to 6 government taking forfeiture. Additionally, the court may 7 enter an order allowing any law enforcement agency in the State 8 of Illinois to take seize the conveyance wherever it may be 9 found in the State to satisfy the judgment if the cash security 10 was less than the full market value of the conveyance.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

12 (725 ILCS 150/4) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1674)

Sec. 4. Notice to owner or interest holder. The first attempted service of notice shall be commenced within 28 days of the filing of the verified claim or the receipt of the notice from the seizing agency by Illinois State Police Notice/Inventory of Seized Property (Form 4-64), whichever occurs sooner. A complaint for government taking forfeiture or a notice of pending government taking forfeiture shall be served upon the property owner or interest holder in the following manner:

- (1) If the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either:
  - (A) personal service; or
- (B) mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail,

return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(i) If notice is sent by certified mail and no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of mailing, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, then the State's Attorney shall, within a reasonable period of time, mail a second copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address.

(ii) If no signed return receipt is received by the State's Attorney within 28 days of the second attempt at service by certified mail, and no communication from the owner or interest holder is received by the State's Attorney documenting actual notice by said parties, then the State's Attorney shall have 60 days to attempt to serve the notice by personal service, which also includes substitute service by leaving a copy at the usual place of abode, with some person of the family or a person residing there, of the age of 13 years or upwards. If, after 3 attempts at service in this manner, no service of the notice is accomplished, then the notice shall be posted in a conspicuous

manner at this address and service shall be made by posting.

The attempts at service and the posting, if required, shall be documented by the person attempting service and said documentation shall be made part of a return of service returned to the State's Attorney.

The State's Attorney may utilize any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff, any peace officer, a private process server or investigator, or any employee, agent, or investigator of the State's Attorney's Office to attempt service without seeking leave of court.

After the procedures set forth are followed, service shall be effective on an owner or interest holder on the date of receipt by the State's Attorney of a return receipt, or on the date of receipt of a communication from an owner or interest holder documenting actual notice, whichever is first in time, or on the date of the last act performed by the State's Attorney in attempting personal service under subparagraph (ii) above. If notice is to be shown by actual notice from communication with a claimant, then the State's Attorney shall file an affidavit providing details of the communication, which may

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be accepted as sufficient proof of service by the court.

After a claimant files a verified claim with the State's Attorney and provides an address at which the claimant will accept service, the complaint shall be served and notice shall be perfected upon mailing of the complaint to the claimant at the address the claimant provided via certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail. No return receipt need be received, or any other attempts at service need be comply with service and made to notice This under this requirements Act. certified mailing, return receipt requested, shall be proof of service of the complaint on the claimant.

For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture, then the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the effective date of the notice of pending government taking forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency of the change in address or, if the owner or interest

holder's address changes subsequent to the effective date of the notice of pending government taking forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in address; or if the property seized is a conveyance, to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title to or interest in the conveyance is required by law to be recorded.

- (2) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not known, and is not on record, then notice shall be served by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the government taking seizure occurred.
- (3) After a claimant files a verified claim with the State's Attorney and provides an address at which the claimant will accept service, the complaint shall be served and notice shall be perfected upon mailing of the complaint to the claimant at the address the claimant provided via certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail. No return receipt need be received or any other attempts at service need be made to comply with service and notice requirements under this Act. This certified mailing, return receipt requested, shall be proof of service of the complaint on the claimant.
  - (4) Notice to any business entity, corporation,

limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or partnership shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.

- (5) Notice to a person whose address is not within the State shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice is complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt.
- (6) Notice to a person whose address is not within the United States shall be completed by a single mailing of a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to that address. This notice shall be complete regardless of the return of a signed return receipt. If certified mail is not available in the foreign country where the person has an address, then notice shall proceed by publication under paragraph (2) of this Section.
- (7) Notice to any person whom the State's Attorney reasonably should know is incarcerated within the State shall also include the mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail to the address of the detention facility with the inmate's name clearly marked on the envelope.

- 1 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 2 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 3 (725 ILCS 150/5) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1675)
- 4 Sec. 5. Notice to State's Attorney. The law enforcement 5 agency <u>taking the</u> <del>seizing</del> property for <u>government taking</u> 6 forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the 7 Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and 8 Community Protection Act, or the Illinois Food, Drug, and 9 Cosmetic Act shall, as soon as practicable but not later than 10 28 days after the government taking seizure, notify the State's 11 Attorney for the county in which an act or omission giving rise 12 to the government taking seizure occurred or in which the property was taken <del>seized</del> of the gover<u>nment taking</u> <del>seizure</del> of 13 14 the property and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the 15 government taking seizure and shall provide the State's 16 Attorney with the inventory of the property and its estimated value. Said notice shall be by the delivery of Form 4-64. When 17 18 the property subject to government taking seized for forfeiture 19 is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency taking seizing the 20 property shall immediately notify the Secretary of State that 21 government taking forfeiture proceedings are pending regarding
- 23 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 24 (725 ILCS 150/5.1)

such vehicle.

- Sec. 5.1. Replevin prohibited; return of personal property inside taken seized conveyance.
  - (a) Property <u>subject to government taking during an arrest</u> seized under this Act shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director of State Police, subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the <u>government taking forfeiture</u> proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney.
  - (b) A claimant or a party interested in personal property contained within a seized conveyance subject to government taking may file a request with the State's Attorney in an administrative government taking forfeiture action, or a motion with the court in a judicial government taking forfeiture action, for the return of any personal property contained within a conveyance seized subject to government taking under this Act. The return of personal property shall not be unreasonably withheld if the personal property is not mechanically or electrically coupled to the conveyance, needed for evidentiary purposes, or otherwise contraband. A law enforcement agency that returns property under a court order under this Section shall not be liable to any person who claims ownership to the property if the property is returned to an improper party.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
  - (725 ILCS 150/6) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1676)

Sec. 6. Non-judicial government taking forfeiture. If non-real property that exceeds \$150,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or if real property is <u>subject to</u> government taking during an arrest seized under the provisions of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem government taking forfeiture proceedings as described in Section 9 of this Act within 28 days from receipt of notice of government taking seizure from the seizing agency under Section 5 of this Act. However, if non-real property that does not exceed \$150,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance is taken seized, the following procedure shall be used:

- (A) If, after review of the facts surrounding the government taking seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject government taking during an arrest to forfeiture, then, within 28 days of the receipt of notice of government taking seizure from the seizing agency, the State's Attorney shall cause notice of pending government taking forfeiture to be given to the owner of the property and all known interest holders of the property in accordance with Section 4 of this Act.
- (B) The notice of pending government taking forfeiture must include a description of the property, the estimated value of the property, the date and place of government taking seizure, the conduct giving rise to government

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assertion; and

1	taking forfeiture or the violation of law alleged, and a
2	summary of procedures and procedural rights applicable to
3	the government taking forfeiture action.
4	(C)(1) Any person claiming an interest in property
5	which is the subject of notice under subsection (A) of this
6	Section may, within 45 days after the effective date of
7	notice as described in Section 4 of this Act, file a
8	verified claim with the State's Attorney expressing his or
9	her interest in the property. The claim must set forth:
10	(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on
11	the notice of pending government taking forfeiture and
12	the name of the claimant;
13	(ii) the address at which the claimant will accept
14	mail;
15	(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's
16	interest in the property;
17	(iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and
18	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
19	interest in the property;
20	(v) the names and addresses of all other persons
21	known to have an interest in the property;
22	(vi) the specific provision of law relied on in
23	asserting the property is not subject to government
24	taking forfeiture;

(vii) all essential facts supporting each

- 1 (viii) the relief sought.
- 2 (2) If a claimant files the claim then the State's
  3 Attorney shall institute judicial in rem government taking
  4 forfeiture proceedings within 28 days after receipt of the
  5 claim.
- 6 (D) If no claim is filed within the 45-day period as 7 described in subsection (C) of this Section, the State's 8 Attorney shall declare the property subject to government 9 taking forfeited and shall promptly notify the owner and 10 all known interest holders of the property and the Director 11 of the Illinois Department of State Police of the 12 declaration of government taking forfeiture the 13 Director shall dispose of the property in accordance with 14 law.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 17 (725 ILCS 150/7) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1677)
- 18 Sec. 7. Presumptions and inferences.
- 19 (1) The following situation shall give rise to a
  20 presumption that the property described therein was furnished
  21 or intended to be furnished in exchange for a substance in
  22 violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the
  23 Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and
  24 Community Protection Act, or is the proceeds of such an
  25 exchange, and therefore subject to government taking during an

1 arrest forfeitable under this Act, such presumptions being
2 rebuttable by a preponderance of the evidence:

All moneys, coin, or currency found in close proximity to any substances manufactured, distributed, dispensed, or possessed in violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, to forfeitable drug manufacturing or distributing paraphernalia, or to forfeitable records of the importation, manufacture or distribution of substances.

(2) In the following situation, the trier of fact may infer that the property described therein was furnished or intended to be furnished in exchange for a substance in violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or is the proceeds of such an exchange, and therefore <u>subject to</u> government taking during an arrest <u>forfeitable</u> under this Act:

All property acquired or caused to be acquired by a person either between the dates of occurrence of two or more acts in felony violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, or an act committed in another state, territory or country which would be punishable as a felony under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act, committed by that person within 5 years of each

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- (a) at least one of the above acts was committed after the effective date of this Act; and
  - (b) both of the acts are or were punishable as a Class X, Class 1, or Class 2 felony; and
- (c) there was no likely source for such property other than a violation of the above Acts.
- (3) Presumptions and permissive inferences set forth in this Section shall apply to all portions of all phases of all government taking forfeiture proceedings under this Act.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 13 (725 ILCS 150/8) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1678)
- Sec. 8. Exemptions from government taking forfeiture.
  - (a) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier may be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited under this Act unless the State proves by a preponderance of the evidence that:
- 20 (1) in the case of a railway car or engine, the owner, 21 or
  - (2) in the case of any other such vessel or watercraft, vehicle or aircraft, the owner or the master of such vessel or watercraft or the owner or conductor, driver, pilot, or other person in charge of that vehicle or aircraft was at

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- the time of the alleged illegal act a consenting party or privy to that knowledge.
  - (b) No vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft shall be subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited under this Act by reason of any act or omission committed or omitted by any person other than such owner while a vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was unlawfully in the possession of a person who acquired possession in violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any state.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 11 (725 ILCS 150/9) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1679)
  - Sec. 9. Judicial in rem procedures. If property <u>subject to</u> government taking during an arrest <u>seized</u> under the provisions of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act is non-real property that exceeds \$150,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is real property, or a claimant has filed a claim under subsection (C) of Section 6 of this Act, the following judicial in rem procedures shall apply:
    - (A) If, after a review of the facts surrounding the government taking seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial government taking

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forfeiture proceedings by filing a verified complaint for government taking forfeiture in the circuit court within whose jurisdiction the government taking seizure occurred, or within whose jurisdiction an act or omission giving rise to the government taking seizure occurred, subject to Supreme Court Rule 187. The complaint for government taking forfeiture shall be filed as soon as practicable, but not later than 28 days after the filing of a verified claim by a claimant if the property was acted upon under a non-judicial government taking forfeiture action, or 28 days after the State's Attorney receives notice from the seizing agency as provided under Section 5 of this Act, whichever occurs later. When authorized by government taking forfeiture must be ordered by a court on an action in rem brought by a State's Attorney under a verified complaint for government taking forfeiture.

(A-5) If the State's Attorney finds that the alleged violation of law giving rise to the government taking seizure was incurred without willful negligence or without any intention on the part of the owner of the property to violate the law or finds the existence of mitigating circumstances to justify remission of the government taking forfeiture, the State's Attorney may cause the law enforcement agency having custody of the property to return the property to the owner within a reasonable time not to exceed 7 days. The State's Attorney shall exercise his or

her discretion prior to or promptly after the preliminar
review under Section 3.5 of this Act. Judicial in re
government taking forfeiture proceedings under this Ac
shall be subject to the Code of Civil Procedure and th
rules of evidence relating to civil actions.

- (A-10) A complaint of government taking forfeiture shall include:
  - (1) a description of the property <u>subject to</u> government taking <del>seized</del>;
  - (2) the date and place of <u>taking</u> seizure of the property;
  - (3) the name and address of the law enforcement agency making the government taking seizure; and
  - (4) the specific statutory and factual grounds for the government taking seizure.

The complaint shall be served upon the person from whom the property was <u>taken</u> seized and all persons known or reasonably believed by the State to claim an interest in the property, as provided in Section 4 of this Act. The complaint shall be accompanied by the following written notice:

"This is a civil court proceeding subject to the Code of Civil Procedure. You received this Complaint of <a href="Movernment Taking Forfeiture">Government Taking Forfeiture</a> because the State's Attorney's office has brought a legal action seeking government taking forfeiture of your taken seized

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property. This complaint starts the court process where the state seeks to prove that your property should be taken <del>forfeited</del> and not returned to you. This process is also your opportunity to try to prove to a judge that you should get your property back. The complaint lists the date, time, and location of your first court date. You must appear in court on that day, or you may lose the case automatically. You must also file an appearance and answer. If you are unable to pay the appearance fee, you may qualify to have the fee waived. If there is a criminal case related to the government taking seizure of your property, your case may be set for trial after the criminal case has been resolved. Before trial, the judge may allow discovery, where the State can ask you to respond in writing to questions and give them certain documents, and you can make similar requests of the State. The trial is your opportunity to explain what happened when your property was taken seized and why you should get the property back.".

(B) The laws of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to all other proceedings under this Act except that the parties shall be allowed to use, and the court must receive and consider, all relevant hearsay evidence that relates to evidentiary foundation, chain of custody, business records, recordings, laboratory analysis,

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- (C) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. A person not named in the government taking forfeiture complaint who claims to have an interest in the property may petition to intervene as a claimant under Section 2-408 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (D) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest holder under penalty of perjury and must set forth:
  - (i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the notice of pending government taking forfeiture and the name of the claimant;
  - (ii) the address at which the claimant will accept
    mail;
  - (iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's
    interest in the property;
  - (iv) the date, identity of transferor, and circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property;
  - (v) the names and addresses of all other persons known to have an interest in the property;

1	(vi) the specific provisions of Section 8 of this
2	Act relied on in asserting it is exempt from government
3	taking forfeiture, if applicable;
4	(vii) all essential facts supporting each
5	assertion;
6	(viii) the precise relief sought; and
7	(ix) in a government taking forfeiture action
8	involving currency or its equivalent, a claimant shall
9	provide the State with notice of the claimant's intent
10	to allege that the currency or its equivalent is not
11	related to the alleged factual basis for the government
12	taking forfeiture, and why.
13	(E) The answer must be filed with the court within 45
14	days after service of the civil in rem complaint.
15	(F) The trial shall be held within 60 days after filing
16	of the answer unless continued for good cause.
17	(G) The State, in its case in chief, shall show by a
18	preponderance of the evidence that the property is subject
19	to government taking forfeiture; and at least one of the
20	following:
21	(i) In the case of personal property, including
22	conveyances:
23	(a) that the claimant was legally accountable
24	for the conduct giving rise to the government
25	taking forfeiture;
26	(b) that the claimant knew or reasonably

1	should have known of the conduct giving fise to the
2	<pre>government taking forfeiture;</pre>
3	(c) that the claimant knew or reasonably
4	should have known that the conduct giving rise to
5	the government taking forfeiture was likely to
6	occur;
7	(d) that the claimant held the property for the
8	benefit of, or as nominee for, any person whose
9	conduct gave rise to its government taking
10	<del>forfeiture</del> ;
11	(e) that if the claimant acquired the interest
12	through any person engaging in any of the conduct
13	described above or conduct giving rise to the
14	government taking forfeiture:
15	(1) the claimant did not acquire it as a
16	bona fide purchaser for value, or
17	(2) the claimant acquired the interest
18	under such circumstances that the claimant
19	reasonably should have known the property was
20	derived from, or used in, the conduct giving
21	rise to the government taking forfeiture;
22	(f) that the claimant is not the true owner of
23	the property;
24	(g) that the claimant acquired the interest:
25	(1) before the commencement of the conduct
26	giving rise to the government taking

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1	<del>forfeiture</del> and the person whose conduct gave
2	rise to the government taking forfeiture did
3	not have authority to convey the interest to a
4	bona fide purchaser for value at the time of
5	the conduct; or
6	(2) after the commencement of the conduct
7	giving rise to the <u>government taking</u>
8	forfeiture and the owner or interest holder
9	acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured
10	creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser
11	for value without knowledge of the conduct that
12	gave rise to the government taking forfeiture,
13	and without the knowledge of the taking seizure
14	of the property <del>for forfeiture</del> .
15	(ii) In the case of real property:
16	(a) that the claimant was legally accountable
17	for the conduct giving rise to the government
18	<pre>taking forfeiture;</pre>
19	(b) that the claimant solicited, conspired, or
20	attempted to commit the conduct giving rise to the
21	<pre>government taking forfeiture; or</pre>
22	(c) that the claimant had acquired or stood to
23	acquire substantial proceeds from the conduct
24	giving rise to its government taking forfeiture

transaction;

other than as an interest holder in an arm's length

1	(d) that the claimant is not the true owner of
2	the property;
3	(e) that the claimant acquired the interest:
4	(1) before the commencement of the conduct
5	giving rise to the government taking
6	forfeiture and the person whose conduct gave
7	rise to the government taking forfeiture did
8	not have authority to convey the interest to a
9	bona fide purchaser for value at the time of
10	the conduct; or
1	(2) after the commencement of the conduct
_2	giving rise to the government taking
13	forfeiture and the owner or interest holder
_4	acquired the interest as a mortgagee, secured
15	creditor, lienholder, or bona fide purchaser
16	for value without knowledge of the conduct that
.7	gave rise to the government taking forfeiture,
18	and before the filing in the office of the
_9	recorder of deeds of the county in which the
20	real estate is located a notice of government
21	taking seizure for forfeiture or a lis pendens
22	notice.
23	(G-5) If the property that is the subject of the
24	government taking forfeiture proceeding is currency or its
25	equivalent, the State, in its case in chief, shall show by

26 a preponderance of the evidence that the property is

1	subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture.
2	If the State makes that showing, the claimant shall have
3	the burden of production to set forth evidence that the
4	currency or its equivalent is not related to the alleged
5	factual basis of the government taking forfeiture. After
6	the production of evidence, the State shall maintain the

burden of proof to overcome this assertion.

- (G-10) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, the State's burden of proof at the trial of the government taking forfeiture action shall be by clear and convincing evidence if:
  - (1) a finding of not guilty is entered as to all counts and all defendants in a criminal proceeding relating to the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture action; or
  - (2) the State receives an adverse finding at a preliminary hearing and fails to secure an indictment in a criminal proceeding related to the factual allegations of the <u>qovernment taking</u> forfeiture action.
- (H) If the State does not meet its burden of proof, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property as to which the State does meet its burden of proof taken by forfeited to the State. If the State does meet its burden of proof, the court shall order all property subject

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## to government taking forfeited to the State.

- (I) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Act regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
- (J) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding shall not preclude civil proceedings under this Act; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the State's Attorney, the court may stay government taking eivil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject government taking forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the taking seizure of such property unless such return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney.
- (K) Title to all property declared <u>subject to</u> government taking during an arrest <del>forfeited</del> under this Act

vests in the State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to government taking forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to government taking forfeiture unless a person to whom the property was transferred makes an appropriate claim under this Act and has the claim adjudicated in the judicial in rem proceeding.

- (L) A civil action under this Act must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to government taking forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
- (M) No property shall be <u>subject to government taking</u> during an arrest <u>forfeited</u> under this Act from a person who, without actual or constructive notice that the property was the subject of <u>government taking forfeiture</u> proceedings, obtained possession of the property as a bona fide purchaser for value. A person who purports to transfer property after receiving actual or constructive notice that the property is subject to <u>subject to government taking during an arrest seizure or forfeiture</u> is guilty of

- contempt of court and shall be liable to the State for a penalty in the amount of the fair market value of the property.
- (N) If property is ordered <u>subject to government taking</u>

  during an arrest <u>forfeited</u> under this Act from a claimant who held title to the property in joint tenancy or tenancy in common with another claimant, the court shall determine the amount of each owner's interest in the property according to principles of property law.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 11 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 12 (725 ILCS 150/9.1)

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- 13 Sec. 9.1. Innocent owner hearing.
- 14 (a) After a complaint for government taking forfeiture is
  15 filed and all claimants have appeared and answered, a claimant
  16 may file a motion with the court for an innocent owner hearing
  17 prior to trial. This motion shall be made and supported by
  18 sworn affidavit and shall assert the following along with
  19 specific facts that support each assertion:
  - (1) that the claimant filing the motion is the true owner of the conveyance as interpreted by case law;
  - (2) that the claimant was not legally accountable for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture or acquiesced in the conduct;
- 25 (3) that the claimant did not solicit, conspire, or

attempt to commit the conduct giving rise to the <u>government</u>
taking <del>forfeiture</del>;

- (4) that the claimant did not know or did not have reason to know that the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture was likely to occur; and
- (5) that the claimant did not hold the property for the benefit of, or as nominee for any person whose conduct gave rise to its government taking forfeiture, or if the owner or interest holder acquired the interest through any such person, the owner or interest holder did not acquire it as a bona fide purchaser for value, or acquired the interest without knowledge of the taking seizure of the property for government taking forfeiture.

The claimant's motion shall include specific facts supporting these assertions.

- (b) Upon this filing, a hearing may only be held after the parties have been given the opportunity to conduct limited discovery as to the ownership and control of the property, the claimant's knowledge, or any matter relevant to the issues raised or facts alleged in the claimant's motion. Discovery shall be limited to the People's requests in these areas but may proceed by any means allowed in the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (c) After discovery is complete and the court has allowed for sufficient time to review and investigate the discovery responses, the court shall conduct a hearing. At the hearing,

- the fact that the property is subject to government taking
  forfeiture shall not be at issue. The court shall only hear
  evidence relating to the issue of innocent ownership.
- (d) At the hearing on the motion, the claimant shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence each of the assertions set forth in subsection (a) of this Section.

  If a claimant meets the burden of proof, the court shall grant the motion and order the property returned to the claimant. If the claimant fails to meet the burden of proof, then the court shall deny the motion and the government taking forfeiture case shall proceed according to the Code of Civil Procedure.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

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- Sec. 9.5. Proportionality. Property <u>subject to government</u> taking during an arrest forfeited under this Act shall be subject to an 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution disproportionate penalties analysis and the <u>government taking</u> property forfeiture may be denied in whole or in part if the court finds that the <u>government taking</u> forfeiture would constitute an excessive fine in violation of the 8th Amendment to the United States Constitution, as interpreted by case law.

(Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)

- 23 (725 ILCS 150/10) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1680)
- 24 Sec. 10. Stay of time periods. If property is taken <del>seized</del>

- 1 for evidence and government taking for forfeiture, the time
- 2 periods for instituting judicial and non-judicial government
- 3 <u>taking</u> forfeiture proceedings shall not begin until the
- 4 property is no longer necessary for evidence.
- 5 (Source: P.A. 86-1382.)
- 6 (725 ILCS 150/11) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1681)
- 7 Sec. 11. Settlement of claims. Notwithstanding other
- 8 provisions of this Act, the State's Attorney and a claimant of
- 9 seized property subject to government taking may enter into an
- 10 agreed-upon settlement concerning the seized property in such
- 11 an amount and upon such terms as are set out in writing in a
- 12 settlement agreement. All proceeds from a settlement agreement
- 13 shall be tendered to the Department of State Police and
- distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 13.2
- of this Act.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 17 (725 ILCS 150/12) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1682)
- 18 Sec. 12. Nothing in this Act shall apply to property which
- 19 constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees paid to an
- 20 attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the
- 21 government taking forfeiture proceeding or criminal proceeding
- 22 relating directly thereto where such property was paid before
- 23 its taking <del>seizure</del>, before the issuance of any <del>seizure</del> warrant
- or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and where

- 1 the attorney, at the time he or she received the property did
- 2 not know that it was property subject to government taking
- 3 <del>forfeiture</del> under this Act.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 86-1382.)
- 5 (725 ILCS 150/13) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1683)
- 6 Sec. 13. Construction. It shall be the intent of the
- 7 General Assembly that the government taking forfeiture
- 8 provisions of this Act be liberally construed so as to effect
- 9 their remedial purpose. The government taking forfeiture of
- 10 property during an arrest and other remedies hereunder shall be
- 11 considered to be in addition, and not exclusive of any sentence
- or other remedy provided by law.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 86-1382.)
- 14 (725 ILCS 150/13.1) (was 725 ILCS 150/15)
- Sec. 13.1. Return of property, damages, and costs.
- 16 (a) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of
- 17 property subject to government taking during an arrest seized
- 18 for forfeiture shall deliver property ordered by the court to
- 19 be returned or conveyed to the claimant within a reasonable
- time not to exceed 7 days, unless the order is stayed by the
- 21 trial court or a reviewing court pending an appeal, motion to
- 22 reconsider, or other reason.
- 23 (b) The law enforcement agency that holds custody of
- 24 property described in subsection (a) of this Section is

responsible for any damages, storage fees, and related costs applicable to property returned. The claimant shall not be subject to any charges by the State for storage of the property or expenses incurred in the preservation of the property. Charges for the towing of a conveyance shall be borne by the claimant unless the conveyance was towed for the sole reason of government taking seizure for forfeiture. This Section does not prohibit the imposition of any fees or costs by a home rule unit of local government related to the impoundment of a conveyance pursuant to an ordinance enacted by the unit of government.

(c) A law enforcement agency shall not retain forfeited property taken by the government during an arrest for its own use or transfer the property to any person or entity, except as provided under this Section. A law enforcement agency may apply in writing to the Director of State Police to request that forfeited property be awarded to the agency for a specifically articulated official law enforcement use in an investigation. The Director of State Police shall provide a written justification in each instance detailing the reasons why the taken forfeited property was placed into official use and the justification shall be retained for a period of not less than 3 years.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

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- Sec. 13.2. Distribution of proceeds; selling or retaining seized property subject to government taking prohibited.
  - (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, the court shall order that property subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited under this Act be delivered to the Department of State Police within 60 days.
  - (b) All moneys and the sale proceeds of all other property subject to government taking during an arrest forfeited and seized under this Act shall be distributed as follows:
    - (1)(i) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies that conducted the investigation resulting participated in government taking forfeiture. The distribution shall bear reasonable relationship to the degree of participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the government taking forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the government taking forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence, except that

amounts distributed to the Secretary of State shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Evidence Fund to be used as provided in Section 2-115 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

- (ii) Any local, municipal, or county law enforcement agency entitled to receive a monetary distribution of forfeiture proceeds may share those forfeiture proceeds pursuant to the terms of an intergovernmental agreement with a municipality that has a population in excess of 20,000 if:
  - (A) the receiving agency has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the municipality to provide police services;
  - (B) the intergovernmental agreement for police services provides for consideration in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per year;
  - (C) the <u>government taking</u> seizure took place within the geographical limits of the municipality; and
  - (D) the funds are used only for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or for security cameras used for the prevention or detection of violence or the establishment of a municipal police force, including

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the training of officers, construction of a police station, or the purchase of law enforcement equipment or vehicles.

(2)(i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution in the government taking <del>forfeiture</del> instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use enforcement of laws governing cannabis in and controlled substances; for public education the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or, at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. In counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances; for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol; or at the discretion of the State's Attorney, in addition to other authorized purposes, to make grants to local substance abuse treatment facilities and half-way houses. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws governing

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cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

- (ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that office to be additional incurred in used for expenses the investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising under laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.
- 15 (3) 10% shall be retained by the Department of State
  16 Police for expenses related to the administration and sale
  17 of seized and forfeited property subject to government
  18 taking.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)
- 20 (725 ILCS 150/13.3) (was 725 ILCS 150/20)
- Sec. 13.3. Reporting. Property <u>taken by the government</u>

  during an arrest <u>seized or forfeited</u> under this Act is subject
- 23 to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

- 1 (725 ILCS 150/13.4)
- 2 Sec. 13.4. Applicability; savings clause.
- 3 (a) The changes made to this Act by Public Act 100-512 and
- 4 Public Act 100-699 only apply to property subject to government
- 5 taking during an arrest seized on and after July 1, 2018.
- 6 (b) The changes made to this Act by Public Act 100-699 are
- 7 subject to Section 4 of the Statute on Statutes.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 100-699, eff. 8-3-18; 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- 9 (725 ILCS 150/14) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1684)
- 10 Sec. 14. Judicial review. If property has been declared
- 11 subject to government taking forfeited under Section 6 of this
- 12 Act, any person who has an interest in the property declared
- 13 forfeited may, within 30 days of the effective date of the
- 14 notice of the declaration of government taking forfeiture, file
- 15 a claim as described in subsection (C) of Section 6 of this
- 16 Act. If a claim is filed under this Section, then the
- 17 procedures described in Section 9 of this Act shall apply.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 19 Section 50. The Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act is amended
- 20 by changing Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 5.1, 5.2, 6, 6.5, 7, 8, 9, and
- 21 11 as follows:
- 22 (725 ILCS 175/2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1652)
- 23 Sec. 2. Legislative Declaration. Narcotics racketeering is

- 1 a far-reaching and extremely profitable criminal enterprise.
- 2 Racketeering schemes persist despite the threat of prosecution
- 3 and the actual prosecution and imprisonment of individual
- 4 participants because existing sanctions do not effectively
- 5 reach the money and other assets generated by such schemes. It
- 6 is therefore necessary to supplement existing sanctions by
- 7 mandating government taking forfeiture of money and other
- 8 assets generated by narcotics racketeering activities.
- 9 <u>Government taking</u> <del>Forfeiture</del> diminishes the financial
- incentives which encourage and sustain narcotics racketeering,
- 11 and secures for the People of the State of Illinois assets to
- be used for enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 82-940.)
- 14 (725 ILCS 175/5) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1655)
- Sec. 5. (a) A person who commits the offense of narcotics
- 16 racketeering shall:
- 17 (1) be guilty of a Class 1 felony; and
- 18 (2) be subject to a fine of up to \$250,000.
- 19 A person who commits the offense of narcotics racketeering
- or who violates Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act
- 21 shall be subject to government taking of forfeit to the State
- 22 of Illinois: (A) any profits or proceeds and any property or
- 23 property interest he has acquired or maintained in violation of
- this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or
- 25 has used to facilitate a violation of this Act that the court

determines, after a government taking forfeiture hearing, under subsection (b) of this Section to have been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act, or used to facilitate narcotics racketeering; and (B) any interest in, security of, claim against, or property or contractual right of any kind affording a source of influence over, any enterprise which he has established, operated, controlled, conducted, or participated in the conduct of, in violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act, that the court determines, after a government taking forfeiture hearing, under subsection (b) of this Section to have been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or used to facilitate narcotics racketeering.

(b) The court shall, upon petition by the Attorney General or State's Attorney, at any time subsequent to the filing of an information or return of an indictment, conduct a hearing to determine whether any property or property interest is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Act. At the government taking forfeiture hearing the people shall have the burden of establishing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that property or property interests are subject to government taking forfeiture under this Act. There is a rebuttable presumption at such hearing that any property or property interest of a person charged by information or indictment with

- narcotics racketeering or who is convicted of a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section if the State establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that:
  - (1) such property or property interest was acquired by such person during the period of the violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or within a reasonable time after such period; and
  - (2) there was no likely source for such property or property interest other than the violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act.
  - (c) In an action brought by the People of the State of Illinois under this Act, wherein any restraining order, injunction or prohibition or any other action in connection with any property or property interest subject to government taking forfeiture under this Act is sought, the circuit court which shall preside over the trial of the person or persons charged with narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act shall first determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the person or persons so charged has committed the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act and whether the property or property interest is subject to government taking forfeiture pursuant to this Act.

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In order to make such a determination, prior to entering any such order, the court shall conduct a hearing without a jury, wherein the People shall establish that there is: (i) probable cause that the person or persons so charged have committed the offense of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act and (ii) probable cause that any property or property interest may be subject to government taking forfeiture pursuant to this Act. Such hearing may be conducted simultaneously with a preliminary hearing, if the prosecution is commenced by information or complaint, or by motion of the People, at any stage in the proceedings. The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary hearing following the filing of an information charging the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or the return of an indictment by a grand jury charging the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or after a charge is filed for violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act as sufficient evidence of probable cause as provided in item (i) above.

Upon such a finding, the circuit court shall enter such restraining order, injunction or prohibition, or shall take such other action in connection with any such property or property interest subject to government taking forfeiture under this Act, as is necessary to insure that such property is not removed from the jurisdiction of the court, concealed,

destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the owner of that property or property interest prior to a government taking forfeiture hearing under subsection (b) of this Section. The Attorney General or State's Attorney shall file a certified copy of such restraining order, injunction or other prohibition with the recorder of deeds or registrar of titles of each county where any such property of the defendant may be located. No such injunction, restraining order or other prohibition shall affect the rights of any bona fide purchaser, mortgagee, judgment creditor or other lien holder arising prior to the date of such filing.

The court may, at any time, upon verified petition by the defendant, conduct a hearing to release all or portions of any such property or interest which the court previously determined to be subject to government taking forfeiture or subject to any restraining order, injunction, or prohibition or other action. The court may release such property to the defendant for good cause shown and within the sound discretion of the court.

- (d) Prosecution under this Act may be commenced by the Attorney General or a State's Attorney.
- (e) Upon an order of government taking forfeiture being entered pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section, the court shall authorize the Attorney General to take seize any property or property interest declared subject to government taking forfeited under this Act and under such terms and conditions as the court shall deem proper. Any property or property interest

- that has been the subject of an entered restraining order, injunction or prohibition or any other action filed under subsection (c) shall be <u>subject to government taking forfeited</u> unless the claimant can show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property or property interest has not been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or has not been used to facilitate narcotics racketeering.
  - (f) The Attorney General or his designee is authorized to sell all property <u>subject to government taking during an arrest</u> forfeited and seized pursuant to this Act, unless such property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and, after the deduction of all requisite expenses of administration and sale, shall distribute the proceeds of such sale, along with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (g) or (h), whichever is applicable.
  - (g) All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property subject to government taking forfeited and seized pursuant to this Act shall be distributed as follows:
    - (1) An amount equal to 50% shall be distributed to the unit of local government whose officers or employees conducted the investigation into narcotics racketeering and caused the arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the government taking forfeiture. Amounts distributed to units of local government shall be used for enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection

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of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. In the event, however, that the investigation, arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the <u>government taking</u> forfeiture were undertaken solely by a State agency, the portion provided hereunder shall be paid into the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund in the State treasury to be used for enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity.

(2) An amount equal to 12.5% shall be distributed to the county in which the prosecution resulting in the government taking forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

An amount equal to 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund, which is hereby created in the State treasury, to be used by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for additional expenses incurred in prosecuting arising under this Act. Any amounts remaining in the Fund after all additional expenses have been paid shall be used by the Office to reduce the participating county contributions to the Office on a pro-rated basis as determined by the board of governors of the Office of the

- State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor based on the populations of the participating counties.
  - (3) An amount equal to 25% shall be paid into the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund in the State treasury to be used by the Department of State Police for funding Metropolitan Enforcement Groups created pursuant to the Intergovernmental Drug Laws Enforcement Act. Any amounts remaining in the Fund after full funding of Metropolitan Enforcement Groups shall be used for enforcement, by the State or any unit of local government, of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.
  - (h) Where the investigation or indictment for the offense of narcotics racketeering or a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act has occurred under the provisions of the Statewide Grand Jury Act, all monies and the sale proceeds of all other property shall be distributed as follows:
    - (1) 60% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the government taking forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort

resulting in the government taking forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law on which the government taking forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

- (2) 25% shall be distributed by the Attorney General as grants to drug education, treatment and prevention programs licensed or approved by the Department of Human Services. In making these grants, the Attorney General shall take into account the plans and service priorities of, and the needs identified by, the Department of Human Services.
- (3) 15% shall be distributed to the Attorney General and the State's Attorney, if any, participating in the prosecution resulting in the government taking forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation in the prosecution of the offense, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total amount of time spent in preparing and presenting the case, the complexity of the case and other similar factors. Amounts distributed to the Attorney General under this paragraph shall be retained in

a fund held by the State Treasurer as ex-officio custodian to be designated as the Statewide Grand Jury Prosecution Fund and paid out upon the direction of the Attorney General for expenses incurred in criminal prosecutions arising under the Statewide Grand Jury Act. Amounts distributed to a State's Attorney shall be deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

(i) All monies deposited pursuant to this Act in the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund established under Section 5-9-1.2 of the Unified Code of Corrections are appropriated, on a continuing basis, to the Department of State Police to be used for funding Metropolitan Enforcement Groups created pursuant to the Intergovernmental Drug Laws Enforcement Act or otherwise for the enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

21 (Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16.)

22 (725 ILCS 175/5.2) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1655.2)

Sec. 5.2. (a) Twelve and one-half percent of all amounts collected as fines pursuant to the provisions of this Act shall be paid into the Youth Drug Abuse Prevention Fund, which is

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- hereby created in the State treasury, to be used by the
  Department of Human Services for the funding of programs and
  services for drug-abuse treatment, and prevention and
  education services, for juveniles.
  - (b) Eighty-seven and one-half percent of the proceeds of all fines received under the provisions of this Act shall be transmitted to and deposited in the treasurer's office at the level of government as follows:
    - (1) If the property taken by the government during an arrest such seizure was made by a combination of law enforcement personnel representing differing units of local government, the court levying the fine shall equitably allocate 50% of the fine among these units of local government and shall allocate 37 1/2% to the county general corporate fund. In the event that the government taking seizure was made by law enforcement personnel representing a unit of local government from a municipality where the number of inhabitants exceeds 2 million in population, the court levying the fine shall allocate 87 1/2% of the fine to that unit of local government. If the government taking seizure was made by a combination of law enforcement personnel representing differing units of local government, and at least one of those units represents a municipality where the number of inhabitants exceeds 2 million in population, the court shall equitably allocate 87 1/2% of the proceeds of the fines received

among the differing units of local government.

- (2) If the property taken by the government during an arrest such seizure was made by State law enforcement personnel, then the court shall allocate 37 1/2% to the State treasury and 50% to the county general corporate fund.
- (3) If a State law enforcement agency in combination with a law enforcement agency or agencies of a unit or units of local government conducted the government taking seizure, the court shall equitably allocate 37 1/2% of the fines to or among the law enforcement agency or agencies of the unit or units of local government which conducted the government taking seizure and shall allocate 50% to the county general corporate fund.
- enforcement agency or agencies of the unit or units of local government pursuant to subsection (b) shall be made available to that law enforcement agency as expendable receipts for use in the enforcement of laws regulating controlled substances and cannabis. The proceeds of fines awarded to the State treasury shall be deposited in a special fund known as the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund. Monies from this fund may be used by the Department of State Police for use in the enforcement of laws regulating controlled substances and cannabis; to satisfy funding provisions of the Intergovernmental Drug Laws Enforcement Act; to defray costs and expenses associated with

- 1 returning violators of the Cannabis Control Act and the
- 2 Illinois Controlled Substances Act only, as provided in those
- 3 Acts, when punishment of the crime shall be confinement of the
- 4 criminal in the penitentiary; and all other monies shall be
- 5 paid into the general revenue fund in the State treasury.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 89-507, eff. 7-1-97.)
- 7 (725 ILCS 175/6.5)
- 8 Sec. 6.5. Reporting. Property taken by the government
- 9 during an arrest seized or forfeited under this Act is subject
- 10 to reporting under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 11 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18.)
- 12 Section 55. The Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus
- 13 Prevention Act is amended by changing Section 40 as follows:
- 14 (740 ILCS 147/40)
- 15 Sec. 40. Property taken by the government during an arrest
- 16 Forfeiture.
- 17 (a) The following are subject to government taking during
- 18 an arrest seizure and forfeiture:
- 19 (1) any property that is directly or indirectly used or
- intended for use in any manner to facilitate streetgang
- 21 related activity; and
- 22 (2) any property constituting or derived from gross
- profits or other proceeds obtained from streetgang related

1 activity.

- (b) Property subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Section may be taken seized under the procedures set forth in Section 36-2.1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, except that actual physical taking seizure of real property subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Act requires the issuance of a seizure warrant. Nothing in this Section prohibits the constructive government taking seizure of real property through the filing of a complaint for government taking forfeiture in circuit court and the recording of a lis pendens against the real property without a hearing, warrant application, or judicial approval.
- (c) The State's Attorney may initiate government taking forfeiture proceedings under the procedures in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012. The State shall bear the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the property was acquired through a pattern of streetgang related activity.
- (d) Property <u>subject to government taking during an arrest</u> forfeited under this Section shall be disposed of in accordance with Section 36-7 of Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012 for the <u>government taking</u> forfeiture of vehicles, vessels, and aircraft.
- (e) Within 60 days of the date of the <u>government taking</u> seizure of contraband under this Section, the State's Attorney shall initiate <u>government taking</u> forfeiture proceedings as

- provided in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012. An owner 1 2 or person who has a lien on the property may establish as a 3 defense to the government taking forfeiture of property that is subject to government taking forfeiture under this Section that 4 5 the owner or lienholder had no knowledge that the property was acquired through a pattern of streetgang related activity. 6 7 Property that is <u>subject to government taking during an arrest</u> forfeited under this Section shall be disposed of as provided 8 9 in Article 36 of the Criminal Code of 2012 for the government 10 taking forfeiture of vehicles, vessels, and aircraft. The 11 proceeds of the disposition shall be paid to the Gang Violence 12 Victims and Witnesses Fund to be used to assist in the 13 prosecution of gang crimes.
- (f) Property <u>taken by the government during an arrest</u>

  seized or <u>forfeited</u> under this Section is subject to reporting

  under the Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
- 17 (g) The changes made to this Section by Public Act 100-512

  18 only apply to property taken by the government during an arrest

  19 seized on and after July 1, 2018.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 100-512, eff. 7-1-18; 100-699, eff. 8-3-18;
- 21 100-1163, eff. 12-20-18.)
- Section 60. The Illinois Securities Law of 1953 is amended by changing Section 11 as follows:
- 24 (815 ILCS 5/11) (from Ch. 121 1/2, par. 137.11)

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- 1 Sec. 11. Duties and powers of the Secretary of State.
  - A. (1) The administration of this Act is vested in the Secretary of State, who may from time to time make, amend and rescind such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out this Act, including rules and regulations governing procedures of registration, statements, applications and reports for various classes of securities, persons and matters within his or her jurisdiction and defining any terms, whether or not used in this Act, insofar as the definitions are not inconsistent with this Act. The rules and regulations adopted by the Secretary of State under this Act shall be effective in the manner provided for in the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act.
    - (2) Among other things, the Secretary of State shall have authority, for the purposes of this Act, to prescribe the form or forms in which required information shall be set forth, accounting practices, the items or details to be shown in balance sheets and earning statements, and the methods to be followed in the preparation of accounts, in the appraisal or valuation of assets and liabilities, in the determination of differentiation of depreciation and depletion, in the recurring and non-recurring income, in the differentiation of investment and operating income, and in the preparation of consolidated balance sheets or income accounts of any person, directly or indirectly, controlling or controlled by the issuer, or any person under direct or indirect common control

- 1 with the issuer.
- 2 (3) No provision of this Act imposing any liability shall
  3 apply to any act done or omitted in good faith in conformity
  4 with any rule or regulation of the Secretary of State under
  5 this Act, notwithstanding that the rule or regulation may,
  6 after the act or omission, be amended or rescinded or be
  7 determined by judicial or other authority to be invalid for any
  8 reason.
  - (4) The Securities Department of the Office of the Secretary of State shall be deemed a criminal justice agency for purposes of all federal and state laws and regulations and, in that capacity, shall be entitled to access to any information available to criminal justice agencies and has the power to appoint special agents to conduct all investigations, searches, government takings seizures, arrests, and other duties imposed under the provisions of any law administered by the Department. The special agents have and may exercise all the powers of peace officers solely for the purpose of enforcing provisions of this Act.
  - The Director must authorize to each special agent employed under this Section a distinct badge that, on its face, (i) clearly states that the badge is authorized by the Department and (ii) contains a unique and identifying number.
  - Special agents shall comply with all training requirements established for law enforcement officers by provisions of the Illinois Police Training Act.

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- (5) The Secretary of State, by rule, may conditionally or unconditionally exempt any person, security, or transaction, or any class or classes of persons, securities, or transactions from any provision of Section 5, 6, 7, 8, 8a, or 9 of this Act or of any rule promulgated under these Sections, to the extent that such exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, and is consistent with the protection of investors.
- B. The Secretary of State may, anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, require financial statements and reports of the issuer, dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative as often as circumstances may warrant. In addition, the Secretary of State may secure information or books and records from or through others and may make or cause to be made investigations respecting the business, affairs, and property of the issuer of securities, any person involved in the sale or offer for sale, purchase or offer to purchase of any mineral investment contract, mineral deferred delivery contract, or security and dealers, Internet portals, salespersons, investment ofadvisers, and investment adviser representatives that are registered or are the subject of an application for registration under this Act. The costs of an investigation shall be borne by the registrant or the applicant, provided that the registrant or applicant shall not be obligated to pay the costs without his, her or its consent in advance.
  - C. Whenever it shall appear to the Secretary of State,

- either upon complaint or otherwise, that this Act, or any rule or regulation prescribed under authority thereof, has been or is about to be violated, he or she may, in his or her discretion, do one or more of the following:
  - (1) require or permit the person to file with the Secretary of State a statement in writing under oath, or otherwise, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning the subject matter which the Secretary of State believes to be in the public interest to investigate, audit, examine, or inspect;
  - (2) conduct an investigation, audit, examination, or inspection as necessary or advisable for the protection of the interests of the public; and
  - (3) appoint investigators to conduct all investigations, searches, government takings seizures, arrests, and other duties imposed under the provisions of any law administered by the Department. The Director must authorize to each investigator employed under this Section a distinct badge that, on its face, (i) clearly states that the badge is authorized by the Department and (ii) contains a unique and identifying number.
  - D. (1) For the purpose of all investigations, audits, examinations, or inspections which in the opinion of the Secretary of State are necessary and proper for the enforcement of this Act, the Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her is empowered to administer oaths and affirmations,

- subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require, by subpoena or other lawful means provided by this Act or the rules adopted by the Secretary of State, the production of any books and records, papers, or other documents which the Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her deems relevant or material to the inquiry.
  - (2) The Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her is further empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, take evidence, and require the production of any books and records, papers, or other documents in this State at the request of a securities agency of another state, if the activities constituting the alleged violation for which the information is sought would be in violation of Section 12 of this Act if the activities had occurred in this State.
  - (3) The Circuit Court of any County of this State, upon application of the Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her may order the attendance of witnesses, the production of books and records, papers, accounts and documents and the giving of testimony before the Secretary of State or a person designated by him or her; and any failure to obey the order may be punished by the Circuit Court as a contempt thereof.
  - (4) The fees of subpoenaed witnesses under this Act for attendance and travel shall be the same as fees of witnesses before the Circuit Courts of this State, to be paid when the witness is excused from further attendance, provided, the

- witness is subpoenaed at the instance of the Secretary of State; and payment of the fees shall be made and audited in the same manner as other expenses of the Secretary of State.
  - (5) Whenever a subpoena is issued at the request of a complainant or respondent as the case may be, the Secretary of State may require that the cost of service and the fee of the witness shall be borne by the party at whose instance the witness is summoned.
  - (6) The Secretary of State shall have power at his or her discretion, to require a deposit to cover the cost of the service and witness fees and the payment of the legal witness fee and mileage to the witness served with subpoena.
  - (7) A subpoena issued under this Act shall be served in the same manner as a subpoena issued out of a circuit court.
    - (8) The Secretary of State may in any investigation, audits, examinations, or inspections cause the taking of depositions of persons residing within or without this State in the manner provided in civil actions under the laws of this State.
      - E. Anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding:
        - (1) If the Secretary of State shall find that the offer or sale or proposed offer or sale or method of offer or sale of any securities by any person, whether exempt or not, in this State, is fraudulent, or would work or tend to work a fraud or deceit, or is being offered or sold in violation of Section 12, or there has been a failure or

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refusal to submit any notification filing or fee required under this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order prohibit or suspend the offer or sale of securities by that person or deny or revoke the registration of the securities or the exemption from registration for the securities.

- (2) If the Secretary of State shall find that any person has violated subsection C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, or K of Section 12 of this Act, the Secretary of State may by written order temporarily or permanently prohibit or suspend the person from offering or selling any securities, any mineral investment contract, or any mineral deferred delivery contract in this State, provided that any person who is the subject of an order of permanent prohibition may petition the Secretary of State for a hearing to present evidence of rehabilitation or change in circumstances justifying the amendment or termination of the order of permanent prohibition.
- (3) If the Secretary of State shall find that any person is engaging or has engaged in the business of selling or offering for sale securities as a dealer, Internet portal, or salesperson or is acting or has acted investment adviser, investment as an adviser representative, or federal covered investment adviser, without prior thereto and at the time thereof having complied with registration notice the or requirements of this Act, the Secretary of State may by

written order prohibit or suspend the person from engaging in the business of selling or offering for sale securities, or acting as an investment adviser, investment adviser representative, or federal covered investment adviser, in this State.

- (4) In addition to any other sanction or remedy contained in this subsection E, the Secretary of State, after finding that any provision of this Act has been violated, may impose a fine as provided by rule, regulation or order not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation of this Act, may issue an order of public censure against the violator, and may charge as costs of investigation all reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and witness fees.
- F. (1) The Secretary of State shall not deny, suspend or revoke the registration of securities, suspend or revoke the registration of a dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, prohibit or suspend the offer or sale of any securities, prohibit or suspend any person from offering or selling any securities in this State, prohibit or suspend a dealer or salesperson from engaging in the business of selling or offering for sale securities, prohibit or suspend a person from acting as an investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, impose any fine for violation of this Act, issue an order of public censure, or

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enter into an agreed settlement except after an opportunity for hearing upon not less than 10 days notice given by personal service or registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested, to the person or persons concerned. Such notice shall state the date and time and place of the hearing and shall contain a brief statement of the proposed action of the Secretary of State and the grounds for the proposed action. A failure to appear at the hearing or otherwise respond to the allegations set forth in the notice of hearing shall constitute an admission of any facts alleged therein and shall constitute sufficient basis to enter an order.

herein contained to (2) Anything the contrary notwithstanding, the Secretary of State may temporarily prohibit or suspend, for a maximum period of 90 days, by an order effective immediately, the offer or sale or registration of securities, the registration of a dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment representative, or the offer or sale of securities by any person, or the business of rendering investment advice, without the notice and prior hearing in this subsection prescribed, if the Secretary of State shall in his or her opinion, based on credible evidence, deem it necessary to prevent an imminent violation of this Act or to prevent losses to investors which the Secretary of State reasonably believes will occur as a result of a prior violation of this Act. Immediately after taking action without such notice and hearing, the Secretary of

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State shall deliver a copy of the temporary order to the respondent named therein by personal service or registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. The temporary order shall set forth the grounds for the action and shall advise that the respondent may request a hearing, that the request for a hearing will not stop the effectiveness of the temporary order and that respondent's failure to request a hearing within 30 days after the date of the entry of the temporary order shall constitute an admission of any facts alleged therein and shall constitute sufficient basis to make the temporary order final. Any provision of this paragraph (2) to the contrary notwithstanding, the Secretary of State may not pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph (2) suspend the dealer, registration of а limited Canadian salesperson, investment adviser, or investment representative based upon sub-paragraph (n) of paragraph (l) of subsection E of Section 8 of this Act or revoke the registration of securities or revoke the registration of any dealer, salesperson, investment adviser representative, or investment adviser.

(3) The Secretary of State may issue a temporary order suspending or delaying the effectiveness of any registration of securities under subsection A or B of Section 5, 6 or 7 of this Act subsequent to and upon the basis of the issuance of any stop, suspension or similar order by the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the securities which are

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- the subject of the registration under subsection A or B of Section 5, 6 or 7 of this Act, and the order shall become effective as of the date and time of effectiveness of the Securities and Exchange Commission order and shall be vacated automatically at such time as the order of the Securities and Exchange Commission is no longer in effect.
  - (4) When the Secretary of State finds that an application for registration as a dealer, Internet portal, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative should be denied, the Secretary of State may enter an order denying the registration. Immediately after taking such action, the Secretary of State shall deliver a copy of the order to the respondent named therein by personal service or registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. The order shall state the grounds for the action and that the matter will be set for hearing upon written request filed with the Secretary of State within 30 days after the receipt of the request by the respondent. The respondent's failure to request a hearing within 30 days after receipt of the order shall constitute an admission of any facts alleged therein and shall make the order final. If a hearing is held, the Secretary of State shall affirm, vacate, or modify the order.
  - (5) The findings and decision of the Secretary of State upon the conclusion of each final hearing held pursuant to this subsection shall be set forth in a written order signed on behalf of the Secretary of State by his or her designee and

- shall be filed as a public record. All hearings shall be held before a person designated by the Secretary of State, and appropriate records thereof shall be kept.
  - (6) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Secretary of State, after notice and opportunity for hearing, may at his or her discretion enter into an agreed settlement, stipulation or consent order with a respondent in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. The provisions of the agreed settlement, stipulation or consent order shall have the full force and effect of an order issued by the Secretary of State.
  - (7) Anything in this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, whenever the Secretary of State finds that a person is currently expelled from, refused membership in or association with, or limited in any material capacity by a self-regulatory organization registered under the Federal 1934 Act or the Federal 1974 Act because of a fraudulent or deceptive act or a practice in violation of a rule, regulation, or standard duly promulgated by the self-regulatory organization, the Secretary of State may, at his or her discretion, enter a Summary Order of Prohibition, which shall prohibit the offer or sale of any securities, mineral investment contract, or mineral deferred delivery contract by the person in this State. The order shall take effect immediately upon its entry. Immediately after taking the action the Secretary of State shall deliver a copy of the order to the named Respondent by personal service or

- registered mail or certified mail, return receipt requested. A person who is the subject of an Order of Prohibition may petition the Secretary of State for a hearing to present evidence of rehabilitation or change in circumstances justifying the amendment or termination of the Order of Prohibition.
  - G. No administrative action shall be brought by the Secretary of State for relief under this Act or upon or because of any of the matters for which relief is granted by this Act after the earlier to occur of (i) 3 years from the date upon which the Secretary of State had notice of facts which in the exercise of reasonable diligence would lead to actual knowledge of the alleged violation of the Act, or (ii) 5 years from the date on which the alleged violation occurred.
  - H. The action of the Secretary of State in denying, suspending, or revoking the registration of a dealer, Internet portal, limited Canadian dealer, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, in prohibiting any person from engaging in the business of offering or selling securities as a dealer, limited Canadian dealer, or salesperson, in prohibiting or suspending the offer or sale of securities by any person, in prohibiting a person from acting as an investment adviser, federal covered investment adviser, or investment adviser representative, in denying, suspending, or revoking the registration of securities, in prohibiting or suspending the offer or sale or proposed offer or sale of

- securities, in imposing any fine for violation of this Act, or in issuing any order shall be subject to judicial review in the Circuit Courts of Cook or Sangamon Counties in this State. The Administrative Review Law shall apply to and govern every action for the judicial review of final actions or decisions of the Secretary of State under this Act.
  - I. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to the contrary, whenever it shall appear to the Secretary of State that any person is engaged or about to engage in any acts or practices which constitute or will constitute a violation of this Act or of any rule or regulation prescribed under authority of this Act, the Secretary of State may at his or her discretion, through the Attorney General take any of the following actions:
    - (1) File a complaint and apply for a temporary restraining order without notice, and upon a proper showing the court may enter a temporary restraining order without bond, to enforce this Act.
    - (2) File a complaint and apply for a preliminary or permanent injunction, and, after notice and a hearing and upon a proper showing, the court may grant a preliminary or permanent injunction and may order the defendant to make an offer of rescission with respect to any sales or purchases of securities, mineral investment contracts, or mineral deferred delivery contracts determined by the court to be unlawful under this Act.

- 1 (3) Seek the <u>government taking seizure</u> of assets when 2 probable cause exists that the assets were obtained by a 3 defendant through conduct in violation of Section 12, 4 paragraph F, G, I, J, K, or L of this Act, and thereby 5 subject to a <u>government taking judicial forfeiture</u> hearing 6 as required under this Act.
  - (a) In the event that such probable cause exists that the subject of an investigation who is alleged to have committed one of the relevant violations of this Act has in his <u>or her</u> possession assets obtained as a result of the conduct giving rise to the violation, the Secretary of State may seek a <u>seizure</u> warrant in any circuit court in Illinois.
  - (b) In seeking a seizure warrant, the Secretary of State, or his or her designee, shall submit to the court a sworn affidavit detailing the probable cause evidence for the government taking seizure, the location of the assets to be taken seized, the relevant violation under Section 12 of this Act, and a statement detailing any known owners or interest holders in the assets.
  - (c) Government taking Seizure of the assets shall be made by any peace officer upon process of the seizure warrant issued by the court. Following the government taking seizure of assets during an arrest under this Act and pursuant to a seizure warrant,

notice of government taking seizure, including a description of the seized assets taken during an arrest, shall immediately be returned to the issuing court. The Seized assets shall be maintained pending a government taking judicial forfeiture hearing in accordance with the instructions of the court.

- (d) In the event that management of seized assets that have been taken during an arrest becomes necessary to prevent the devaluation, dissipation, or otherwise to preserve the property, the court shall have jurisdiction to appoint a receiver, conservator, ancillary receiver, or ancillary conservator for that purpose, as provided in item (2) of this subsection.
- (4) Seek the <u>government taking</u> forfeiture of assets obtained through conduct in violation of Section 12, paragraph F, G, H, I, J, K, or L when authorized by law. A <u>government taking</u> forfeiture must be ordered by a circuit court or an action brought by the Secretary of State as provided for in this Act, under a verified complaint for <u>government taking</u> forfeiture.
  - (a) In the event assets have been <u>taken</u> seized pursuant to this Act, government taking forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted by the Attorney General within 45 days of government taking seizure.
  - (b) Service of the complaint filed under the provisions of this Act shall be made in the manner as

1	provided in civil actions in this State.
2	(c) Only an owner of or interest holder in the
3	property may file an answer asserting a claim against
4	the property. For purposes of this Section, the owner
5	or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant.
6	(d) The answer must be signed by the owner or
7	interest holder under penalty of perjury and must set
8	forth:
9	(i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth
10	on the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of
11	the claimant;
12	(ii) the address at which the claimant will
13	accept mail;
14	(iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's
15	interest in the property;
16	(iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and
17	circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the
18	interest in the property;
19	(v) the names and addresses of all other
20	persons known to have an interest in the property;
21	(vi) the specific provisions of this Act
22	relied on in asserting that the property is not
23	subject to government taking forfeiture;
24	(vii) all essential facts supporting each
25	assertion; and
26	(viii) the precise relief sought.

1	(e) The answer must be filled with the court within
2	45 days after service of the complaint.
3	(f) A property interest is exempt from government
4	taking forfeiture under this Act if its owner or
5	interest holder establishes by a preponderance of
6	evidence that the owner or interest holder:
7	(i) is not legally accountable for the conduct
8	giving rise to the forfeiture, did not acquiesce in
9	it, and did not know and could not reasonably have
10	known of the conduct or that the conduct was likely
11	to occur;
12	(ii) with respect to conveyances, did not hold
13	the property jointly or in common with a person
14	whose conduct gave rise to the forfeiture;
15	(iii) does not hold the property for the
16	benefit of or as a nominee for any person whose
17	conduct gave rise to its government taking
18	forfeiture and the owner or interest holder
19	acquires it as a bona fide purchaser for value
20	without knowingly taking part in the conduct
21	giving rise to the government taking forfeiture;
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23	(iv) acquired the interest after the
24	commencement of the conduct giving rise to its
25	government taking forfeiture and the owner or
26	interest holder acquired the interest as a

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- (g) The hearing must be held within 60 days after the answer is filed unless continued for good cause.
- (h) During the probable cause portion of the judicial in rem proceeding wherein the Secretary of State presents its case-in-chief, the court must receive and consider, among other things, any relevant hearsay evidence and information. The laws of evidence relating to civil actions shall apply to all other portions of the judicial in rem proceeding.
- (i) The Secretary of State shall show the existence of probable cause for government taking forfeiture of the property. If the Secretary of State shows probable cause, the claimant has the burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the claimant's interest in the property is not subject to government taking forfeiture.
- (j) If the Secretary of State does not show the existence of probable cause or a claimant has an interest that is exempt under subdivision I (4)(d) of this Section, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property subject to government taking

forfeited to the Secretary of State pursuant to all provisions of this Act. If the Secretary of State does show the existence of probable cause and the claimant does not establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the claimant has an interest that is exempt under subsection D herein, the court shall order all the property subject to government taking forfeited to the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of the Section.

- (k) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding for violations of the Act giving rise to government taking forfeiture of property herein regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
- (1) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding for violations of the Act giving rise to the government taking forfeiture of property herein shall not preclude civil proceedings under this provision; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the Secretary of State, the court may stay civil government taking forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging violation of the provisions of Section 12 of

the Illinois Securities Law of 1953. Property subject to government taking during an arrest forfeiture under this Section shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the government taking seizure of the property unless the return or release is consented to by the Secretary of State.

- (m) All property declared <u>subject to government</u> taking during an arrest forfeited under this Act vests in the State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to <u>government taking forfeiture</u> together with the proceeds of the property after that time. Any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to <u>government taking forfeiture</u> and thereafter shall be ordered <u>subject to government taking forfeiture</u> taking forfeited unless the transferee claims and establishes in a hearing under the provisions of this Act that the transferee's interest is exempt under the Act. Any assets <u>subject to government taking forfeited</u> to the State shall be disposed of in following manner:
  - (i) all forfeited property and assets shall be liquidated by the Secretary of State in accordance with all laws and rules governing the disposition of such property;
  - (ii) the Secretary of State shall provide the court at the time the property and assets are

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declared <u>subject to government taking during an</u>

<u>arrest forfeited</u> a verified statement of investors subject to the conduct giving rise to the government taking <u>forfeiture</u>;

(iii) after payment of any costs of sale, receivership, storage, or expenses preservation of the property seized, other costs to the State, and payment to claimants for any amount deemed exempt from government taking during an arrest forfeiture, the proceeds from liquidation shall be distributed pro rata to investors subject to the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture; and

(iv) any proceeds remaining after all verified been shall investors have made whole distributed 25% to the Securities Investors Education Fund, 25% to the Securities Audit and Enforcement Fund, 25% to the Attorney General or any State's Attorney bringing criminal charges for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture, and 25% to other law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation of the criminal charges for the conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture. In the event that no other law enforcement agencies are involved in the investigation of the conduct giving rise to the

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government taking forfeiture, then the portion to other law enforcement agencies shall be distributed to the Securities Investors Education Fund.

(n) Secretary of State shall notify by certified mail, return receipt requested, all known investors in the matter giving rise to the government taking during an arrest forfeiture of the government taking forfeiture proceeding and sale of assets forfeited arising from the violations of this Act, and shall further publish notice in a paper of general circulation in the district in which the violations prosecuted. The notice to investors identify the name, address, and other identifying information about any defendant prosecuted for violations of this Act that resulted in government taking forfeiture and sale of property, the offense for which the defendant was convicted, and that the court has ordered government taking forfeiture and sale of property for claims of investors who incurred losses or damages as a result of the violations. Investors may then file a claim in a form prescribed by the Secretary of State in order to share in disbursement of the proceeds from sale of the forfeited property. Investor claims must be filed with the Secretary of State within 30 days after receipt of the certified mail return

receipt, or within 30 days after the last date of publication of the general notice in a paper of general circulation in the district in which the violations were prosecuted, whichever occurs last.

- (o) A civil action under this subsection must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to the government taking forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding time during which either the property or claimant is out of this State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
- (p) If property is <u>taken</u> seized for evidence and for <u>government taking</u> forfeiture, the time periods for instituting judicial <u>government taking</u> forfeiture proceedings shall not begin until the property is no longer necessary for evidence.
- (q) Notwithstanding other provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State and a claimant of forfeitable property may enter into an agreed-upon settlement concerning the forfeitable property in such an amount and upon such terms as are set out in writing in a settlement agreement.
- (r) Nothing in this Act shall apply to property that constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees

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paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the <u>government taking forfeiture</u> proceeding or criminal proceeding relating directly thereto when the property was paid before its <u>seizure</u> and before the issuance of any <u>seizure</u> warrant or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and when the attorney, at the time he or she received the property, did not know that it was property subject to <u>government</u> taking <u>forfeiture</u> under this Act.

The court shall further have jurisdiction and authority, in addition to the penalties and other remedies in this Act provided, to enter an order for the appointment of the court or a person as a receiver, conservator, ancillary receiver or ancillary conservator for the defendant or the defendant's assets located in this State, or to require restitution, damages or disgorgement of profits on behalf of the person or persons injured by the act or practice constituting the subject matter of the action, and may assess costs against the defendant for the use of the State; provided, however, that the civil remedies of rescission and appointment of a receiver, conservator, ancillary receiver or ancillary conservator shall not be available against any person by reason of the failure to file with the Secretary of State, or on account of the contents of, any report of sale provided for in subsection G or P of Section 4, paragraph (2) of subsection D of Sections 5 and 6, or paragraph (2) of subsection F of Section 7 of this Act.

- 1 Appeals may be taken as in other civil cases.
- I-5. Property taken by the government during an arrest
  forfeited under this Section is subject to reporting under the
  Seizure and Forfeiture Reporting Act.
  - J. In no case shall the Secretary of State, or any of his or her employees or agents, in the administration of this Act, incur any official or personal liability by instituting an injunction or other proceeding or by denying, suspending or revoking the registration of a dealer or salesperson, or by denying, suspending or revoking the registration of securities or prohibiting the offer or sale of securities, or by suspending or prohibiting any person from acting as a dealer, limited Canadian dealer, salesperson, investment adviser, or investment adviser representative or from offering or selling securities.
    - K. No provision of this Act shall be construed to require or to authorize the Secretary of State to require any investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser engaged in rendering investment supervisory services to disclose the identity, investments, or affairs of any client of the investment adviser or federal covered investment adviser, except insofar as the disclosure may be necessary or appropriate in a particular proceeding or investigation having as its object the enforcement of this Act.
- 25 L. Whenever, after an examination, investigation or 26 hearing, the Secretary of State deems it of public interest or

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- advantage, he or she may certify a record to the State's Attorney of the county in which the act complained of, examined or investigated occurred. The State's Attorney of that county within 90 days after receipt of the record shall file a written statement at the Office of the Secretary of State, which statement shall set forth the action taken upon the record, or 7 if no action has been taken upon the record that fact, together with the reasons therefor, shall be stated.
- 9 M. The Secretary of State may initiate, take, pursue, or 10 prosecute any action authorized or permitted under Section 6d 11 of the Federal 1974 Act.
  - N. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Act to the contrary, to encourage uniform interpretation, administration, and enforcement of the provisions of this Act, the Secretary of State may cooperate with the securities agencies administrators of one or more states, Canadian provinces or territories, or another country, the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, any self-regulatory organization, and any governmental law enforcement or regulatory agency.
  - (2) The cooperation authorized by paragraph (1) of this subsection includes, but is not limited to, the following:
    - establishing or participating in a central depository or depositories for registration under this Act and for documents or records required under this Act;

- - (c) holding a joint administrative hearing;
- 4 (d) filing and prosecuting a joint civil or criminal proceeding;
- 6 (e) sharing and exchanging personnel;
- 7 (f) sharing and exchanging information and documents;
- 8 or

- 9 (g) issuing any joint statement or policy.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 99-182, eff. 1-1-16; 100-512, eff. 7-1-18;
- 11 100-699, eff. 8-3-18.)

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