



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
**2003 and 2004**  
**SB2226**

Introduced 1/15/2004, by Emil Jones Jr.

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

720 ILCS 5/7-1

from Ch. 38, par. 7-1

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Makes technical changes in a Section relating to the use of force in defense of a person.

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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 7-1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 7-1)

7 Sec. 7-1. Use of force in defense of person. A person is  
8 justified in the use of force against another when and to the  
9 extent that he or she reasonably believes that such conduct is  
10 necessary to defend himself or herself or another against such  
11 other's imminent use of unlawful force. However, the person ~~he~~  
12 is justified in the use of force which is intended or likely to  
13 cause death or great bodily harm only if he or she reasonably  
14 believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death  
15 or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another, or the  
16 commission of a forcible felony.

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