



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2003 and 2004

Introduced 02/06/04, by Michael J. Madigan

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/1-2

from Ch. 38, par. 1-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the general purposes of the Code.

LRB093 17127 RLC 42793 b

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 changing
5 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 ~~which~~
12 constitute each offense, and limit the condemnation of conduct
13 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.)