

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by
5 changing Section 1-2 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/1-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 1-2)

7 Sec. 1-2. General purposes. The provisions of this Code
8 shall be construed in accordance with the general purposes
9 hereof, to:

10 (a) Forbid and prevent the commission of offenses;

11 (b) Define adequately the act and mental state that
12 ~~whieh~~ constitute each offense, and limit the condemnation of
13 conduct as criminal when it is without fault;

14 (c) Prescribe penalties which are proportionate to the
15 seriousness of offenses and which permit recognition of
16 differences in rehabilitation possibilities among individual
17 offenders;

18 (d) Prevent arbitrary or oppressive treatment of persons
19 accused or convicted of offenses.

20 (Source: Laws 1961, p. 1983.)