

## 97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2011 and 2012 SB0048

Introduced 1/27/2011, by Sen. Shane Cultra

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Gun-free Zone Criminal Conduct Liability Act. Provides that any person, organization, or entity or any agency of government, including any unit of local government, that creates a gun-free zone is liable for all costs, attorney's fees, and treble damages resulting from criminal conduct that occurs against an individual in the gun-free zone, if a reasonable person would believe that possession of a firearm could have helped the individual defend against such conduct. Defines "gun-free zone". Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT to create the Gun-free Zone Criminal Conduct

2 Liability Act.

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## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,<br/>represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Gun-free Zone Criminal Conduct Liability Act.
- 7 Section 5. Liability for criminal conduct in a gun-free 8 zone.
  - (a) Any person, organization, or entity or any agency of government, including any unit of local government, that creates a gun-free zone is liable for all costs, attorney's fees, and treble damages resulting from criminal conduct that occurs against an individual in the gun-free zone, if a reasonable person would believe that possession of a firearm could have helped the individual defend against such conduct.
    - (b) For the purposes of this Section:
    - (1) "Criminal conduct" includes offenses specified in the Criminal Code of 1961.
    - (2) "Gun-free zone" means any building, place, area, or curtilage that is open to the public, or in or upon any public conveyance, where a person's right or ability to keep arms or to bear arms is infringed, restricted, or diminished in any way by statute, policy, rule, regulation,

- 1 ordinance, utterance, or posted signs.
- 2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 3 becoming law.