

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2003 and 2004 HB4587

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/9-3

from Ch. 38, par. 9-3

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that in cases involving reckless homicide in which the defendant was driving in a construction or maintenance zone at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit required when workers are present or in violation of any warning signs that indicate that workers are present and caused the death of one person in the construction or maintenance zone, the penalty is a Class 1 felony. Provides that driving in a construction or maintenance zone at a speed in excess of the posted speed limit required when workers are present or in violation of any warning signs that indicate that workers are present constitutes a reckless act.

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CORRECTIONAL
BUDGET AND
IMPACT NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing 5 Section 9-3 as follows:
- (720 ILCS 5/9-3) (from Ch. 38, par. 9-3)6
- 7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 93-178)
- Sec. 9-3. Involuntary Manslaughter and Reckless Homicide. 8
- A person who unintentionally kills an individual 9 without lawful justification commits involuntary manslaughter 10 if his acts whether lawful or unlawful which cause the death 11 are such as are likely to cause death or great bodily harm to 12 13 some individual, and he performs them recklessly, except in 14 cases in which the cause of the death consists of the driving 15 of a motor vehicle or operating a snowmobile, all-terrain 16 vehicle, or watercraft, in which case the person commits
- reckless homicide. 17
- (b) (Blank). 18
- (c) (Blank). 19
- (d) Sentence. 20
- 21 (1) Involuntary manslaughter is a Class 3 felony.
- 22 (2) Reckless homicide is a Class 3 felony.
- 23 (e) (Blank).
- (e-5) (Blank). 24
- 25 (f) In cases involving involuntary manslaughter in which 26 the victim was a family or household member as defined in paragraph (3) of Section 112A-3 of the Code of Criminal 27 Procedure of 1963, the penalty shall be a Class 2 felony, for 28 which a person if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be 29 30 sentenced to a term of not less than 3 years and not more than
- 14 years. 31
- (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 93-213, eff. 7-18-03.) 32

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- (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 93-178) 1
- 2 Sec. 9-3. Involuntary Manslaughter and Reckless Homicide.
- (a) A person who unintentionally kills an individual 3 without lawful justification commits involuntary manslaughter if his acts whether lawful or unlawful which cause the death are such as are likely to cause death or great bodily harm to 6 7 some individual, and he performs them recklessly, except in cases in which the cause of the death consists of the driving 8 9 of a motor vehicle or operating a snowmobile, all-terrain 10 vehicle, or watercraft, in which case the person commits 11 reckless homicide.
- (b) (Blank). 12
- (c) (Blank). 13
- (d) Sentence. 14
 - (1) Involuntary manslaughter is a Class 3 felony.
- 16 (2) Reckless homicide is a Class 3 felony.
- (e) (Blank). subsections, (e 7), and (e 8) 17
- (e-5) (Blank). 18
- 19 (e-7)Except as otherwise provided in subsections subsection (e-8) and (e-9), in cases involving reckless 20 homicide in which the defendant was driving in a construction 21 22 or maintenance zone, as defined in Section 11-605 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, the penalty is a Class 2 felony, for 23 which a person, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall 24 25 be sentenced to a term of not less than 3 years and not more than 14 years. 26
- 27 (e-8) In cases involving reckless homicide in which the defendant was driving in a construction or maintenance zone, as 28 29 defined in Section 11-605 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, and 30 caused the deaths of 2 or more persons as part of a single 31 course of conduct, the penalty is a Class 2 felony, for which a person, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be 32 33 sentenced to a term of not less than 6 years and not more than 34 28 years.
- (e-9) In cases involving reckless homicide in which the 35

- 1 <u>defendant was driving in a construction or maintenance zone, as</u>
- 2 <u>defined in Section 11-605 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, at a</u>
- 3 speed in excess of the posted speed limit required when workers
- 4 are present or in violation of any warning signs that indicate
- 5 that workers are present and caused the death of one person in
- 6 the construction or maintenance zone, the penalty is a Class 1
- 7 <u>felony.</u>
- 8 (e-10) For purposes of this Section, driving in a
- 9 construction or maintenance zone at a speed in excess of the
- 10 posted speed limit required when workers are present or in
- 11 violation of any warning signs that indicate that workers are
- 12 present constitutes a reckless act.
- 13 (f) In cases involving involuntary manslaughter in which
- 14 the victim was a family or household member as defined in
- 15 paragraph (3) of Section 112A-3 of the Code of Criminal
- Procedure of 1963, the penalty shall be a Class 2 felony, for
- 17 which a person if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall be
- sentenced to a term of not less than 3 years and not more than
- 19 14 years.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 92-16, eff. 6-28-01; 93-178, eff. 6-1-04; 93-213,
- 21 eff. 7-18-03; revised 7-28-03.)