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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/21-1	from Ch. 38, par. 21-1
720 ILCS 5/21-3	from Ch. 38, par. 21-3

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides enhanced criminal penalties for criminal damage to farm equipment or immovable items of agricultural production, including but not limited to grain bins and barns. Provides that trespass in or on a motor vehicle to certain agricultural properties is a Class 2 felony (rather than a Class B misdemeanor). Provides that the offender who commits the trespass to the agricultural property shall, in addition to any other penalties imposed, reimburse the owner of the property for any damages that occurred to the property during the trespass.

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AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2 represented in the General Assembly: 3 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing 4 5 Sections 21-1 and 21-3 as follows: (720 ILCS 5/21-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 21-1) 6 7 Sec. 21-1. Criminal damage to property. 8 (1) A person commits an illegal act when he: (a) knowingly damages any property of another without 9

10 his consent; or

(b) recklessly by means of fire or explosive damages
 property of another; or

13 (c) knowingly starts a fire on the land of another14 without his consent; or

15 (d) knowingly injures a domestic animal of another 16 without his consent; or

(e) knowingly deposits on the land or in the building of another, without his consent, any stink bomb or any offensive smelling compound and thereby intends to interfere with the use by another of the land or building; or

(f) damages any property, other than as described in subsection (b) of Section 20-1, with intent to defraud an insurer; or

25 (g) knowingly shoots a firearm at any portion of a 26 railroad train.

When the charge of criminal damage to property exceeding a specified value is brought, the extent of the damage is an element of the offense to be resolved by the trier of fact as either exceeding or not exceeding the specified value.

31 (2) The acts described in items (a), (b), (c), (e), and (f)
 32 are Class A misdemeanors if the damage to property does not

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1 exceed \$300. The acts described in items (a), (b), (c), (e), 2 and (f) are Class 4 felonies if the damage to property does not 3 exceed \$300 if the damage occurs to property of a school or 4 place of worship or to farm equipment or immovable items of 5 agricultural production, including but not limited to grain 6 bins and barns. The act described in item (d) is a Class 4 felony if the damage to property does not exceed \$10,000. The 7 8 act described in item (g) is a Class 4 felony. The acts 9 described in items (a), (b), (c), (e), and (f) are Class 4 10 felonies if the damage to property exceeds \$300 but does not 11 exceed \$10,000. The acts described in items (a) through (f) are 12 Class 3 felonies if the damage to property exceeds \$300 but 13 does not exceed \$10,000 if the damage occurs to property of a school or place of worship or to farm equipment or immovable 14 15 items of agricultural production, including but not limited to 16 grain bins and barns. The acts described in items (a) through (f) are Class 3 felonies if the damage to property exceeds 17 \$10,000 but does not exceed \$100,000. The acts described in 18 19 items (a) through (f) are Class 2 felonies if the damage to property exceeds \$10,000 but does not exceed \$100,000 if the 20 damage occurs to property of a school or place of worship or to 21 22 farm equipment or immovable items of agricultural production, 23 including but not limited to grain bins and barns. The acts 24 described in items (a) through (f) are Class 2 felonies if the damage to property exceeds \$100,000. The acts described in 25 26 items (a) through (f) are Class 1 felonies if the damage to 27 property exceeds \$100,000 and the damage occurs to property of a school or place of worship or to farm equipment or immovable 28 items of agricultural production, including but not limited to 29 30 grain bins and barns. If the damage to property exceeds \$10,000, the court shall impose upon the offender a fine equal 31 32 to the value of the damages to the property.

33 For the purposes of this subsection (2), "farm equipment"
 34 means machinery or other equipment used in farming.

35 (3) In addition to any other sentence that may be imposed,36 a court shall order any person convicted of criminal damage to

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1 property to perform community service for not less than 30 and 2 not more than 120 hours, if community service is available in 3 the jurisdiction and is funded and approved by the county board of the county where the offense was committed. In addition, 4 5 whenever any person is placed on supervision for an alleged 6 offense under this Section, the supervision shall be conditioned upon the performance of the community service. 7

8 This subsection does not apply when the court imposes a 9 sentence of incarceration.

10 (Source: P.A. 91-360, eff. 7-29-99; 92-454, eff. 1-1-02.)

11 (720 ILCS 5/21-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 21-3)

12 Sec. 21-3. Criminal trespass to real property.

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(a) Except as provided in subsection (a-5), whoever:

14 (1) knowingly and without lawful authority enters or15 remains within or on a building; or

16 (2) enters upon the land of another, after receiving,
17 prior to such entry, notice from the owner or occupant that
18 such entry is forbidden; or

19 (3) remains upon the land of another, after receiving
 20 notice from the owner or occupant to depart; or

21 (4) enters upon one of the following areas in or on a 22 motor vehicle (including an off-road vehicle, motorcycle, 23 moped, or any other powered two-wheel vehicle), after 24 receiving prior to that entry, notice from the owner or 25 occupant that the entry is forbidden or remains upon or in 26 the area after receiving notice from the owner or occupant 27 to depart:

28 (A) any field that is used for growing crops or 29 which is capable of being used for growing crops; or 30 (B) an enclosed area containing livestock; or 31 (C) or an orchard; or 32 (D) a barn or other agricultural building 33 containing livestock; 34 commits a Class B misdemeanor.

35 For purposes of item (1) of this subsection, this Section

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1 shall not apply to being in a building which is open to the 2 public while the building is open to the public during its 3 normal hours of operation; nor shall this Section apply to a 4 person who enters a public building under the reasonable belief 5 that the building is still open to the public.

6 <u>(a-5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection,</u> 7 whoever enters upon any of the following areas in or on a motor 8 vehicle (including an off-road vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or 9 any other powered two-wheel vehicle) after receiving, prior to 10 that entry, notice from the owner or occupant that the entry is 11 forbidden or remains upon or in the area after receiving notice 12 from the owner or occupant to depart commits a Class 2 felony:

13(1) A field that is used for growing crops or that is14capable of being used for growing crops.

(2) An enclosed area containing livestock.

16 <u>(3)</u> An orchard.

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17 <u>(4) A barn or other agricultural building containing</u>
 18 <u>livestock.</u>

19 <u>(a-6) In addition to any other penalties that may be</u> 20 <u>imposed for a violation of subsection (a-5), the court shall</u> 21 <u>order the defendant to reimburse the owner of the property for</u> 22 <u>any damages to the property described in clauses (1) through</u> 23 <u>(4) of subsection (a-5) that occurred during the trespass.</u>

(b) A person has received notice from the owner or occupant 24 within the meaning of Subsection (a) if he has been notified 25 personally, either orally or in writing including a valid court 26 27 order as defined by subsection (7) of Section 112A-3 of the 28 Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 granting remedy (2) of subsection (b) of Section 112A-14 of that Code, or if a printed 29 30 or written notice forbidding such entry has been conspicuously 31 posted or exhibited at the main entrance to such land or the 32 forbidden part thereof.

33 (c) This Section does not apply to any person, whether a 34 migrant worker or otherwise, living on the land with permission 35 of the owner or of his agent having apparent authority to hire 36 workers on such land and assign them living quarters or a place

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of accommodations for living thereon, nor to anyone living on such land at the request of, or by occupancy, leasing or other agreement or arrangement with the owner or his agent, nor to anyone invited by such migrant worker or other person so living on such land to visit him at the place he is so living upon the land.

7 (d) A person shall be exempt from prosecution under this 8 Section if he beautifies unoccupied and abandoned residential 9 and industrial properties located within any municipality. For 10 the purpose of this subsection, "unoccupied and abandoned 11 residential and industrial property" means any real estate (1) 12 in which the taxes have not been paid for a period of at least 2 13 years; and (2) which has been left unoccupied and abandoned for a period of at least one year; and "beautifies" means to 14 15 landscape, clean up litter, or to repair dilapidated conditions 16 on or to board up windows and doors.

(e) No person shall be liable in any civil action for money damages to the owner of unoccupied and abandoned residential and industrial property which that person beautifies pursuant to subsection (d) of this Section.

(f) This Section does not prohibit a person from entering a building or upon the land of another for emergency purposes. For purposes of this subsection (f), "emergency" means a condition or circumstance in which an individual is or is reasonably believed by the person to be in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or in which property is or is reasonably believed to be in imminent danger of damage or destruction.

28 (Source: P.A. 89-346, eff. 1-1-96; 89-373, eff. 1-1-96; 89-626,
29 eff. 8-9-96; 90-419, eff. 8-15-97.)