



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/14-2

from Ch. 38, par. 14-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961 relating to exemptions from eavesdropping violations. Permits the interception, recording, or transcription of an electronic communication by an employee of a penal institution (rather than an employee of the Illinois Department of Corrections), provided that the interception, recording, or transcription is: (1) otherwise legally permissible under Illinois law; (2) conducted with the approval of the penal institution (rather than the Illinois Department of Corrections) for the purpose of investigating or enforcing a State criminal law or a penal institution rule or regulation (rather than a Department rule or regulation) with respect to inmates in the penal institution (rather than persons committed to the Illinois Department of Corrections); and (3) within the scope of the employee's official duties.

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1 AN ACT concerning 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 14-2 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/14-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 14-2)

7 Sec. 14-2. Elements of the offense; affirmative defense.

8 (a) A person commits eavesdropping when he:

9 (1) Knowingly and intentionally uses an eavesdropping
10 device for the purpose of hearing or recording all or any
11 part of any conversation or intercepts, retains, or
12 transcribes electronic communication unless he does so (A)
13 with the consent of all of the parties to such conversation
14 or electronic communication or (B) in accordance with
15 Article 108A or Article 108B of the "Code of Criminal
16 Procedure of 1963", approved August 14, 1963, as amended;
17 or

18 (2) Manufactures, assembles, distributes, or possesses
19 any electronic, mechanical, eavesdropping, or other device
20 knowing that or having reason to know that the design of
21 the device renders it primarily useful for the purpose of
22 the surreptitious hearing or recording of oral
23 conversations or the interception, retention, or
24 transcription of electronic communications and the
25 intended or actual use of the device is contrary to the
26 provisions of this Article; or

27 (3) Uses or divulges, except as authorized by this
28 Article or by Article 108A or 108B of the "Code of Criminal
29 Procedure of 1963", approved August 14, 1963, as amended,
30 any information which he knows or reasonably should know
31 was obtained through the use of an eavesdropping device.

32 (b) It is an affirmative defense to a charge brought under

1 this Article relating to the interception of a privileged
2 communication that the person charged:

3 1. was a law enforcement officer acting pursuant to an
4 order of interception, entered pursuant to Section 108A-1
5 or 108B-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963; and

6 2. at the time the communication was intercepted, the
7 officer was unaware that the communication was privileged;
8 and

9 3. stopped the interception within a reasonable time
10 after discovering that the communication was privileged;
11 and

12 4. did not disclose the contents of the communication.

13 (c) It is not unlawful for a manufacturer or a supplier of
14 eavesdropping devices, or a provider of wire or electronic
15 communication services, their agents, employees, contractors,
16 or vendors to manufacture, assemble, sell, or possess an
17 eavesdropping device within the normal course of their business
18 for purposes not contrary to this Article or for law
19 enforcement officers and employees of the Illinois Department
20 of Corrections to manufacture, assemble, purchase, or possess
21 an eavesdropping device in preparation for or within the course
22 of their official duties.

23 (d) The interception, recording, or transcription of an
24 electronic communication by an employee of a penal institution
25 ~~the Illinois Department of Corrections~~ is not prohibited under
26 this Act, provided that the interception, recording, or
27 transcription is:

28 (1) otherwise legally permissible under Illinois law;

29 (2) conducted with the approval of the penal
30 institution ~~Illinois Department of Corrections~~ for the
31 purpose of investigating or enforcing a State criminal law
32 or a penal institution ~~Department~~ rule or regulation with
33 respect to inmates in the institution ~~persons committed to~~
34 ~~the Department~~; and

35 (3) within the scope of the employee's official duties.

36 For the purposes of this subsection (d), "penal

1 institution" has the meaning ascribed to it in clause (c)(1) of
2 Section 31A-1.1.

3 (Source: P.A. 91-657, eff. 1-1-00.)