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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:

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Sections 28-5, 29B-1, 36-2, and 47-15 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/28-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 28-5)
- 7 Sec. 28-5. Seizure of gambling devices and gambling funds.
 - (a) Every device designed for gambling which is incapable of lawful use or every device used unlawfully for gambling shall be considered a "gambling device", and shall be subject to seizure, confiscation and destruction by the Department of State Police or by any municipal, or other local authority, within whose jurisdiction the same may be found. As used in this Section, a "gambling device" includes any slot machine, and includes any machine or device constructed for the reception of money or other thing of value and so constructed as to return, or to cause someone to return, on chance to the player thereof money, property or a right to receive money or property. With the exception of any device designed for gambling which is incapable of lawful use, no gambling device shall be forfeited or destroyed unless an individual with a property interest in said device knows of the unlawful use of the device.

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- the county wherein such seizure occurs. Any money or other thing of value integrally related to acts of gambling shall be
- 4 seized and forfeited to the county wherein such seizure occurs.

(b) Every gambling device shall be seized and forfeited to

5 (c) If, within 60 days after any seizure pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this Section, a person having any property 6 7 interest in the seized property is charged with an offense, the 8 court which renders judgment upon such charge shall, within 30 9 days after such judgment, conduct a forfeiture hearing to 10 determine whether such property was a gambling device at the 11 time of seizure. Such hearing shall be commenced by a written 12 petition by the State, including material allegations of fact, 13 the name and address of every person determined by the State to 14 have any property interest in the seized property, 15 representation that written notice of the date, time and place 16 of such hearing has been mailed to every such person by 17 certified mail at least 10 days before such date, and a request for forfeiture. Every such person may appear as a party and 18 19 present evidence at such hearing. The quantum of proof required shall be a preponderance of the evidence, and the burden of 20 21 proof shall be on the State. The court shall admit a signed 22 statement by a person who is 65 years old or older to 23 demonstrate that the conveyance or other property was used 24 without his or her consent. The claimant may file a temporary 25 restraining order against the person who allegedly used his or

her property without his or her consent under Section 11-101 of

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the Code of Civil Procedure. If the court determines that the seized property was a gambling device at the time of seizure, an order of forfeiture and disposition of the seized property shall be entered: a gambling device shall be received by the State's Attorney, who shall effect its destruction, except that valuable parts thereof may be liquidated and the resultant money shall be deposited in the general fund of the county wherein such seizure occurred; money and other things of value shall be received by the State's Attorney and, liquidation, shall be deposited in the general fund of the county wherein such seizure occurred. However, in the event that a defendant raises the defense that the seized slot machine is an antique slot machine described in subparagraph (b) (7) of Section 28-1 of this Code and therefore he is exempt from the charge of a gambling activity participant, the seized antique slot machine shall not be destroyed or otherwise altered until a final determination is made by the Court as to whether it is such an antique slot machine. Upon a final determination by the Court of this question in favor of the defendant, such slot machine shall be immediately returned to the defendant. Such order of forfeiture and disposition shall, for the purposes of appeal, be a final order and judgment in a civil proceeding.

(d) If a seizure pursuant to subparagraph (b) of this Section is not followed by a charge pursuant to subparagraph (c) of this Section, or if the prosecution of such charge is

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- (e) Any gambling device displayed for sale to a riverboat gambling operation or used to train occupational licensees of a riverboat gambling operation as authorized under the Riverboat Gambling Act is exempt from seizure under this Section.
- (f) Any gambling equipment, devices and supplies provided by a licensed supplier in accordance with the Riverboat Gambling Act which are removed from the riverboat for repair are exempt from seizure under this Section.
- (g) The following video gaming terminals are exempt from seizure under this Section:
- (1) Video gaming terminals for sale to a licensed distributor or operator under the Video Gaming Act.
 - (2) Video gaming terminals used to train licensed technicians or licensed terminal handlers.
 - (3) Video gaming terminals that are removed from a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans

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1	establishment for repair.
2	(Source: P.A. 98-31, eff. 6-24-13.)
3	(720 ILCS 5/29B-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 29B-1)
4	Sec. 29B-1. Money laundering; forfeiture proceedings.
5	(a) A person commits the offense of money laundering:
6	(1) when, knowing that the property involved in a
7	financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form
8	of unlawful activity, he or she conducts or attempts to
9	conduct such a financial transaction which in fact involves
10	criminally derived property:
11	(A) with the intent to promote the carrying on of
12	the unlawful activity from which the criminally
13	derived property was obtained; or
14	(B) where he or she knows or reasonably should know
15	that the financial transaction is designed in whole or
16	in part:
17	(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the
18	location, the source, the ownership or the control
19	of the criminally derived property; or
20	(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting
21	requirement under State law; or

(1.5) when he or she transports, transmits, or

(A) with the intent to promote the carrying on of

transfers, or attempts to transport, transmit, or transfer

a monetary instrument:

Т	the unrawrur activity from which the criminally
2	derived property was obtained; or
3	(B) knowing, or having reason to know, that the
4	financial transaction is designed in whole or in part:
5	(i) to conceal or disguise the nature, the
6	location, the source, the ownership or the control
7	of the criminally derived property; or
8	(ii) to avoid a transaction reporting
9	requirement under State law; or
10	(2) when, with the intent to:
11	(A) promote the carrying on of a specified criminal
12	activity as defined in this Article; or
13	(B) conceal or disguise the nature, location,
14	source, ownership, or control of property believed to
15	be the proceeds of a specified criminal activity as
16	defined by subdivision (b)(6); or
17	(C) avoid a transaction reporting requirement
18	under State law,
19	he or she conducts or attempts to conduct a financial
20	transaction involving property he or she believes to be the
21	proceeds of specified criminal activity as defined by
22	subdivision (b)(6) or property used to conduct or
23	facilitate specified criminal activity as defined by
24	subdivision (b)(6).
25	(b) As used in this Section:

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financial transaction represents the proceeds of some form of unlawful activity" means that the person knew the property involved in the transaction represented proceeds from some form, though not necessarily which form, of activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law.

(1) "Financial transaction" means a purchase, sale, pledge, gift, transfer, delivery loan, or disposition utilizing criminally derived property, and with respect to financial institutions, includes deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of any stock, bond, certificate of deposit or other monetary instrument, use of safe deposit box, or any other payment, transfer or delivery by, through, or to a financial institution. For purposes of clause (a) (2) of this Section, the term "financial transaction" also means a transaction which without regard to whether the funds, monetary instruments, or real or personal property involved in the transaction are criminally derived, any transaction which in any way or degree: (1) involves the movement of funds by wire or any other means; (2) involves one or more monetary instruments; or (3) the transfer of title to any real or personal property. The receipt by an attorney of bona fide fees for the purpose of legal representation is not a financial transaction for purposes of this Section.

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foreign bank in the United States; currency exchange; credit union, mortgage banking institution; pawnbroker; loan or finance company; operator of a credit card system; issuer, redeemer or cashier of travelers checks, checks or money orders; dealer in precious metals, stones or jewels;

broker or dealer in securities or commodities; investment

banker; or investment company.

loan association; trust company; agency or branch of a

(2) "Financial institution" means any bank; saving and

- (3) "Monetary instrument" means United States coins and currency; coins and currency of a foreign country; travelers checks; personal checks, bank checks, and money orders; investment securities; bearer negotiable instruments; bearer investment securities; or bearer
- securities and certificates of stock in such form that title thereto passes upon delivery.
- (4) "Criminally derived property" means: (A) any property, real or personal, constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, from activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law; or (B) any property represented to be property constituting or derived from proceeds obtained, directly or indirectly, from activity that constitutes a felony under State, federal, or foreign law.
- (5) "Conduct" or "conducts" includes, in addition to its ordinary meaning, initiating, concluding, or

- 1 participating in initiating or concluding a transaction.
- 2 (6) "Specified criminal activity" means any violation 3 of Section 29D-15.1 (720 ILCS 5/29D-15.1) and any violation 4 of Article 29D of this Code.
 - (7) "Director" means the Director of State Police or his or her designated agents.
 - (8) "Department" means the Department of State Police of the State of Illinois or its successor agency.
 - (9) "Transaction reporting requirement under State law" means any violation as defined under the Currency Reporting Act.
 - (c) Sentence.

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- (1) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value not exceeding \$10,000 is a Class 3 felony;
 - (2) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value exceeding \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 is a Class 2 felony;
 - (3) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value exceeding \$100,000 but not exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1 felony;
 - (4) Money laundering in violation of subsection (a) (2) of this Section is a Class X felony;
 - (5) Laundering of criminally derived property of a value exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1 non-probationable felony;
- 26 (6) In a prosecution under clause (a) (1.5) (B) (ii) of

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1	this Section, the sentences are as follows:
2	(A) Laundering of property of a value not exceeding
3	\$10,000 is a Class 3 felony;
4	(B) Laundering of property of a value exceeding
5	\$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 is a Class 2 felony;
6	(C) Laundering of property of a value exceeding
7	\$100,000 but not exceeding \$500,000 is a Class 1
8	felony;
9	(D) Laundering of property of a value exceeding
10	\$500,000 is a Class 1 non-probationable felony.
11	(d) Evidence. In a prosecution under this Article, either
12	party may introduce the following evidence pertaining to the
13	issue of whether the property or proceeds were known to be some
14	form of criminally derived property or from some form of
15	unlawful activity:
16	(1) A financial transaction was conducted or
17	structured or attempted in violation of the reporting
18	requirements of any State or federal law; or
19	(2) A financial transaction was conducted or attempted
20	with the use of a false or fictitious name or a forged
21	instrument; or
22	(3) A falsely altered or completed written instrument
23	or a written instrument that contains any materially false
24	personal identifying information was made, used, offered

or presented, whether accepted or not, in connection with a

financial transaction; or

- 1 (4) A financial transaction was structured or 2 attempted to be structured so as to falsely report the 3 actual consideration or value of the transaction; or
 - (5) A money transmitter, a person engaged in a trade or business or any employee of a money transmitter or a person engaged in a trade or business, knows or reasonably should know that false personal identifying information has been presented and incorporates the false personal identifying information into any report or record; or
 - (6) The criminally derived property is transported or possessed in a fashion inconsistent with the ordinary or usual means of transportation or possession of such property and where the property is discovered in the absence of any documentation or other indicia of legitimate origin or right to such property; or
 - (7) A person pays or receives substantially less than face value for one or more monetary instruments; or
 - (8) A person engages in a transaction involving one or more monetary instruments, where the physical condition or form of the monetary instrument or instruments makes it apparent that they are not the product of bona fide business or financial transactions.
 - (e) Duty to enforce this Article.
 - (1) It is the duty of the Department of State Police, and its agents, officers, and investigators, to enforce all provisions of this Article, except those specifically

delegated, and to cooperate with all agencies charged with the enforcement of the laws of the United States, or of any state, relating to money laundering. Only an agent, officer, or investigator designated by the Director may be authorized in accordance with this Section to serve seizure notices, warrants, subpoenas, and summonses under the authority of this State.

- (2) Any agent, officer, investigator, or peace officer designated by the Director may: (A) make seizure of property pursuant to the provisions of this Article; and (B) perform such other law enforcement duties as the Director designates. It is the duty of all State's Attorneys to prosecute violations of this Article and institute legal proceedings as authorized under this Article.
- (f) Protective orders.
- (1) Upon application of the State, the court may enter a restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a satisfactory performance bond, or take any other action to preserve the availability of property described in subsection (h) for forfeiture under this Article:
 - (A) upon the filing of an indictment, information, or complaint charging a violation of this Article for which forfeiture may be ordered under this Article and alleging that the property with respect to which the order is sought would be subject to forfeiture under

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this Article; or

- (B) prior to the filing of such an indictment, information, or complaint, if, after notice to persons appearing to have an interest in the property and opportunity for a hearing, the court determines that:
 - (i) there is probable cause to believe that the State will prevail on the issue of forfeiture and that failure to enter the order will result in the property being destroyed, removed from jurisdiction of the court, or otherwise made unavailable for forfeiture; and
 - (ii) the need to preserve the availability of the property through the entry of the requested order outweighs the hardship on any party against whom the order is to be entered.

Provided, however, that an order entered pursuant to subparagraph (B) shall be effective for not more than 90 days, unless extended by the court for good cause shown or unless an indictment, information, complaint, or administrative notice has been filed.

(2) temporary restraining order under this subsection may be entered upon application of the State without notice or opportunity for a hearing when an indictment, information, complaint, or administrative notice has not yet been filed with respect to the property, if the State demonstrates that there is probable cause to

believe that the property with respect to which the order is sought would be subject to forfeiture under this Section and that provision of notice will jeopardize the availability of the property for forfeiture. Such a temporary order shall expire not more than 30 days after the date on which it is entered, unless extended for good cause shown or unless the party against whom it is entered consents to an extension for a longer period. A hearing requested concerning an order entered under this paragraph shall be held at the earliest possible time and prior to the expiration of the temporary order.

- (3) The court may receive and consider, at a hearing held pursuant to this subsection (f), evidence and information that would be inadmissible under the Illinois rules of evidence.
 - (4) Order to repatriate and deposit.
 - (A) In general. Pursuant to its authority to enter a pretrial restraining order under this Section, the court may order a defendant to repatriate any property that may be seized and forfeited and to deposit that property pending trial with the Illinois State Police or another law enforcement agency designated by the Illinois State Police.
 - (B) Failure to comply. Failure to comply with an order under this subsection (f) is punishable as a civil or criminal contempt of court.

- (g) Warrant of seizure. The State may request the issuance of a warrant authorizing the seizure of property described in subsection (h) in the same manner as provided for a search warrant. If the court determines that there is probable cause to believe that the property to be seized would be subject to forfeiture, the court shall issue a warrant authorizing the seizure of such property.
 - (h) Forfeiture.
 - (1) The following are subject to forfeiture:
 - (A) any property, real or personal, constituting, derived from, or traceable to any proceeds the person obtained directly or indirectly, as a result of a violation of this Article;
 - (B) any of the person's property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or to facilitate the commission of, a violation of this Article;
 - (C) all conveyances, including aircraft, vehicles or vessels, which are used, or intended for use, to transport, or in any manner to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession, or concealment of property described in subparagraphs (A) and (B), but:
 - (i) no conveyance used by any person as a common carrier in the transaction of business as a common carrier is subject to forfeiture under this

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Section unless it appears that the owner or other person in charge of the conveyance is a consenting party or privy to a violation of this Article;

- (ii) no conveyance is subject to forfeiture under this Section by reason of any act or omission which the owner proves to have been committed or omitted without his or her knowledge or consent;
- (iii) a forfeiture of a conveyance encumbered by a bona fide security interest is subject to the interest of the secured party if he or she neither had knowledge of nor consented to the act or omission;
- (D) all real property, including any right, title, and interest (including, but not limited to, any leasehold interest or the beneficial interest in a land trust) in the whole of any lot or tract of land and any appurtenances or improvements, which is used or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit, or in any manner to facilitate the commission of, any violation of this Article or that is the proceeds of any violation or act that constitutes a violation of this Article.
- (2) Property subject to forfeiture under this Article may be seized by the Director or any peace officer upon process or seizure warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property. Seizure by the Director or

1 any peace officer without process may be made:

- (A) if the seizure is incident to a seizure warrant;
- (B) if the property subject to seizure has been the subject of a prior judgment in favor of the State in a criminal proceeding, or in an injunction or forfeiture proceeding based upon this Article;
- (C) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety;
- (D) if there is probable cause to believe that the property is subject to forfeiture under this Article and the property is seized under circumstances in which a warrantless seizure or arrest would be reasonable; or
- (E) in accordance with the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.
- (3) In the event of seizure pursuant to paragraph (2), forfeiture proceedings shall be instituted in accordance with subsections (i) through (r).
- (4) Property taken or detained under this Section shall not be subject to replevin, but is deemed to be in the custody of the Director subject only to the order and judgments of the circuit court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings and the decisions of the State's Attorney under this Article. When property is seized under this Article, the seizing agency shall promptly conduct an

inventory of the seized property and estimate the property's value and shall forward a copy of the inventory of seized property and the estimate of the property's value to the Director. Upon receiving notice of seizure, the Director may:

- (A) place the property under seal;
- (B) remove the property to a place designated by the Director;
- (C) keep the property in the possession of the seizing agency;
- (D) remove the property to a storage area for safekeeping or, if the property is a negotiable instrument or money and is not needed for evidentiary purposes, deposit it in an interest bearing account;
- (E) place the property under constructive seizure by posting notice of pending forfeiture on it, by giving notice of pending forfeiture to its owners and interest holders, or by filing notice of pending forfeiture in any appropriate public record relating to the property; or
- (F) provide for another agency or custodian, including an owner, secured party, or lienholder, to take custody of the property upon the terms and conditions set by the Director.
- (5) When property is forfeited under this Article, the Director shall sell all such property unless such property

is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and shall distribute the proceeds of the sale, together with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with paragraph (6). However, upon the application of the seizing agency or prosecutor who was responsible for the investigation, arrest or arrests and prosecution which lead to the forfeiture, the Director may return any item of forfeited property to the seizing agency or prosecutor for official use in the enforcement of laws, if the agency or prosecutor can demonstrate that the item requested would be useful to the agency or prosecutor in its enforcement efforts. When any real property returned to the seizing agency is sold by the agency or its unit of government, the proceeds of the sale shall be delivered to the Director and distributed in accordance with paragraph (6).

- (6) All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized under this Article shall be distributed as follows:
 - (A) 65% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law enforcement agency or agencies which conducted or participated in the investigation resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of

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the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law upon which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws.

(B) (i) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney of the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in the county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws. In counties over 3,000,000 population, 25% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorney for use in enforcement of laws. If the prosecution is undertaken solely by the Attorney General, the portion provided hereunder shall be distributed to the Attorney General for use in the enforcement of laws.

(ii) 12.5% shall be distributed to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund of that office to be used for additional expenses incurred in the investigation, prosecution and appeal of cases arising under laws. The Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall not receive distribution from cases brought in counties with over 3,000,000 population.

1 (C) 10% shall be retained by the Department of
2 State Police for expenses related to the
3 administration and sale of seized and forfeited
4 property.

Moneys and the sale proceeds distributed to the Department of State Police under this Article shall be deposited in the Money Laundering Asset Recovery Fund created in the State treasury and shall be used by the Department of State Police for State law enforcement purposes.

- (7) All moneys and sale proceeds of property forfeited and seized under this Article and distributed according to paragraph (6) may also be used to purchase opioid antagonists as defined in Section 5-23 of the Alcoholism and Other Drug Abuse and Dependency Act.
- (i) Notice to owner or interest holder.
- (1) Whenever notice of pending forfeiture or service of an in rem complaint is required under the provisions of this Article, such notice or service shall be given as follows:
 - (A) If the owner's or interest holder's name and current address are known, then by either personal service or mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that address. For purposes of notice under this Section, if a person has been arrested for the conduct giving rise to the

forfeiture, then the address provided to the arresting agency at the time of arrest shall be deemed to be that person's known address. Provided, however, if an owner or interest holder's address changes prior to the effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the seizing agency of the change in address or, if the owner or interest holder's address changes subsequent to the effective date of the notice of pending forfeiture, the owner or interest holder shall promptly notify the State's Attorney of the change in address; or

- (B) If the property seized is a conveyance, to the address reflected in the office of the agency or official in which title or interest to the conveyance is required by law to be recorded, then by mailing a copy of the notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, to that address; or
- (C) If the owner's or interest holder's address is not known, and is not on record as provided in paragraph (B), then by publication for 3 successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the seizure occurred.
- (2) Notice served under this Article is effective upon personal service, the last date of publication, or the mailing of written notice, whichever is earlier.

pending regarding such vehicle.

(j) Notice to State's Attorney. The law enforcement agency seizing property for forfeiture under this Article shall, within 90 days after seizure, notify the State's Attorney for the county, either where an act or omission giving rise to the forfeiture occurred or where the property was seized, of the seizure of the property and the facts and circumstances giving rise to the seizure and shall provide the State's Attorney with the inventory of the property and its estimated value. When the property seized for forfeiture is a vehicle, the law enforcement agency seizing the property shall immediately

notify the Secretary of State that forfeiture proceedings are

- (k) Non-judicial forfeiture. If non-real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or if real property is seized under the provisions of this Article, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings as described in subsection (1) of this Section within 45 days from receipt of notice of seizure from the seizing agency under subsection (j) of this Section. However, if non-real property that does not exceed \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance is seized, the following procedure shall be used:
 - (1) If, after review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then within 45 days after the receipt of notice of seizure from the

seizing agency, the State's Attorney shall cause notice of pending forfeiture to be given to the owner of the property and all known interest holders of the property in accordance with subsection (i) of this Section.

- (2) The notice of pending forfeiture must include a description of the property, the estimated value of the property, the date and place of seizure, the conduct giving rise to forfeiture or the violation of law alleged, and a summary of procedures and procedural rights applicable to the forfeiture action.
- (3) (A) Any person claiming an interest in property which is the subject of notice under paragraph (1) of this subsection (k), must, in order to preserve any rights or claims to the property, within 45 days after the effective date of notice as described in subsection (i) of this Section, file a verified claim with the State's Attorney expressing his or her interest in the property. The claim must set forth:
 - (i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;
 - (ii) the address at which the claimant will accept
 mail;
 - (iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest in the property;
 - (iv) the date, identity of the transferor, and

circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the interest in the property;

- (v) the name and address of all other persons known to have an interest in the property;
- (vi) the specific provision of law relied on in asserting the property is not subject to forfeiture;
- (vii) all essential facts supporting each
 assertion; and

(viii) the relief sought.

- (B) If a claimant files the claim and deposits with the State's Attorney a cost bond, in the form of a cashier's check payable to the clerk of the court, in the sum of 10% of the reasonable value of the property as alleged by the State's Attorney or the sum of \$100, whichever is greater, upon condition that, in the case of forfeiture, the claimant must pay all costs and expenses of forfeiture proceedings, then the State's Attorney shall institute judicial in rem forfeiture proceedings and deposit the cost bond with the clerk of the court as described in subsection (1) of this Section within 45 days after receipt of the claim and cost bond. In lieu of a cost bond, a person claiming interest in the seized property may file, under penalty of perjury, an indigency affidavit which has been approved by a circuit court judge.
- (C) If none of the seized property is forfeited in the judicial in rem proceeding, the clerk of the court shall

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return to the claimant, unless the court orders otherwise, 90% of the sum which has been deposited and shall retain as costs 10% of the money deposited. If any of the seized property is forfeited under the judicial forfeiture proceeding, the clerk of the court shall transfer 90% of the sum which has been deposited to the State's Attorney prosecuting the civil forfeiture to be applied to the costs of prosecution and the clerk shall retain as costs 10% of the sum deposited.

- (4) If no claim is filed or bond given within the 45 day period as described in paragraph (3) of this subsection (k), the State's Attorney shall declare the property forfeited and shall promptly notify the owner and all known interest holders of the property and the Director of State Police of the declaration of forfeiture and the Director shall dispose of the property in accordance with law.
- (1) Judicial in rem procedures. If property seized under the provisions of this Article is non-real property that exceeds \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is real property, or a claimant has filed a claim and a cost bond under paragraph (3) of subsection (k) of this Section, the following judicial in rem procedures shall apply:
 - (1) If, after a review of the facts surrounding the seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized property is subject to forfeiture, then within 45 days of the receipt of notice of seizure by the seizing

agency or the filing of the claim and cost bond, whichever is later, the State's Attorney shall institute judicial forfeiture proceedings by filing a verified complaint for forfeiture and, if the claimant has filed a claim and cost bond, by depositing the cost bond with the clerk of the court. When authorized by law, a forfeiture must be ordered by a court on an action in rem brought by a State's Attorney under a verified complaint for forfeiture.

- (2) During the probable cause portion of the judicial in rem proceeding wherein the State presents its case-in-chief, the court must receive and consider, among other things, all relevant hearsay evidence and information. The laws of evidence relating to civil actions apply to all other portions of the judicial in rem proceeding.
- (3) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or interest holder shall be referred to as claimant. Upon motion of the State, the court shall first hold a hearing, wherein any claimant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence, that he or she has a lawful, legitimate ownership interest in the property and that it was obtained through a lawful source.
- (4) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest holder under penalty of perjury and must set forth:

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- (8) If the State does not show existence of probable cause, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property forfeited to the State. If the State does show existence of probable cause, the court shall order all property forfeited to the State.
- (9) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Article regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
- (10) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding does not preclude civil proceedings under this Article; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the State's Attorney, the court may stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a money laundering violation. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under this Article shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising

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jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of such property unless such return or release is consented to by the State's Attorney.

- (11) All property declared forfeited under this Article vests in this State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to forfeiture together with proceeds of the property after that time. Any such property or proceeds subsequently transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered forfeited.
- (12) A civil action under this Article must be commenced within 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became known or should have become known or 5 years after the forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is later, excluding any time during which either the property or claimant is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
- Stay of time periods. If property is seized for evidence and for forfeiture, the time periods for instituting judicial and non-judicial forfeiture proceedings shall not begin until the property is no longer necessary for evidence.
- (n) Settlement of claims. Notwithstanding other provisions of this Article, the State's Attorney and a claimant of seized property may enter into an agreed-upon settlement concerning the seized property in such an amount and upon such terms as

1 are set out in writing in a settlement agreement.

- (o) Property constituting attorney fees. Nothing in this Article applies to property which constitutes reasonable bona fide attorney's fees paid to an attorney for services rendered or to be rendered in the forfeiture proceeding or criminal proceeding relating directly thereto where such property was paid before its seizure, before the issuance of any seizure warrant or court order prohibiting transfer of the property and where the attorney, at the time he or she received the property did not know that it was property subject to forfeiture under this Article.
- (p) Construction. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the forfeiture provisions of this Article be liberally construed so as to effect their remedial purpose. The forfeiture of property and other remedies hereunder shall be considered to be in addition to, and not exclusive of, any sentence or other remedy provided by law.
- (q) Judicial review. If property has been declared forfeited under subsection (k) of this Section, any person who has an interest in the property declared forfeited may, within 30 days after the effective date of the notice of the declaration of forfeiture, file a claim and cost bond as described in paragraph (3) of subsection (k) of this Section. If a claim and cost bond is filed under this Section, then the procedures described in subsection (l) of this Section apply.
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necessary for the State to negate any exemption or exception in this Article in any complaint, information, indictment or other pleading or in any trial, hearing, or other proceeding under this Article. The burden of proof of any exemption or exception is upon the person claiming it.

(s) Review of administrative decisions. All administrative rulings, final determinations, findings, conclusions of the State's Attorney's Office under this Article are final and conclusive decisions of the matters involved. Any person aggrieved by the decision may obtain review of the decision pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Review Law and the rules adopted pursuant to that Law. Pending final decision on such review, the administrative acts, orders, and rulings of the State's Attorney's Office remain in full force and effect unless modified or suspended by order of court pending final judicial decision. Pending final decision on such review, the acts, orders, and rulings of the State's Attorney's Office remain in full force and effect, unless stayed by order ofcourt. However, no stay of any decision administrative agency shall issue unless the person aggrieved by the decision establishes by a preponderance of the evidence that good cause exists for the stay. In determining good cause, the court shall find that the aggrieved party has established a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits and that granting the stay will not have an injurious effect on the general public.

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(Source: P.A. 99-480, eff. 9-9-15.) 1

- (720 ILCS 5/36-2) (from Ch. 38, par. 36-2)2
- Sec. 36-2. Action for forfeiture. 3
 - The State's Attorney in the county in which such seizure occurs if he or she finds that the forfeiture was incurred without willful negligence or without any intention on the part of the owner of the vessel or watercraft, vehicle or aircraft or any person whose right, title or interest is of record as described in Section 36-1, to violate the law, or finds the existence of such mitigating circumstances as to justify remission of the forfeiture, may cause the law enforcement agency to remit the same upon such terms and conditions as the State's Attorney deems reasonable and just. The State's Attorney shall exercise his or her discretion under the foregoing provision of this Section 36-2(a) prior to or promptly after the preliminary review under Section 36-1.5.
 - (b) If the State's Attorney does not cause the forfeiture to be remitted he or she shall forthwith bring an action for forfeiture in the Circuit Court within whose jurisdiction the seizure and confiscation has taken place. The State's Attorney shall give notice of seizure and the forfeiture proceeding to each person according to the following method: upon each person whose right, title, or interest is of record in the office of the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Agency, or any other

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department of this State, or any other state of the United States if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be so registered, as the case may be, by delivering the notice and complaint in open court or by certified mail to the address as given upon the records of the Secretary of State, the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of Transportation, the Capital Development Board, or any other department of this State or the United States if the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be so registered.

- (c) The owner of the seized vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft or any person whose right, title, or interest is of record as described in Section 36-1, may within 20 days after delivery in open court or the mailing of such notice file a verified answer to the Complaint and may appear at the hearing on the action for forfeiture.
- (d) The State shall show at such hearing by a preponderance of the evidence, that such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was used in the commission of an offense described in Section 36-1.
- (e) The owner of such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft or any person whose right, title, or interest is of described Section 36-1, record as in may show by preponderance of the evidence that he did not know, and did not have reason to know, that the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft was to be used in the commission of such an offense or

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that any of the exceptions set forth in Section 36-3 are 1 2 applicable.

- (e-5) The court shall admit a signed statement by a person who is 65 years old or older to demonstrate that the conveyance or other property was used without his or her consent. The claimant may file a temporary restraining order against the person who allegedly used his or her property without his or her consent under Section 11-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- (f) Unless the State shall make such showing, the Court shall order such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft released to the owner. Where the State has made such showing, the Court may order the vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft destroyed or may order it forfeited to any local, municipal or county law enforcement agency, or the Department of State Police or the Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois.
- (q) A copy of the order shall be filed with the law enforcement agency, and with each Federal or State office or agency with which such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft is required to be registered. Such order, when filed, constitutes authority for the issuance of clear title to such vessel or watercraft, vehicle, or aircraft, to the department or agency to whom it is delivered or any purchaser thereof. The law enforcement agency shall comply promptly with instructions to remit received from the State's Attorney or Attorney General

- in accordance with Sections 36-2(a) or 36-3. 1
- 2 (h) The proceeds of any sale at public auction pursuant to
- 3 Section 36-2 of this Act, after payment of all liens and
- deduction of the reasonable charges and expenses incurred by
- 5 the State's Attorney's Office shall be paid to the law
- enforcement agency having seized the vehicle for forfeiture. 6
- 7 (Source: P.A. 98-699, eff. 1-1-15; 98-1020, eff. 8-22-14;
- 99-78, eff. 7-20-15.) 8
- 9 (720 ILCS 5/47-15)
- 10 Sec. 47-15. Dumping garbage upon real property.
- 11 (a) It is unlawful for a person to dump, deposit, or place
- 12 garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse upon real property not owned
- 1.3 by that person without the consent of the owner or person in
- 14 possession of the real property.
- 15 (b) A person who violates this Section is liable to the
- 16 owner or person in possession of the real property on which the
- garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse is dumped, deposited, or 17
- 18 placed for the reasonable costs incurred by the owner or person
- in possession for cleaning up and properly disposing of the 19
- 20 garbage, rubbish, trash, or refuse, and for reasonable
- 21 attorneys' fees.
- 22 (c) A person violating this Section is quilty of a Class B
- misdemeanor for which the court must impose a minimum fine of 23
- 24 \$500. A second conviction for an offense committed after the
- first conviction is a Class A misdemeanor for which the court 25

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must impose a minimum fine of \$500. A third or subsequent violation, committed after a second conviction, is a Class 4 felony for which the court must impose a minimum fine of \$500. A person who violates this Section and who has an equity interest in a motor vehicle used in violation of this Section is presumed to have the financial resources to pay the minimum fine not exceeding his or her equity interest in the vehicle. Personal property used by a person in violation of this Section shall on the third or subsequent conviction of the person be forfeited to the county where the violation occurred and disposed of at a public sale. Before the forfeiture, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether property is subject to forfeiture under this Section. At the forfeiture hearing the State has the burden of establishing by a preponderance of the evidence that property is subject to forfeiture under this Section. The court shall admit a signed statement by a person who is 65 years old or older to demonstrate that the conveyance or other property was used without his or her consent. The claimant may file a temporary restraining order against the person who allegedly used his or her property without his or her consent under Section 11-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

(d) The statutory minimum fine required by subsection (c) is not subject to reduction or suspension unless the defendant is indigent. If the defendant files a motion with the court asserting his or her inability to pay the mandatory fine

- required by this Section, the court must set a hearing on the 1
- 2 motion before sentencing. The court must require an affidavit
- signed by the defendant containing sufficient information to 3
- ascertain the assets and liabilities of the defendant. If the
- 5 court determines that the defendant is indigent, the court must
- require that the defendant choose either to pay the minimum 6
- 7 fine of \$500 or to perform 100 hours of community service.
- (Source: P.A. 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-409, eff. 1-1-00.) 8
- 9 Section 10. The Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 is
- 10 amended by changing Section 124B-160 as follows:
- 11 (725 ILCS 5/124B-160)
- 124B-160. Petition for 12 forfeiture; forfeiture
- 13 hearing; burden of proof.
- 14 (a) The Attorney General or State's Attorney may file a
- 15 petition for forfeiture of property in connection with an
- 16 offense as defined in this Article, and, within a reasonable
- 17 time after sentencing, the court shall conduct a hearing to
- 18 determine whether any property is subject to forfeiture under
- 19 this Article. Every person with any property interest in the
- 20 property alleged to be subject to forfeiture may appear as a
- 21 party and present evidence at the hearing.
- (b) At the forfeiture hearing, the State has the burden of 22
- 23 establishing, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the
- 24 property is subject to forfeiture under this Article. The court

- 1 shall admit a signed statement by a person who is 65 years old
- 2 or older to demonstrate that the conveyance or other property
- 3 was used without his or her consent. The claimant may file a
- temporary restraining order against the person who allegedly 4
- 5 used his or her property without his or her consent under
- Section 11-101 of the Code of <u>Civil Procedure</u>. 6
- 7 (Source: P.A. 96-712, eff. 1-1-10.)
- 8 Section 15. The Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act is
- 9 amended by changing Section 9 as follows:
- 10 (725 ILCS 150/9) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1679)
- 11 Sec. 9. Judicial in rem procedures. If property seized
- 12 under the provisions of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act,
- the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and 13
- 14 Community Protection Act is non-real property that exceeds
- 15 \$20,000 in value excluding the value of any conveyance, or is
- real property, or a claimant has filed a claim and a cost bond 16
- under subsection (C) of Section 6 of this Act, the following 17
- 18 judicial in rem procedures shall apply:
- If, after a review of the facts surrounding the 19 (A)
- 20 seizure, the State's Attorney is of the opinion that the seized
- 21 property is subject to forfeiture, then within 45 days of the
- receipt of notice of seizure by the seizing agency or the 22
- 23 filing of the claim and cost bond, whichever is later, the
- 24 State's Attorney shall institute judicial forfeiture

- proceedings by filing a verified complaint for forfeiture and, 1
- 2 if the claimant has filed a claim and cost bond, by depositing
- the cost bond with the clerk of the court. When authorized by 3
- law, a forfeiture must be ordered by a court on an action in
- 5 rem brought by a State's Attorney under a verified complaint
- for forfeiture. 6
- 7 (B) During the probable cause portion of the judicial in
- 8 rem proceeding wherein the State presents its case-in-chief,
- 9 the court must receive and consider, among other things, all
- 10 relevant hearsay evidence and information. The laws of evidence
- 11 relating to civil actions shall apply to all other portions of
- 12 the judicial in rem proceeding.
- 13 (C) Only an owner of or interest holder in the property may
- 14 file an answer asserting a claim against the property in the
- 15 action in rem. For purposes of this Section, the owner or
- 16 interest holder shall be referred to as claimant.
- 17 (D) The answer must be signed by the owner or interest
- holder under penalty of perjury and must set forth: 18
- 19 (i) the caption of the proceedings as set forth on the
- 20 notice of pending forfeiture and the name of the claimant;
- 21 (ii) the address at which the claimant will accept
- 22 mail;
- 23 (iii) the nature and extent of the claimant's interest
- 24 in the property;
- 25 identity of (iv) date, transferor, and
- 26 circumstances of the claimant's acquisition of the

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- 1 interest in the property;
- 2 (v) the name and address of all other persons known to 3 have an interest in the property;
- (vi) the specific provisions of Section 8 of this Act 4 5 relied on in asserting it is not subject to forfeiture;
- (vii) all essential facts supporting each assertion; 6 7 and
- 8 (viii) the precise relief sought.
 - (E) The answer must be filed with the court within 45 days after service of the civil in rem complaint.
 - (F) The hearing must be held within 60 days after filing of the answer unless continued for good cause.
 - (G) The State shall show the existence of probable cause for forfeiture of the property. If the State shows probable cause, the claimant has the burden of showing by a preponderance of the evidence that the claimant's interest in the property is not subject to forfeiture.
 - (G-5) The court shall admit a signed statement by a person who is 65 years old or older to demonstrate that the conveyance or other property was <u>used without his or her consent. The</u> claimant may file a temporary restraining order against the person who allegedly used his or her property without his or her consent under Section 11-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.
 - (H) If the State does not show existence of probable cause or a claimant has established by a preponderance of evidence

- that the claimant has an interest that is exempt under Section 8 of this Act, the court shall order the interest in the property returned or conveyed to the claimant and shall order all other property forfeited to the State. If the State does show existence of probable cause and the claimant does not establish by a preponderance of evidence that the claimant has an interest that is exempt under Section 8 of this Act, the court shall order all property forfeited to the State.
- (I) A defendant convicted in any criminal proceeding is precluded from later denying the essential allegations of the criminal offense of which the defendant was convicted in any proceeding under this Act regardless of the pendency of an appeal from that conviction. However, evidence of the pendency of an appeal is admissible.
- (J) An acquittal or dismissal in a criminal proceeding shall not preclude civil proceedings under this Act; however, for good cause shown, on a motion by the State's Attorney, the court may stay civil forfeiture proceedings during the criminal trial for a related criminal indictment or information alleging a violation of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act. Such a stay shall not be available pending an appeal. Property subject to forfeiture under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, or the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act shall not be subject to return or release by a court exercising

- jurisdiction over a criminal case involving the seizure of such 1
- 2 property unless such return or release is consented to by the
- 3 State's Attorney.
- (K) All property declared forfeited under this Act vests in
- this State on the commission of the conduct giving rise to 5
- 6 forfeiture together with the proceeds of the property after
- Any such property or proceeds subsequently 7 time.
- 8 transferred to any person remain subject to forfeiture and
- thereafter shall be ordered forfeited unless the transferee 9
- 10 claims and establishes in a hearing under the provisions of
- 11 this Act that the transferee's interest is exempt under Section
- 12 8 of this Act.
- 13 (L) A civil action under this Act must be commenced within
- 14 5 years after the last conduct giving rise to forfeiture became
- 15 known or should have become known or 5 years after the
- 16 forfeitable property is discovered, whichever is
- 17 excluding any time during which either the property or claimant
- is out of the State or in confinement or during which criminal 18
- 19 proceedings relating to the same conduct are in progress.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 94-556, eff. 9-11-05.)
- 21 Section 20. The Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act is amended
- 22 by changing Section 5 as follows:
- 23 (725 ILCS 175/5) (from Ch. 56 1/2, par. 1655)
- 24 Sec. 5. Forfeiture procedures.

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- (a) A person who commits the offense of narcotics racketeering shall:
 - (1) be guilty of a Class 1 felony; and
 - (2) be subject to a fine of up to \$250,000.

A person who commits the offense of narcotics racketeering or who violates Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act shall forfeit to the State of Illinois: (A) any profits or proceeds and any property or property interest he has acquired or maintained in violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or has used to facilitate a violation of this Act that the court determines, after a forfeiture hearing, under subsection (b) of this Section to have been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act, or used to facilitate narcotics racketeering; and (B) any interest in, security of, claim against, or property or contractual right of any kind affording a source of influence over, any enterprise which he has established, operated, controlled, conducted, or participated in the conduct of, in violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act, that the court determines, after a forfeiture hearing, under subsection (b) of this Section to have been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or used to facilitate narcotics racketeering.

(b) The court shall, upon petition by the Attorney General

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- (1) such property or property interest was acquired by such person during the period of the violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act or within a reasonable time after such period; and
- (2) there was no likely source for such property or property interest other than the violation of this Act or Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act.

(c) In an action brought by the People of the State of Illinois under this Act, wherein any restraining order, injunction or prohibition or any other action in connection with any property or property interest subject to forfeiture under this Act is sought, the circuit court which shall preside over the trial of the person or persons charged with narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act shall first determine whether there is probable cause to believe that the person or persons so charged has committed the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act and whether the property or property interest is subject to forfeiture pursuant to this Act.

In order to make such a determination, prior to entering any such order, the court shall conduct a hearing without a jury, wherein the People shall establish that there is: (i) probable cause that the person or persons so charged have committed the offense of narcotics racketeering or violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act and (ii) probable cause that any property or property interest may be subject to forfeiture pursuant to this Act. Such hearing may be conducted simultaneously with a preliminary hearing, if the prosecution is commenced by information or complaint, or by motion of the People, at any stage in the proceedings. The court may accept a finding of probable cause at a preliminary

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hearing following the filing of an information charging the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or the return of an indictment by a grand jury charging the offense of narcotics racketeering as defined in Section 4 of this Act or after a charge is filed for violating Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act as sufficient evidence of probable cause as provided in item (i) above.

Upon such a finding, the circuit court shall enter such restraining order, injunction or prohibition, or shall take such other action in connection with any such property or property interest subject to forfeiture under this Act, as is necessary to insure that such property is not removed from the jurisdiction of the court, concealed, destroyed or otherwise disposed of by the owner of that property or property interest prior to a forfeiture hearing under subsection (b) of this Section. The Attorney General or State's Attorney shall file a certified copy of such restraining order, injunction or other prohibition with the recorder of deeds or registrar of titles of each county where any such property of the defendant may be located. No such injunction, restraining order or other prohibition shall affect the rights of any bona fide purchaser, mortgagee, judgment creditor or other lien holder arising prior to the date of such filing.

The court may, at any time, upon verified petition by the defendant, conduct a hearing to release all or portions of any such property or interest which the court previously determined

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- to be subject to forfeiture or subject to any restraining 1 2 order, injunction, or prohibition or other action. The court 3 may release such property to the defendant for good cause shown and within the sound discretion of the court.
 - (d) Prosecution under this Act may be commenced by the Attorney General or a State's Attorney.
 - (e) Upon an order of forfeiture being entered pursuant to subsection (b) of this Section, the court shall authorize the Attorney General to seize any property or property interest declared forfeited under this Act and under such terms and conditions as the court shall deem proper. Any property or property interest that has been the subject of an entered restraining order, injunction or prohibition or any other action filed under subsection (c) shall be forfeited unless the claimant can show by a preponderance of the evidence that the property or property interest has not been acquired or maintained as a result of narcotics racketeering or has not been used to facilitate narcotics racketeering.
 - (f) The Attorney General or his designee is authorized to sell all property forfeited and seized pursuant to this Act, unless such property is required by law to be destroyed or is harmful to the public, and, after the deduction of all expenses of administration and requisite sale, distribute the proceeds of such sale, along with any moneys forfeited or seized, in accordance with subsection (q) or (h), whichever is applicable.

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- (q) All monies and the sale proceeds of all other property forfeited and seized pursuant to this Act shall be distributed as follows:
 - (1) An amount equal to 50% shall be distributed to the unit of local government whose officers or employees conducted the investigation into narcotics racketeering and caused the arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the forfeiture. Amounts distributed to units of local government shall be used for enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. In the event, however, that the investigation, arrest or arrests and prosecution leading to the forfeiture were undertaken solely by a State agency, the portion provided hereunder shall be paid into the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund in the State treasury to be used for enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity.
 - (2) An amount equal to 12.5% shall be distributed to the county in which the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture was instituted, deposited in a special fund in county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

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Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor and deposited in the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Fund, which is hereby created in the State treasury, to be used by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for additional expenses incurred in prosecuting arising under this Act. Any amounts remaining in the Fund after all additional expenses have been paid shall be used Office to reduce the participating county by the contributions to the Office on a pro-rated basis as determined by the board of governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor based on the populations of the participating counties.

- (3) An amount equal to 25% shall be paid into the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund in the State treasury to be used by the Department of State Police for funding Metropolitan Enforcement Groups created pursuant the Intergovernmental Drug Laws Enforcement Act. Any amounts remaining in the Fund after full funding of Metropolitan Enforcement Groups shall be used for enforcement, by the State or any unit of local government, of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.
- (h) Where the investigation or indictment for the offense of narcotics racketeering or a violation of Section 3 of the Drug Paraphernalia Control Act has occurred under the

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provisions of the Statewide Grand Jury Act, all monies and the sale proceeds of all other property shall be distributed as follows:

- (1)60% shall be distributed to the metropolitan enforcement group, local, municipal, county, or State law agency or agencies which conducted participated in the investigation resulting forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation of the law enforcement agency in the effort resulting in the forfeiture, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total law enforcement effort with respect to the violation of the law on which the forfeiture is based. Amounts distributed to the agency or agencies shall be used for the enforcement of laws governing cannabis and controlled substances or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.
- (2) 25% shall be distributed by the Attorney General as grants to drug education, treatment and prevention programs licensed or approved by the Department of Human Services. In making these grants, the Attorney General shall take into account the plans and service priorities of, and the needs identified by, the Department of Human Services.
 - (3) 15% shall be distributed to the Attorney General

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and the State's Attorney, if any, participating in the prosecution resulting in the forfeiture. The distribution shall bear a reasonable relationship to the degree of direct participation in the prosecution of the offense, taking into account the total value of the property forfeited and the total amount of time spent in preparing and presenting the case, the complexity of the case and other similar factors. Amounts distributed to the Attorney General under this paragraph shall be retained in a fund held by the State Treasurer as ex-officio custodian to be designated as the Statewide Grand Jury Prosecution Fund and paid out upon the direction of the Attorney General for expenses incurred in criminal prosecutions arising under the Statewide Grand Jury Act. Amounts distributed to a State's Attorney shall be deposited in a special fund in county treasury and appropriated to the State's Attorney for use in the enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for public education in the community or schools in the prevention or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

(i) All monies deposited pursuant to this Act in the Drug Traffic Prevention Fund established under Section 5-9-1.2 of the Unified Code of Corrections are appropriated, on a continuing basis, to the Department of State Police to be used for funding Metropolitan Enforcement Groups created pursuant to the Intergovernmental Drug Laws Enforcement Act or otherwise

- for the enforcement of laws governing narcotics activity or for 1
- 2 public education in the community or schools in the prevention
- or detection of the abuse of drugs or alcohol. 3
- (Source: P.A. 99-686, eff. 7-29-16.)