

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 HB5859

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Open Meetings Act. Provides that a public body may hold a closed meeting to consider specified actions to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. Amends the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code to require a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner to determine whether to file an action under the Firearms Restraining Order Act under specified circumstances, and amends the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act to make a corresponding change. Amends the Firearms Restraining Order Act. Provides that a petitioner may request a one-year (rather than 6-month) firearms restraining order, and makes conforming changes throughout the Act. Provides that the Illinois State Police may disseminate educational brochures containing information regarding firearms restraining orders created by the Attorney General's office and other materials concerning firearms restraining orders created by the Department of Public Health to any law enforcement agency in the State, who may in turn disseminate the brochure to persons as the law enforcement agency determines. Subject to appropriation, establishes the Office of Firearms Restraining Order Coordination within the Department of Human Services. Provides that a lawful owner of a firearm may not knowingly, recklessly, or negligently allow the subject of a firearms restraining order to access the firearms of the lawful owner, and that the court may award a person aggrieved by such a violation actual and punitive damages, as well as attorney's fees and other costs. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the driver's license shall be suspended and the motor vehicle registration shall not be renewed until a person fully complies with an order to surrender firearms. Amends various other Acts to make conforming and other changes. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning safety.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 1. This Act may be referred to as the Prevent A Gun
 Tragedy Act.
- 6 Section 2. Findings; intent.
 - (a) The General Assembly finds that:
 - (1) Members of the General Assembly are elected by the people of Illinois to debate and pass meaningful legislation in the best interests of the public.
 - (2) In the light of gun tragedies, it behooves us to reexamine the status quo and decide how we can improve State laws to prevent another tragedy from occurring.
 - (3) It is imperative not only to mourn victims of gun violence, but honor the victims with action, and shine a light on the devastating epidemic of gun violence.
 - (4) The ripple effect that each gun homicide has on each victim's family, friends, and community is astounding. The victim's family and friends bear the grief and shock of the violent death of their loved one. If law enforcement is not able to obtain evidence that leads to an arrest, the perpetrator escapes accountability.
 - (5) December 14, 2022 is the 10-year mark of the Sandy

Hook tragedy, during which 20 children between 6 and 7 years old and 6 adult staff members were fatally shot in an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.

- (6) In the days following the Sandy Hook shooting, the appalling lack of action by lawmakers who failed to pass background checks outraged the nation and has led to repercussions in terms of gun injuries and deaths.
- (7) By December 2022, over 1,000,000 Americans will have been killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy.
- (8) Gun violence is the number one cause of death for children in the United States. Nationally, guns kill twice as many children and young people than cancer. United States children and teens are 17 times more likely to die from a gun than their peers in 25 other high-income countries combined. Gun violence affects all children, but children of color are at greatest risk.
- (9) During the pandemic, Illinois led the nation in gun sales. With many people obtaining guns for the first time, the risk for gun tragedies has dramatically increased.
- (10) As of December 2022, there have been 55 mass shootings in Illinois and 620 nationwide in the year 2022, according to the Gun Violence Archive.
- (11) There is an urgent need to address gun violence through legislative change.

- (12) Extreme Risk Protection Orders, also known as red flag laws, exist in 19 states and the District of Columbia, allowing petitioners to ask a judge to issue a civil order for the temporary removal of firearms and barring of new purchases for individuals who are deemed at risk of harming themselves or others.
- (13) Research suggests that red flag laws have prevented gun suicides, domestic-violence-related shootings, homicides, and mass shootings.
- (14) Illinois' red flag law, the Firearms Restraining Order Act, has been in effect since January 1, 2019.
- (15) On July 4, 2022, a mass shooting occurred in Highland Park, Illinois, in which a man with a history of threatening violence and posting violent gun-related images online allegedly opened fire, killing 7 people and wounding dozens of others at an Independence Day parade, turning a cherished parade into a scene of fear and death. Despite the alleged shooter's history and online postings about violence, there is no record that anyone pursued a firearms restraining order petition against him.
- (16) On October 31, 2022, a mass shooting occurred in East Garfield Park in Chicago, Illinois in which 14 people, including 3 children, were shot. Ten of the victims were from the same family.
- (17) As of August 2022, fewer than 250 firearms restraining orders had been filed in Illinois, while in

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- other states, such as Florida, thousands had been filed, showing that the firearms restraining order in Illinois is underused compared with other states.
 - The first recommendation of a report by researchers and experts at Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions, released in the fall of recommends strengthening Illinois' Firearms Restraining address flaws identified by experts Order to lawmakers. The Hopkins report makes specific recommendations, including investing in firearms restraining order training and education, hiring state firearms restraining order coordinators who can assist petitioners and the courts with firearms restraining order petitions, and expanding petitioners to include licensed healthcare providers.
 - (19) State legislators must take steps to prevent future mass shootings and gun tragedies based on evidence-based data and research and policy suggestions by experts.
- 20 (b) It is the intent of the General Assembly to provide 21 needed improvements to the Firearms Restraining Order Act and 22 corresponding laws.
- 23 Section 5. The Open Meetings Act is amended by changing 24 Section 2 as follows:

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- 1 (5 ILCS 120/2) (from Ch. 102, par. 42)
- 2 Sec. 2. Open meetings.
- 3 (a) Openness required. All meetings of public bodies shall 4 be open to the public unless excepted in subsection (c) and 5 closed in accordance with Section 2a.
 - (b) Construction of exceptions. The exceptions contained in subsection (c) are in derogation of the requirement that public bodies meet in the open, and therefore, the exceptions are to be strictly construed, extending only to subjects clearly within their scope. The exceptions authorize but do not require the holding of a closed meeting to discuss a subject included within an enumerated exception.
- 13 (c) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to 14 consider the following subjects:
 - (1)The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves independent as an a park, recreational, contractor in or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in

compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act.

- (2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- (3) The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.
- (4) Evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where specifically authorized by law, to a quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in this Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning.
- (5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
 - (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of

property owned by the public body.

- (7) The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. This exception shall not apply to the investment of assets or income of funds deposited into the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund.
- (8) Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel, and equipment, reporting to law enforcement, or legal action to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.
 - (9) Student disciplinary cases.
- (10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
- (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
- (12) The establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the disposition of a claim or potential claim might be

prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the public body or any intergovernmental risk management association or self insurance pool of which the public body is a member.

- (13) Conciliation of complaints of discrimination in the sale or rental of housing, when closed meetings are authorized by the law or ordinance prescribing fair housing practices and creating a commission or administrative agency for their enforcement.
- (14) Informant sources, the hiring or assignment of undercover personnel or equipment, or ongoing, prior or future criminal investigations, when discussed by a public body with criminal investigatory responsibilities.
- (15) Professional ethics or performance when considered by an advisory body appointed to advise a licensing or regulatory agency on matters germane to the advisory body's field of competence.
- (16) Self evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member.
- (17) The recruitment, credentialing, discipline or formal peer review of physicians or other health care professionals, or for the discussion of matters protected

under the federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 42 C.F.R. Part 3 (73 FR 70732), or the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, including 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 162, and 164, by a hospital, or other institution providing medical care, that is operated by the public body.

- (18) Deliberations for decisions of the Prisoner Review Board.
- (19) Review or discussion of applications received under the Experimental Organ Transplantation Procedures Act.
- (20) The classification and discussion of matters classified as confidential or continued confidential by the State Government Suggestion Award Board.
- (21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.
- (22) Deliberations for decisions of the State Emergency Medical Services Disciplinary Review Board.
- (23) The operation by a municipality of a municipal utility or the operation of a municipal power agency or municipal natural gas agency when the discussion involves (i) contracts relating to the purchase, sale, or delivery

- of electricity or natural gas or (ii) the results or conclusions of load forecast studies.
 - (24) Meetings of a residential health care facility resident sexual assault and death review team or the Executive Council under the Abuse Prevention Review Team Act.
 - (25) Meetings of an independent team of experts under Brian's Law.
 - (26) Meetings of a mortality review team appointed under the Department of Juvenile Justice Mortality Review Team Act.
 - (27) (Blank).
 - (28) Correspondence and records (i) that may not be disclosed under Section 11-9 of the Illinois Public Aid Code or (ii) that pertain to appeals under Section 11-8 of the Illinois Public Aid Code.
 - (29) Meetings between internal or external auditors and governmental audit committees, finance committees, and their equivalents, when the discussion involves internal control weaknesses, identification of potential fraud risk areas, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards of the United States of America.
 - (30) Those meetings or portions of meetings of a fatality review team or the Illinois Fatality Review Team Advisory Council during which a review of the death of an

- eligible adult in which abuse or neglect is suspected, alleged, or substantiated is conducted pursuant to Section 15 of the Adult Protective Services Act.
 - (31) Meetings and deliberations for decisions of the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
 - (32) Meetings between the Regional Transportation Authority Board and its Service Boards when the discussion involves review by the Regional Transportation Authority Board of employment contracts under Section 28d of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act and Sections 3A.18 and 3B.26 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act.
 - (33) Those meetings or portions of meetings of the advisory committee and peer review subcommittee created under Section 320 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act during which specific controlled substance prescriber, dispenser, or patient information is discussed.
 - (34) Meetings of the Tax Increment Financing Reform Task Force under Section 2505-800 of the Department of Revenue Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois.
 - (35) Meetings of the group established to discuss Medicaid capitation rates under Section 5-30.8 of the Illinois Public Aid Code.
 - (36) Those deliberations or portions of deliberations for decisions of the Illinois Gaming Board in which there is discussed any of the following: (i) personal,

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- commercial, financial, or other information obtained from any source that is privileged, proprietary, confidential, or a trade secret; or (ii) information specifically exempted from the disclosure by federal or State law.
 - (37) Deliberations for decisions of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board, the Certification Review Panel, and the Illinois State Police Merit Board regarding certification and decertification.
 - (38) Meetings of the Ad Hoc Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority Board that occur in closed executive session under subsection (d) of Section 35 of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act.
 - (39) Meetings of the regional review teams under subsection (a) of Section 75 of the Domestic Violence Fatality Review Act.
 - (40) Meetings of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Review Board under Section 10 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.
 - (d) Definitions. For purposes of this Section:
 - "Employee" means a person employed by a public body whose relationship with the public body constitutes an employer-employee relationship under the usual common law rules, and who is not an independent contractor.
- 25 "Public office" means a position created by or under the 26 Constitution or laws of this State, the occupant of which is

- 1 charged with the exercise of some portion of the sovereign
- 2 power of this State. The term "public office" shall include
- 3 members of the public body, but it shall not include
- 4 organizational positions filled by members thereof, whether
- 5 established by law or by a public body itself, that exist to
- 6 assist the body in the conduct of its business.
- 7 "Quasi-adjudicative body" means an administrative body
- 8 charged by law or ordinance with the responsibility to conduct
- 9 hearings, receive evidence or testimony and make
- 10 determinations based thereon, but does not include local
- 11 electoral boards when such bodies are considering petition
- 12 challenges.
- 13 (e) Final action. No final action may be taken at a closed
- 14 meeting. Final action shall be preceded by a public recital of
- 15 the nature of the matter being considered and other
- information that will inform the public of the business being
- 17 conducted.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 101-459, eff. 8-23-19;
- 19 101-652, eff. 1-1-22; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22; 102-520, eff.
- 20 8-20-21; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 21 Section 11. The Illinois State Police Law of the Civil
- 22 Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Section
- 23 2605-51.1 as follows:
- 24 (20 ILCS 2605/2605-51.1)

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1 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June	Ι,	, 2026)
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- 2 Sec. 2605-51.1. Commission on Implementing the Firearms
- 3 Restraining Order Act.
- 4 (a) There is created the Commission on Implementing the 5 Firearms Restraining Order Act composed of at least 12 members 6 to advise on the strategies of education and implementation of 7 the Firearms Restraining Order Act. The Commission shall be 8 appointed by the Director of the Illinois State Police or his

or her designee and shall include a liaison or representative

- 10 nominated from the following:
- 11 (1) the Office of the Attorney General, appointed by 12 the Attorney General;
- 13 (2) the Director of the Illinois State Police or his 14 or her designee;
- 15 (3) at least 3 State's Attorneys, nominated by the
 16 Director of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate
 17 Prosecutor;
- 18 (4) at least 2 municipal police department 19 representatives, nominated by the Illinois Association of 20 Chiefs of Police;
- 21 (5) an Illinois sheriff, nominated by the Illinois 22 Sheriffs' Association;
- 23 (6) the Director of Public Health or his or her designee;
 - (7) the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
 Board, nominated by the Executive Director of the Board;

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- (9) a circuit court judge, nominated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
- (10) a prosecutor with experience managing or directing a program in another state where the implementation of that state's extreme risk protection order law has achieved high rates of petition filings nominated by the National District Attorneys Association;
- (11) an expert from law enforcement who has experience managing or directing a program in another state where the implementation of that state's extreme risk protection order law has achieved high rates of petition filings nominated by the Director of the Illinois State Police; and
- (12) a circuit clerk, nominated by the President of the Illinois Association of Court Clerks.
- (b) The Commission shall be chaired by the Director of the Illinois State Police or his or her designee. The Commission shall meet, either virtually or in person, to discuss the implementation of the Firearms Restraining Order Act as determined by the Commission while the strategies are being established.
- (c) The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation and shall serve 3-year terms.

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- (d) An annual report shall be submitted to the General Assembly by the Commission that may include summary information about firearms restraining order use by county, challenges to Firearms Restraining Order Act implementation, and recommendations for increasing and improving implementation.
- (e) The Commission shall develop a model policy with an overall framework for the timely relinquishment of firearms whenever a firearms restraining order is issued. The model policy shall be finalized within the first 4 months of convening. In formulating the model policy, the Commission shall consult counties in Illinois and other states with extreme risk protection order laws which have achieved a high rate of petition filings. Once approved, the Illinois State Police shall work with their local law enforcement agencies within their county to design a comprehensive strategy for the timely relinquishment of firearms, using the model policy as an overall framework. Each individual agency may make small modifications as needed to the model policy and must approve and adopt a policy that aligns with the model policy. The Illinois State Police shall convene local police chiefs and sheriffs within their county as needed to discuss the relinquishment of firearms.
- 24 (f) The Commission shall be dissolved June 1, 2025 (3 25 years after the effective date of Public Act 102-345).
 - (g) This Section is repealed June 1, 2026 (4 years after

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- 1 the effective date of Public Act 102-345).
- 2 (Source: P.A. 102-345, eff. 6-1-22; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)
- 3 Section 12. The Counties Code is amended by changing
- 4 Section 3-9005 as follows:
- 5 (55 ILCS 5/3-9005) (from Ch. 34, par. 3-9005)
- 6 Sec. 3-9005. Powers and duties of State's Attorney.
- 7 (a) The duty of each State's Attorney shall be:
 - (1) To commence and prosecute all actions, suits, indictments and prosecutions, civil and criminal, in the circuit court for the county, in which the people of the State or county may be concerned.
 - (2) To prosecute all forfeited bonds and recognizances, and all actions and proceedings for the recovery of debts, revenues, moneys, fines, penalties and forfeitures accruing to the State or the county, or to any school district or road district in the county; also, to prosecute all suits in the county against railroad or transportation companies, which may be prosecuted in the name of the People of the State of Illinois.
 - (3) To commence and prosecute all actions and proceedings brought by any county officer in the county officer's official capacity.
 - (4) To defend all actions and proceedings brought against the county, or against any county or State

- officer, in the county or State officer's official capacity, within the county.
 - (5) To attend the examination of all persons brought before any judge on habeas corpus, when the prosecution is in the county.
 - (6) To attend before judges and prosecute charges of felony or misdemeanor, for which the offender is required to be recognized to appear before the circuit court, when in the State's Attorney's power so to do.
 - (7) To give the State's Attorney's opinion, without fee or reward, to any county officer in the county, upon any question or law relating to any criminal or other matter, in which the people or the county may be concerned.
 - (8) To assist the Attorney General whenever it may be necessary, and in cases of appeal from the county to the Supreme Court, to which it is the duty of the Attorney General to attend, the State's Attorney shall furnish the Attorney General at least 10 days before such is due to be filed, a manuscript of a proposed statement, brief and argument to be printed and filed on behalf of the people, prepared in accordance with the rules of the Supreme Court. However, if such brief, argument or other document is due to be filed by law or order of court within this 10-day period, then the State's Attorney shall furnish such as soon as may be reasonable.

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- (9) To pay all moneys received by the State's Attorney in trust, without delay, to the officer who by law is entitled to the custody thereof.
 - (10) To notify, by first class mail, complaining witnesses of the ultimate disposition of the cases arising from an indictment or an information.
 - (11) To perform such other and further duties as may, from time to time, be enjoined on the State's Attorney by law.
 - (12) To appear in all proceedings by collectors of taxes against delinquent taxpayers for judgments to sell real estate, and see that all the necessary preliminary steps have been legally taken to make the judgment legal and binding.
 - To notify, by first-class mail, the Superintendent of Education, the applicable regional superintendent of schools, and the superintendent of the district t.he chief employing school or school administrator of the employing nonpublic school, if any, upon the conviction of any individual known to possess a certificate or license issued pursuant to Article 21 or 21B, respectively, of the School Code of any offense set forth in Section 21B-80 of the School Code or any other felony conviction, providing the name of the certificate holder, the fact of the conviction, and the name and location of the court where the conviction occurred. The

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certificate holder must also be contemporaneously sent a copy of the notice.

The State's Attorney of each county shall have authority to appoint one or more special investigators to serve subpoenas and summonses, make return of process, and conduct investigations which assist the State's Attorney in the performance of the State's Attorney duties. In counties of the first and second class, the fees for service of subpoenas and summonses are allowed by this Section and shall be consistent with those set forth in Section 4-5001 of this Act, except when increased by county ordinance as provided for in Section 4-5001. In counties of the third class, the fees for service of subpoenas and summonses are allowed by this Section and shall be consistent with those set forth in Section 4-12001 of this Act. A special investigator shall not carry firearms except with permission of the State's Attorney and only while carrying appropriate identification indicating the special investigator's employment and in the performance of the special investigator's assigned duties.

Subject to the qualifications set forth in this subsection, special investigators shall be peace officers and shall have all the powers possessed by investigators under the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.

No special investigator employed by the State's Attorney shall have peace officer status or exercise police powers unless the special investigator successfully completes the

basic police training course mandated and approved by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board or such board waives the training requirement by reason of the special investigator's prior law enforcement experience or training or both. Any State's Attorney appointing a special investigator shall consult with all affected local police agencies, to the extent consistent with the public interest, if the special investigator is assigned to areas within that agency's jurisdiction.

Before a person is appointed as a special investigator, the person's fingerprints shall be taken and transmitted to the Department of State Police. The Department shall examine its records and submit to the State's Attorney of the county in which the investigator seeks appointment any conviction information concerning the person on file with the Department. No person shall be appointed as a special investigator if the person has been convicted of a felony or other offense involving moral turpitude. A special investigator shall be paid a salary and be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in performing the special investigator's assigned duties. The county board shall approve the salary and actual expenses and appropriate the salary and expenses in the manner prescribed by law or ordinance.

(c) The State's Attorney may request and receive from employers, labor unions, telephone companies, and utility companies location information concerning putative fathers and

noncustodial parents for the purpose of establishing a child's paternity or establishing, enforcing, or modifying a child support obligation. In this subsection, "location information" means information about (i) the physical whereabouts of a putative father or noncustodial parent, (ii) the putative father or noncustodial parent's employer, or (iii) the salary, wages, and other compensation paid and the health insurance coverage provided to the putative father or noncustodial parent by the employer of the putative father or noncustodial parent or by a labor union of which the putative father or noncustodial parent is a member.

- 12 (d) (Blank).
 - (e) The State's Attorney shall have the authority to enter into a written agreement with the Department of Revenue for pursuit of civil liability under subsection (E) of Section 17-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 against persons who have issued to the Department checks or other orders in violation of the provisions of paragraph (1) of subsection (B) of Section 17-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012, with the Department to retain the amount owing upon the dishonored check or order along with the dishonored check fee imposed under the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act, with the balance of damages, fees, and costs collected under subsection (E) of Section 17-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012 or under Section 17-1a of that Code to be retained by the State's Attorney. The agreement shall not affect the allocation of fines and costs imposed in any

- 1 criminal prosecution.
- 2 (f) In a county with less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, and
- 3 only upon receipt of a written request by the superintendent
- 4 of the county Veterans Assistance Commission for the county in
- 5 which the State's Attorney is located, the State's Attorney
- 6 shall have the discretionary authority to render an opinion,
- 7 without fee or reward, upon any question of law relating to a
- 8 matter in which the county Veterans Assistance Commission may
- 9 be concerned. The State's Attorney shall have the discretion
- 10 to grant or decline such a request.
- 11 (g) Within 60 days after the effective date of any
- 12 amendatory changes to the Firearms Restraining Order Act, it
- is the duty of each State's Attorney to update law enforcement
- 14 agencies within the State's Attorney's jurisdiction of those
- changes to the Firearms Restraining Order Act.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 101-275, eff. 8-9-19; 102-56, eff. 7-9-21.)
- 17 Section 15. The Mental Health and Developmental
- 18 Disabilities Code is amended by changing Section 6-103.3 as
- 19 follows:
- 20 (405 ILCS 5/6-103.3)
- Sec. 6-103.3. Clear and present danger; notice.
- 22 (a) If a person is determined to pose a clear and present
- 23 danger to himself, herself, or to others by a physician,
- 24 clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner, whether employed

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by the State, by any public or private mental health facility or part thereof, or by a law enforcement official or a school administrator, then the physician, clinical psychologist, qualified examiner shall notify the Department of Human and а law enforcement official administrator shall notify the Illinois State Police, within 24 hours of making the determination that the person poses a clear and present danger. The Department of Human Services shall immediately update its records and information relating to mental health and developmental disabilities, and if appropriate, shall notify the Illinois State Police in a form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police. If a person has been determined to pose a clear and present danger under this subsection, the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner shall determine whether to file an action under the Firearms Restraining Order Act naming that person as the respondent.

(b) Information disclosed under this Section shall remain privileged and confidential, and shall not be redisclosed, except as required under subsection (e) of Section 3.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act or for the purpose of an action under the Firearms Restraining Order Act, nor used for any other purpose. The method of providing this information shall guarantee that the information is not released beyond that which is necessary for the purposes provided by purpose of this Section and shall be provided by

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rule by the Department of Human Services. The identity of the person reporting under this Section shall not be disclosed to subject of the report. The physician, clinical the psychologist, qualified examiner, law enforcement official, or school administrator making the determination and his or her shall not be held criminally, civilly, professionally liable for making or not making the notification required under this Section, except for willful or wanton misconduct. This Section does not apply to a law enforcement official, if making the notification under this Section will interfere with an ongoing or pending criminal investigation.

(c) For the purposes of this Section:

"Clear and present danger" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1.1 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act.

"Determined to pose a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or to others by a physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner" means in the professional opinion of the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner, a person poses a clear and present danger.

"School administrator" means the person required to report under the School Administrator Reporting of Mental Health Clear and Present Danger Determinations Law.

(Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

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- Section 20. The Firearm Owners Identification Card Act is amended by changing Section 8.1 as follows:
- 3 (430 ILCS 65/8.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 83-8.1)
- 4 Sec. 8.1. Notifications to the Illinois State Police.
- 5 (a) The Circuit Clerk shall, in the form and manner 6 required by the Supreme Court, notify the Illinois State 7 Police of all final dispositions of cases for which the 8 Department has received information reported to it under 9 Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of the Criminal Identification Act.
 - (b) Upon adjudication of any individual as a person with a mental disability as defined in Section 1.1 of this Act or a finding that a person has been involuntarily admitted, the court shall direct the circuit court clerk to immediately notify the Illinois State Police, Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) department, and shall forward a copy of the court order to the Department.
 - (b-1) Beginning July 1, 2016, and each July 1 and December 30 of every year thereafter, the circuit court clerk shall, in the form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police, notify the Illinois State Police, Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) department if the court has not directed the circuit court clerk to notify the Illinois State Police, Firearm Owner's Identification (FOID) department under subsection (b) of this Section, within the preceding 6 months,

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- because no person has been adjudicated as a person with a
 mental disability by the court as defined in Section 1.1 of
 this Act or if no person has been involuntarily admitted. The
 Supreme Court may adopt any orders or rules necessary to
 identify the persons who shall be reported to the Illinois
 State Police under subsection (b), or any other orders or
 rules necessary to implement the requirements of this Act.
 - and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police, report all information collected under subsection (b) of Section 12 of the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act for the purpose of determining whether a person who may be or may have been a patient in a mental health facility is disqualified under State or federal law from receiving or retaining a Firearm Owner's Identification Card, or purchasing a weapon.
 - (d) If a person is determined to pose a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or to others:
 - by a physician, clinical psychologist, (1)qualified examiner, or is determined to have developmental disability by а physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner, whether employed by the State or privately, then the physician, clinical psychologist, or qualified examiner shall, within 24 hours of making the determination, notify the Department of Human Services that the person poses a clear and present

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danger or has a developmental disability; or

(2) by a law enforcement official or school administrator, then the law enforcement official or school administrator shall, within 24 hours of making the determination, notify the Illinois State Police that the person poses a clear and present danger.

The Department of Human Services shall immediately update its records and information relating to mental health and developmental disabilities, and if appropriate, shall notify the Illinois State Police in a form and manner prescribed by the Illinois State Police. When the Illinois State Police is notified pursuant to this subsection that a person has been determined to pose a clear and present danger, the The Illinois State Police shall determine whether to revoke the person's Firearm Owner's Identification Card under Section 8 of this Act. The person reporting or alleging under this subsection that another person poses a clear and present danger to himself, herself, or to others shall determine whether to file an action under the Firearms Restraining Order Act naming that person as the respondent. Any information disclosed under this subsection shall remain privileged and confidential, and shall not be redisclosed, except as required under subsection (e) of Section 3.1 of this Act or for the purpose of an action under the Firearms Restraining Order Act, nor used for any other purpose. The method of providing this information shall quarantee that the information is not

- released beyond what is necessary for the purposes provided by 1 2 purpose of this Section and shall be provided by rule by the Department of Human Services. The identity of the person 3 reporting under this Section shall not be disclosed to the 4 5 subject of the report. The physician, clinical psychologist, 6 qualified examiner, law enforcement official, or 7 administrator making the determination and his or her employer shall not be held criminally, civilly, or professionally 8 9 liable for making or not making the notification required except for willful or 10 under this subsection, wanton 11 misconduct.
- 12 (e) The Illinois State Police shall adopt rules to 13 implement this Section.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- Section 25. The Firearms Restraining Order Act is amended by changing Sections 5, 10, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, and 80 and by adding Sections 57, 57.5, 58, and 63 as follows:
- 18 (430 ILCS 67/5)
- 19 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- "Family member of the respondent" means a spouse, former spouse, person with whom the respondent has a minor child in common, parent, child, or step-child of the respondent, any other person related by blood or present marriage to the respondent, or a person who shares a common dwelling with the

1 respondent.

"Firearms restraining order" means an order issued by the court, prohibiting and enjoining a named person from having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving any firearms or ammunition, or removing firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm.

"Intimate partner" means a spouse, former spouse, a person with whom the respondent has or allegedly has a child in common, or a person with whom the respondent has or has had a dating or engagement relationship.

"Petitioner" means:

- (1) a family member of the respondent as defined in this $Act; \frac{\partial r}{\partial t}$
- (2) a law enforcement officer who files a petition alleging that the respondent poses a danger of causing personal injury to himself, herself, or another by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; or -
- (3) a physician, psychologist, clinical social worker, licensed clinical professional counselor, clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, psychiatric nurse practitioner, licensed clinical marriage or family therapist, or health officer or designee of a

1 health officer who has examined a respondent.

"Respondent" means the person alleged in the petition to

pose a danger of causing personal injury to himself, herself,

are another by having in his or her custody or control,

purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, or

firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable

firearm or removing firearm parts that could be assembled to

- 8 make an operable firearm.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-345, eff. 6-1-22.)
- 10 (430 ILCS 67/10)
- 11 Sec. 10. Commencement of action; procedure.
- 12 (a) An action for a firearms restraining order is
 13 commenced by filing a verified petition for a firearms
 14 restraining order in any circuit court.
- 15 (b) A petition for a firearms restraining order may be 16 filed in: (1) any county where the respondent resides or (2) any county where an incident occurred that involved the 17 18 respondent posing a significant an immediate and present 19 danger of causing personal injury to the respondent or another 20 by having in his or her custody or control, or purchasing, 21 possessing, or receiving, a firearm, ammunition, or firearm 22 parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. A 23 firearms restraining order may be issued against any 24 respondent, including, but not limited to, a respondent who, at the time of the filing of the petition for a firearms 25

- restraining order, is under the age of 21, does not have a

 valid Firearm Owner's Identification Card, or does not hold or

 have a right to possess a firearm.
 - (c) No fee shall be charged by the clerk for filing, amending, vacating, certifying, printing, or photocopying petitions or orders; or for issuing alias summons; or for any related filing service. No fee shall be charged by the sheriff or other law enforcement for service by the sheriff or other law enforcement of a petition, rule, motion, or order in an action commenced under this Section.
 - (d) The court shall provide, through the office of the clerk of the court, simplified forms and clerical assistance to help with the writing and filing of a petition under this Section by any person not represented by counsel. In addition, that assistance may be provided by the State's Attorney.
 - (e) The State's Attorney of the county where the petition is filed may act as a friend of the court in any action filed under this Act. An Assistant State's Attorney of the county where the petition is filed may also be appointed as a friend of the court to assist a petitioner in court regarding firearms restraining orders.
 - (f) If the petitioner is a law enforcement officer, the law enforcement officer does not have to witness threatening behavior or other facts at issue from the respondent firsthand in order to file a petition under this Act. A law enforcement officer may collect evidence from other persons and sign an

- 1 affidavit asserting to the reliability of the evidence
- 2 presented to the court upon the filing of the petition.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-345, eff. 6-1-22.)
- 4 (430 ILCS 67/35)
- 5 Sec. 35. Ex parte orders and emergency hearings.
 - (a) A petitioner may request an emergency firearms restraining order by filing a an affidavit or verified pleading alleging that the respondent poses a significant an immediate and present danger of causing personal injury to himself, herself, or another by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. The petition shall also describe the type and location of any firearm or firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm presently believed by the petitioner to be possessed or controlled by the respondent.
 - (b) If the respondent is alleged to pose <u>a significant</u> an immediate and present danger of causing personal injury to an intimate partner, or an intimate partner is alleged to have been the target of a threat or act of violence by the respondent, the petitioner shall make a good faith effort to provide notice to any and all intimate partners of the respondent who are a target or under threat. A law enforcement agency shall assist the petitioner with locating the targeted

- 1 <u>or threatened intimate partner if necessary to provide notice</u>.
- 2 The notice must include that the petitioner intends to
- 3 petition the court for an emergency firearms restraining
- 4 order, and, if the petitioner is a law enforcement officer,
- 5 referral to relevant domestic violence or stalking advocacy or
- 6 counseling resources, if appropriate. The petitioner shall
- 7 attest to having provided the notice in the filed affidavit or
- 8 verified pleading. If, after making a good faith effort, the
- 9 petitioner is unable to provide notice to any or all intimate
- 10 partners, the affidavit or verified pleading should describe
- 11 what efforts were made.
- 12 (c) Every person who files a petition for an emergency
- 13 firearms restraining order, knowing the information provided
- 14 to the court at any hearing or in the affidavit or verified
- pleading to be false, is guilty of perjury under Section 32-2
- of the Criminal Code of 2012.
- 17 (d) An emergency firearms restraining order shall be
- 18 issued on an ex parte basis, that is, without notice to the
- 19 respondent.
- 20 (e) An emergency hearing held on an exparte basis shall be
- 21 held the same day that the petition is filed or the next day
- that the court is in session.
- 23 (f) If a circuit or associate judge finds probable cause
- 24 to believe that the respondent poses a significant an
- 25 <u>immediate and present</u> danger of causing personal injury to
- himself, herself, or another by having in his or her custody or

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control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, the circuit or associate judge shall issue an emergency order. For purposes of this subsection, a firearm, ammunition, or any firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm need not be in a respondent's physical possession in order to be considered in the respondent's custody or control.

- (f-5)the court Ιf issues an emergency firearms restraining order, it shall, upon a finding of probable cause that the respondent possesses firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, issue a search warrant directing a law enforcement agency to seize the respondent's firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. The court may, as part of that warrant, direct the law enforcement agency to search the respondent's residence and other places where the court finds there is probable cause to believe he or she is likely to possess the firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. A return of the search warrant shall be filed by the law enforcement agency within 4 days thereafter, setting forth the time, date, and location that the search warrant was executed and what items, if any, were seized.
 - (g) An emergency firearms restraining order shall require:
 - (1) the respondent to refrain from having in his or

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her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving additional firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, or removing firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm for the duration of the order under Section 8.2 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act; and

- (2) the respondent to comply with Section 9.5 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act and subsection (g) of Section 70 of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
- (h) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (h-5) of this Section, upon expiration of the period of safekeeping, if the firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm or Firearm Owner's Identification Card and concealed carry license cannot be returned to the respondent because the respondent cannot be located, fails to respond to requests to retrieve the firearms, or is not lawfully eligible to possess a firearm, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, upon petition from the local law enforcement agency, the court may order the local law enforcement agency to destroy the firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, use the firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm for training purposes, or use the firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts

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that could be assembled to make an operable firearm for any other application as deemed appropriate by the local law enforcement agency.

(h-5) On or before January 1, 2022, a respondent whose Firearm Owner's Identification Card has been revoked or suspended may petition the court, if the petitioner is present in court or has notice of the respondent's petition, to transfer the respondent's firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm to a person who is lawfully able to possess the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm if the person does not reside at the same address as the respondent. Notice of the petition shall be served upon the person protected by the emergency firearms restraining order. While the order is in effect, transferee who receives the respondent's firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm must swear or affirm by affidavit that he or she shall not transfer the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm to the respondent or to anyone residing in the same residence as the respondent.

(h-6) If a person other than the respondent claims title to any firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm surrendered under this Section, he or she may petition the court, if the petitioner is

present in court or has notice of the petition, to have the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm returned to him or her. If the court determines that person to be the lawful owner of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm shall be returned to him or her, provided that:

- (1) the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm are removed from the respondent's custody, control, or possession and the lawful owner agrees to store the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm in a manner such that the respondent does not have access to or control of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; and
- (2) the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm are not otherwise unlawfully possessed by the owner.

The person petitioning for the return of his or her firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm must swear or affirm by affidavit that he or she: (i) is the lawful owner of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; (ii) shall not transfer the firearm,

- ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make 1 2 an operable firearm to the respondent; and (iii) will store 3 the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm in a manner that the 5 respondent does not have access to or control of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make 6 an operable firearm; and (iv) does not reside in the same 7 8 household as the respondent.
- 9 (i) In accordance with subsection (e) of this Section, the 10 court shall schedule a full hearing as soon as possible, but no 11 longer than 14 days from the issuance of an ex parte firearms 12 restraining order, to determine if a one-year 6-month firearms 13 restraining order shall be issued. The court may extend an ex 14 parte order as needed, but not to exceed 14 days, to effectuate 15 service of the order or if necessary to continue protection. 16 The court may extend the order for a greater length of time by 17 mutual agreement of the parties.
- (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22; 102-345, eff. 6-1-22; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff. 19
- 5-13-22.) 20

- 21 (430 ILCS 67/40)
- 22 Sec. 40. One-year Six-month orders.
- 23 (a) A petitioner may request a one-year 6-month firearms 24 restraining order by filing an affidavit or verified pleading 25 alleging that the respondent poses a significant danger of

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causing personal injury to himself, herself, or another in the near future by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. The petition shall also describe the number, types, and locations of any firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm presently believed by the petitioner to be possessed or controlled by the respondent.

(b) If the respondent is alleged to pose a significant danger of causing personal injury to an intimate partner, or an intimate partner is alleged to have been the target of a threat or act of violence by the respondent, the petitioner shall make a good faith effort to provide notice to any and all intimate partners of the respondent who are a target or under threat. A law enforcement agency shall assist the petitioner with locating the targeted or threatened intimate partner if necessary to provide notice. The notice must include that the petitioner intends to petition the court for a one-year 6-month firearms restraining order, and, if the petitioner is a law enforcement officer, referral to relevant domestic violence or stalking advocacy or counseling resources, if appropriate. The petitioner shall attest to having provided the notice in the filed affidavit or verified pleading. If, after making a good faith effort, the petitioner is unable to provide notice to any or all intimate partners, the affidavit

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- or verified pleading should describe what efforts were made.
 - (c) Every person who files a petition for a <u>one-year</u> 6-month firearms restraining order, knowing the information provided to the court at any hearing or in the affidavit or verified pleading to be false, is guilty of perjury under Section 32-2 of the Criminal Code of 2012.
- 7 (d) Upon receipt of a petition for a <u>one-year</u> 6 month 8 firearms restraining order, the court shall order a hearing 9 within 30 days.
 - (e) In determining whether to issue a firearms restraining order under this Section, the court shall consider evidence including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) The unlawful and reckless use, display, or brandishing of a firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm by the respondent.
 - (2) The history of use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force by the respondent against another person.
- 20 (3) Any prior arrest of the respondent for a felony offense.
 - (4) Evidence of the abuse of controlled substances or alcohol by the respondent.
 - (5) A recent threat of violence or act of violence by the respondent directed toward himself, herself, or another.

- (6) A violation of an emergency order of protection issued under Section 217 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 or Section 112A-17 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 or of an order of protection issued under Section 214 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986 or Section 112A-14 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963.
 - (7) A pattern of violent acts or violent threats, including, but not limited to, threats of violence or acts of violence by the respondent directed toward himself, herself, or another.
- of proving, by clear and convincing evidence, that the respondent poses a significant danger of personal injury to himself, herself, or another by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm.
- (g) If the court finds that there is clear and convincing evidence to issue a firearms restraining order, the court shall issue a firearms restraining order that shall be in effect for one year 6 months subject to renewal under Section 45 of this Act or termination under that Section.
- (g-5) If the court issues a <u>one-year</u> 6-month firearms restraining order, it shall, upon a finding of probable cause that the respondent possesses firearms, ammunition, and

firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, issue a search warrant directing a law enforcement agency to seize the respondent's firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. The court may, as part of that warrant, direct the law enforcement agency to search the respondent's residence and other places where the court finds there is probable cause to believe he or she is likely to possess the firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. A return of the search warrant shall be filed by the law enforcement agency within 4 days thereafter, setting forth the time, date, and location that the search warrant was executed and what items, if any, were seized.

- (h) A <u>one-year</u> 6-month firearms restraining order shall require:
 - (1) the respondent to refrain from having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving additional firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm for the duration of the order under Section 8.2 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act; and
 - (2) the respondent to comply with Section 9.5 of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act and subsection (g) of Section 70 of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act.
- (i) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (i-5) of this Section, upon expiration of the period of safekeeping, if

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(i-5) A respondent whose Firearm Owner's Identification Card has been revoked or suspended may petition the court, if the petitioner is present in court or has notice of the respondent's petition, to transfer the respondent's firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm to a person who is lawfully able to possess the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm if the person does not

reside at the same address as the respondent. Notice of the petition shall be served upon the person protected by the emergency firearms restraining order. While the order is in effect, the transferee who receives the respondent's firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm must swear or affirm by affidavit that he or she shall not transfer the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm to the respondent or to anyone residing in the same residence as the respondent.

- (i-6) If a person other than the respondent claims title to any firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm surrendered under this Section, he or she may petition the court, if the petitioner is present in court or has notice of the petition, to have the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm returned to him or her. If the court determines that person to be the lawful owner of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm, the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm shall be returned to him or her, provided that:
 - (1) the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm are removed from the respondent's custody, control, or possession and the lawful owner agrees to store the firearm, ammunition,

and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm in a manner such that the respondent does not have access to or control of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; and

(2) the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm are not otherwise unlawfully possessed by the owner.

The person petitioning for the return of his or her firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm must swear or affirm by affidavit that he or she: (i) is the lawful owner of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm; (ii) shall not transfer the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm to the respondent; and (iii) will store the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm in a manner that the respondent does not have access to or control of the firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm.

- (j) If the court does not issue a firearms restraining order at the hearing, the court shall dissolve any emergency firearms restraining order then in effect.
- (k) When the court issues a firearms restraining order under this Section, the court shall inform the respondent that

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he or she is entitled to one hearing during the period of the order to request a termination of the order, under Section 45 of this Act, and shall provide the respondent with a form to request a hearing.

(1) A firearms restraining order issued under this subsection shall also include an order to surrender firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm. The order to surrender firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm shall require the respondent to surrender all firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm on the day the respondent is served with the firearms restraining order. Upon the respondent surrendering all firearms, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm to the appropriate law enforcement agency, the law enforcement agency shall provide a statement of receipt of any and all firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm with a description of any and all firearms, ammunition, or firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm surrendered, to the respondent and the court. This statement of receipt shall be considered proof of compliance with a firearms restraining order and may be presented as proof at a hearing.

The failure to surrender any firearm within 24 hours to

the appropriate law enforcement agency under an order to

- 1 surrender firearms under this subsection may constitute
- 2 contempt of court for the violation of the terms of the
- 3 firearms restraining order.
- Within 30 days after the effective date of this amendatory
- 5 Act of the 102nd General Assembly, the Supreme Court may adopt
- 6 a form for an order to surrender firearms and update any
- 7 existing forms for a firearms restraining order to reflect the
- 8 changes made by this amendatory Act of the 102nd General
- 9 Assembly. The form for an order to surrender firearms shall
- 10 also include forms for a declaration of surrender of firearms,
- 11 proof of surrender, declaration of nonsurrender, and order to
- 12 release firearms.
- 13 (m) After issuing a firearms restraining order under this
- 14 Section, the court shall hold a hearing within 3 days to
- 15 determine whether the respondent is complying with the
- 16 firearms restraining order. If compliance has already been
- 17 established and the disposition record is on file with the
- 18 court, the court may waive the compliance hearing. Nothing in
- 19 this subsection shall preclude the court from setting
- 20 additional compliance hearings.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-237, eff. 1-1-22;
- 22 102-345, eff. 6-1-22; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 102-813, eff.
- 23 5-13-22.)
- 24 (430 ILCS 67/45)
- 25 Sec. 45. Termination and renewal.

- (a) A person subject to a firearms restraining order issued under this Act may submit one written request at any time during the effective period of the order for a hearing to terminate the order.
 - (1) The respondent shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the evidence that the respondent does not pose a danger of causing personal injury to himself, herself, or another in the near future by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm.
 - (2) If the court finds after the hearing that the respondent has met his or her burden, the court shall terminate the order.
 - (b) A petitioner may request a renewal of a firearms restraining order at any time within the 3 months before the expiration of a firearms restraining order.
 - (1) A court shall, after notice and a hearing, renew a firearms restraining order issued under this part if the petitioner proves, by clear and convincing evidence, that the respondent continues to pose a danger of causing personal injury to himself, herself, or another in the near future by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm.

- (2) In determining whether to renew a firearms restraining order issued under this Act, the court shall consider evidence of the facts identified in subsection (e) of Section 40 of this Act and any other evidence of an increased risk for violence.
- (3) At the hearing, the petitioner shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that the respondent continues to pose a danger of causing personal injury to himself, herself, or another in the near future by having in his or her custody or control, purchasing, possessing, or receiving a firearm, ammunition, and firearm parts that could be assembled to make an operable firearm.
- (4) The renewal of a firearms restraining order issued under this Section shall be in effect for one year 6 months, subject to termination by further order of the court at a hearing held under this Section and further renewal by further order of the court under this Section.
- 19 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-345, eff. 6-1-22.)
- 20 (430 ILCS 67/50)
- 21 Sec. 50. Notice of orders.
 - (a) Entry and issuance. Upon issuance of any firearms restraining order, the clerk shall immediately, or on the next court day if an emergency firearms restraining order is issued in accordance with Section 35 of this Act (emergency firearms

- restraining order): (i) enter the order on the record and file
 it in accordance with the circuit court procedures and (ii)

 provide a <u>file-stamped</u> <u>file stamped</u> copy of the order to the
 respondent, if present, and to the petitioner.
 - (b) Filing with sheriff. The clerk of the issuing judge shall, or the petitioner may, on the same day that a firearms restraining order is issued, file a <u>file-stamped certified</u> copy of that order with the sheriff or other law enforcement officials charged with maintaining Illinois State Police records or charged with serving the order upon the respondent. If the order was issued in accordance with Section 35 of this Act (emergency firearms restraining order), the clerk shall, on the next court day, file a <u>file-stamped certified</u> copy of the order with the sheriff or other law enforcement officials charged with maintaining Illinois State Police records.
 - (c) Service by sheriff. Unless the respondent was present in court when the order was issued, the sheriff or other law enforcement official shall promptly serve that order upon the respondent and file proof of the service, in the manner provided for service of process in civil proceedings. Instead of serving the order upon the respondent, however, the sheriff, other law enforcement official, or other persons defined in Section 112A-22.10 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 may serve the respondent with a short form notification as provided in that Section. If process has not yet been served upon the respondent, it shall be served with

- 1 the order or short form notification if the service is made by
- the sheriff, or other law enforcement official.
- 3 (d) Any order renewing or terminating any firearms
- 4 restraining order shall be promptly recorded, issued, and
- 5 served as provided in this Section.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 7 (430 ILCS 67/55)
- 8 Sec. 55. Data maintenance by law enforcement agencies.
- 9 (a) All sheriffs shall furnish to the Illinois State
- 10 Police, daily, in the form and detail the Illinois State
- 11 Police Department requires, copies of any recorded firearms
- 12 restraining orders issued by the court, and any foreign orders
- of protection filed by the clerk of the court, and transmitted
- 14 to the sheriff by the clerk of the court under Section 50. Each
- 15 firearms restraining order shall be entered in the Law
- 16 Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS) on the same day it is
- issued by the court. If an emergency firearms restraining
- order was issued in accordance with Section 35 of this Act, the
- order shall be entered in the Law Enforcement Agencies Data
- 20 System (LEADS) as soon as possible after receipt from the
- 21 clerk.
- 22 (b) The Illinois State Police shall maintain a complete
- 23 and systematic record and index of all valid and recorded
- 24 firearms restraining orders issued or filed under this Act.
- 25 The data shall be used to inform all dispatchers and law

- 1 enforcement officers at the scene of a violation of a firearms
- 2 restraining order of the effective dates and terms of any
- 3 recorded order of protection.
- 4 (c) The data, records, and transmittals required under
- 5 this Section shall pertain to any valid emergency or one-year
- 6 6 month firearms restraining order, whether issued in a civil
- 7 or criminal proceeding or authorized under the laws of another
- 8 state, tribe, or United States territory.
- 9 (Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 10 (430 ILCS 67/57 new)
- 11 Sec. 57. Educational brochure; law enforcement agencies.
- 12 The Illinois State Police may disseminate educational
- 13 brochures containing information regarding firearms
- 14 restraining orders created by the Attorney General's office
- and other materials concerning firearms restraining orders
- 16 created by the Department of Public Health to any law
- 17 enforcement agency in this State, who may in turn disseminate
- 18 the brochure to persons as the law enforcement agency
- 19 determines.
- 20 (430 ILCS 67/57.5 new)
- Sec. 57.5. Firearms restraining order training. The
- 22 Attorney General, or another appropriate entity, may develop
- 23 <u>and offer training to judges, State's Attorneys, Assistant</u>
- 24 State's Attorneys, victims' advocates, and clerks of the

1	circuit court. The training shall include information
2	concerning how to understand when both an order of protection
3	and a firearms restraining order are appropriate remedies or
4	when only an order of protection is sufficient.
5	(430 ILCS 67/58 new)
6	Sec. 58. Centralized State database; Department of Public
7	Health. Within 6 months after the effective date of this
8	amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, the Department
9	of Public Health shall create, in coordination with the
10	Department of Human Services' Office of Firearm Violence
11	Prevention, a centralized State database to provide access to
12	data regarding firearms restraining orders for research and
13	policy purposes. The database shall include, but shall not be
14	limited to, all of the following information:
15	(1) Information regarding the petitioner for each
16	case, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

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- (A) The relationship of the petitioner to the 17 respondent. 18
- (B) The type of petitioner as identified under 19 20 Section 5.
- 21 (C) The demographic information of the petitioner, including the petitioner's age, gender identity, and 22 23 racial or ethnic identity.
- (D) For law enforcement petitioners, the specific 24 25 law enforcement agency or department.

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1	(2) Information regarding the respondent for each
2	case, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
3	(A) The demographic information of the respondent,
4	including the respondent's age, gender identity, and
5	racial or ethnic identity.
6	(B) Whether the respondent is or has been a
7	respondent to any current or previous order of
8	protection issued under the Illinois Domestic Violence
9	Act of 1986, firearms restraining order issued under
10	this Act, protective order issued under Article 112A
11	of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, stalking no
12	contact order issued under the Stalking No Contact
13	Order Act, or civil no contact order issued under the
14	Civil No Contact Order Act.
15	(C) Whether the respondent is a suspect or
16	defendant in a criminal matter at the time the
17	petition is filed.
18	(3) Information regarding the firearms restraining
19	order and the conditions surrounding it, including, but
20	not limited to, all of the following:
21	(A) The city and county where a petition is filed,
22	the date a petition is filed, and the date that a
23	firearms restraining order is issued.
24	(B) The expiration date of the petition.
25	(C) Whether the respondent is alleged in the
26	petition to pose a clear and present danger of causing

1	personal injury only to himself or herself, only to
2	another, or to both himself or herself and another.
3	(D) A brief synopsis of the events precipitating
4	and giving rise to the petition.
5	(E) The eventual legal outcome of a petition,
6	including:
7	(i) whether an emergency firearms restraining
8	order was granted, denied, or renewed under
9	Section 35 and the reasons for the determination;
10	(ii) whether a one-year firearms restraining
11	order was granted, denied, or renewed under
12	Section 40 and the reasons for the determination;
13	(iii) whether the case surrounding the
14	petition was dismissed and, if so, the reasons for
15	the dismissal; and
16	(iv) whether the respondent contested the
17	issuance of a firearms restraining order.
18	(F) Whether a respondent was served with notice of
19	a firearms restraining order and, if so, the date he or
20	she was served.
21	(G) Whether the respondent was arrested,
22	hospitalized, or referred for psychiatric services for
23	the respondent's actions leading to the petition.
24	(H) Whether a search warrant was issued to
25	determine whether the respondent had in his or her
26	custody or control, purchased, possessed, or received

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2	be assembled to make an operable firearm.
3	(4) Information regarding any firearms at issue,
4	including, but not limited to, all of the following:
5	(A) The number and type of firearms in the
6	respondent's possession or that are accessible to the
7	respondent.
8	(B) The number and type of firearms recovered,
9	seized, or transferred from the respondent as a result
10	of a petition.
11	(C) The number of possible firearms in the
12	respondent's possession or that are accessible to the
13	respondent and that are unaccounted for.
14	(D) Whether a respondent complied with a firearms
15	restraining order issued under this Act.
16	The information in the database shall be public, but
17	information disclosed to the public from the database shall
18	not contain any personal identifying information.
19	(430 ILCS 67/60)
20	Sec. 60. Filing of a firearms restraining order issued by
21	another state.
22	(a) A person who has sought a firearms restraining order
23	or similar order to temporarily remove firearms issued by the
24	court of another state, tribe, or United States territory may
25	file a <u>file-stamped</u> certified copy of the firearms restraining

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order with the clerk of the court in a judicial circuit in which the person believes that enforcement may be necessary.

(b) The clerk shall:

- (1) treat the foreign firearms restraining order in the same manner as a judgment of the circuit court for any county of this State in accordance with the provisions of the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgments Act, except that the clerk shall not mail notice of the filing of the foreign order to the respondent named in the order; and
- (2) on the same day that a foreign firearms restraining order is filed, file a <u>file-stamped certified</u> copy of that order with the sheriff <u>in the county in which it is filed</u> or other law enforcement officials charged with maintaining Illinois State Police records as set forth in Section 55 of this Act.
- (c) Neither residence in this State nor filing of a foreign firearms restraining order shall be required for enforcement of the order by this State. Failure to file the foreign order shall not be an impediment to its treatment in all respects as an Illinois firearms restraining order.
- 21 (d) The clerk shall not charge a fee to file a foreign 22 order of protection under this Section.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)
- 24 (430 ILCS 67/63 new)
- 25 Sec. 63. Office of Firearms Restraining Order

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1 <u>Coordination.</u>

- 2 (a) Subject to appropriation from State and federal funds, 3 there is established within the Department of Human Services the Office of Firearms Restraining Order Coordination. The 4 5 Office shall consist of a Director and 5 Coordinators, appointed by the Secretary of Human Services. One Coordinator 6 shall be selected from each of the 5 Illinois Appellate Court 7 Districts and shall serve as a liaison between petitioners, 8 9 State's Attorney offices, and the courts within that Appellate 10 District in matters concerning firearms restraining orders. 11 The Department of Human Services shall adopt any rules it 12 deems necessary to implement this Section.
 - (b) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program funds received by the State of Illinois from the federal government may be used to hire county Firearms Restraining Order coordinators, train law enforcement and other collaborators about implementing this Act, fund the establishment and maintenance of the centralized State database created under Section 58, including, but not limited to, the collection of data and the hiring of personnel to operate and maintain the database, and fund other methods of implementation of this Act.
- 23 (430 ILCS 67/65)
- Sec. 65. Enforcement; sanctions for violation of order.
- 25 (a) A respondent who knowingly violates a firearms

- 1 restraining order is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 2 Prosecution for a violation of a firearms restraining order
- 3 shall not bar concurrent prosecution for any other crime,
- 4 including any crime that may have been committed at the time of
- 5 the violation of the firearms restraining order.
- 6 (b) The lawful owner of a firearm may not knowingly,
- 7 recklessly, or negligently allow the subject of a firearms
- 8 restraining order to access the firearms of the lawful owner.
- 9 The court may award a person aggrieved by a violation of this
- 10 <u>subsection actual and punitive damages</u>, as well as attorney's
- 11 fees and other costs.
- 12 (Source: P.A. 100-607, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 13 (430 ILCS 67/80)
- 14 Sec. 80. Expungement or sealing of order. If the court
- 15 denies issuance of a firearms restraining order against the
- respondent, all records of the proceeding shall be immediately
- 17 expunded from the court records. If the firearms restraining
- 18 order is granted, all records of the proceeding shall, 3 years
- 19 after the expiration of the order, be sealed.
- 20 (Source: P.A. 100-607, eff. 1-1-19.)
- 21 Section 30. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
- 22 changing Section 3-415 as follows:
- 23 (625 ILCS 5/3-415) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-415)

- 1 Sec. 3-415. Application for and renewal of registration.
- (a) Calendar year. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a calendar registration year, not later than December 1 of each year, upon proper application and by payment of the registration fee and tax for such vehicle, as provided by law except that application for renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a staggered calendar year basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.
 - (b) Fiscal year. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a fiscal registration year, not later than June 1 of each year, upon proper application and by payment of the registration fee and tax for such vehicle as provided by law, except that application for renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered on a staggered fiscal year basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.
 - (c) Two calendar years. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 calendar years, not later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the 2-year registration period, except that application for

- renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 years on a staggered registration basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.
 - (d) Two fiscal years. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 fiscal years, not later than June 1 immediately preceding commencement of the 2-year registration period, except that application for renewal of a vehicle registration, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 2 fiscal years on a staggered registration basis, shall be made by the owner in the form and manner prescribed by the Secretary of State.
 - (d-5) Three calendar years. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 3 calendar years, not later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the 3-year registration period.
 - (d-10) Five calendar years. Application for renewal of a vehicle registration shall be made by the owner, as to those vehicles required to be registered for 5 calendar years, not later than December 1 of the year preceding commencement of the 5-year registration period.
- (e) Time of application. The Secretary of State may receive applications for renewal of registration and grant the same and issue new registration cards and plates or

- registration stickers at any time prior to expiration of registration. No person shall display upon a vehicle, the new registration plates or registration stickers prior to the dates the Secretary of State in his discretion may select.
 - (f) Verification. The Secretary of State may further require, as to vehicles for-hire, that applications be accompanied by verification that fees due under the Illinois Motor Carrier of Property Law, as amended, have been paid.
 - (g) (Blank).
 - (h) Returning combat mission veterans. Beginning in registration year 2017, the application for renewal, and subsequent fees, of a vehicle registration for a member of the active-duty or reserve component of the United States Armed Forces returning from a combat mission shall not be required for that service member's next scheduled renewal. Proof of combat mission service shall come from the service member's hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay documentation received any time in the 12 months preceding the registration renewal. Nothing in this subsection is applicable to the additional fees incurred by specialty, personalized, or vanity license plates.
 - (i) If an applicant for renewal of motor vehicle registration is ordered to surrender the applicant's Firearm Owner's Identification Card, firearms, and firearm ammunition to a law enforcement agency under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, Article 112A of the Code of Criminal

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Procedure of 1963, the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, 1 2 or the Firearms Restraining Order Act and fails to complete 3 the transfer at the time of application for renewal of registration, the Secretary of State shall not renew the 4 5 registration until the applicant fully complies with the order. Upon the court finding that the respondent is not in 6 compliance with an order to surrender the applicant's Firearm 7 8 Owner's Identification Card, firearms, and firearm ammunition 9 to a law enforcement agency under the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, Article 112A of the Code of Criminal 10 11 Procedure of 1963, the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, 12 or the Firearms Restraining Order Act, the circuit court shall report to the Secretary of State, on a form prescribed by the 13 14 Secretary, the respondent's noncompliance. If the respondent complies with the order, the circuit court shall make a 15 similar report to the Secretary within 3 days of the 16 respondent's compliance. 17 18

vehicle registration of any person with a revoked Firearm Owner's Identification Card or a revoked concealed carry license who has not surrendered the person's firearms to a law enforcement agency as provided in the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986, Article 112A of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963, the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, or the Firearms Restraining Order Act.

26 (Source: P.A. 98-539, eff. 1-1-14; 98-787, eff. 7-25-14;

- 1 99-32, eff. 7-10-15; 99-80, eff. 1-1-16; 99-642, eff.
- 2 7-28-16.)
- 3 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
- 4 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
- 5 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
- 6 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
- 7 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
- 8 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
- 9 Public Act.
- 10 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
- 11 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.
- 12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 13 becoming law.

2	Statutes amende	ed in order of appearance
3	5 ILCS 120/2	from Ch. 102, par. 42
4	20 ILCS 2605/2605-51.1	
5	55 ILCS 5/3-9005	from Ch. 34, par. 3-9005
6	405 ILCS 5/6-103.3	
7	430 ILCS 65/8.1	from Ch. 38, par. 83-8.1
8	430 ILCS 67/5	
9	430 ILCS 67/10	
10	430 ILCS 67/35	
11	430 ILCS 67/40	
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