

## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2013 and 2014 HB0811

Introduced 1/25/2013, by Rep. Michael J. Madigan

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/14-1

from Ch. 38, par. 14-1

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning eavesdropping.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,

- represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing
- 5 Section 14-1 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/14-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 14-1)
- 7 Sec. 14-1. Definition.
- 8 (a) Eavesdropping device.
- 9 An eavesdropping device is any device capable of being used
- 10 to hear or record oral conversation or intercept, retain, or
- 11 transcribe electronic communications whether such conversation
- 12 or electronic communication is conducted in person, by
- 13 telephone, or by any other means; Provided, however, that that
- 14 this definition shall not include devices used for the
- 15 restoration of the deaf or hard-of-hearing to normal or partial
- 16 hearing.
- 17 (b) Eavesdropper.
- An eavesdropper is any person, including law enforcement
- officers, who is a principal, as defined in this Article, or
- 20 who operates or participates in the operation of any
- 21 eavesdropping device contrary to the provisions of this
- 22 Article.
- 23 (c) Principal.

A principal is any person who:

- (1) Knowingly employs another who illegally uses an eavesdropping device in the course of such employment; or
- (2) Knowingly derives any benefit or information from the illegal use of an eavesdropping device by another; or
- (3) Directs another to use an eavesdropping device illegally on his behalf.
- (d) Conversation.

For the purposes of this Article, the term conversation means any oral communication between 2 or more persons regardless of whether one or more of the parties intended their communication to be of a private nature under circumstances justifying that expectation.

(e) Electronic communication.

For purposes of this Article, the term electronic communication means any transfer of signs, signals, writing, images, sounds, data, or intelligence of any nature transmitted in whole or part by a wire, radio, pager, computer, electromagnetic, photo electronic or photo optical system, where the sending and receiving parties intend the electronic communication to be private and the interception, recording, or transcription of the electronic communication is accomplished by a device in a surreptitious manner contrary to the provisions of this Article. Electronic communication does not include any communication from a tracking device.

(f) Bait car.

- For purposes of this Article, the term bait car means any motor vehicle that is not occupied by a law enforcement officer and is used by a law enforcement agency to deter, detect, identify, and assist in the apprehension of an auto theft suspect in the act of stealing a motor vehicle.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 95-258, eff. 1-1-08.)