

1 AN ACT in relation to crime stoppers programs.

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

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Crime Stoppers Program Act.

6 Section 5. Definition. In this Act, "crime stoppers  
7 program" means a program that meets each of the following  
8 requirements:

9 (a) The purpose of the program is to obtain information  
10 on persons wanted for crimes, felony crimes, and other  
11 criminal activity.

12 (b) The program has a law enforcement coordinator who  
13 forwards information obtained by the program to the  
14 appropriate law enforcement agency.

15 (c) The program allows the person submitting information  
16 to remain anonymous.

17 (d) The program operates in conjunction with a law  
18 enforcement agency or Office of the State's Attorney.

19 (e) The program has a civilian board of directors, is  
20 incorporated in the State of Illinois, and is certified by  
21 the Illinois State Crime Stoppers Association.

22 Section 10. Certification of programs. The Illinois  
23 State Crime Stoppers Association shall certify Crime Stoppers  
24 programs in this State. On or after the effective date of  
25 this Act, a person or agency that is not a certified Crime  
26 Stoppers program may not use the name "Crime Stoppers". The  
27 Attorney General may enforce this Section through injunctive  
28 or other appropriate relief.

29 Section 105. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by

1 adding Section 8-802.3 as follows:

2 (735 ILCS 5/8-802.3 new)

3 Sec. 8-802.3. Identity of person who submits information  
4 to a Crime Stoppers program; privileged. The identity of a  
5 person who submits information of a criminal act to a Crime  
6 Stoppers program is privileged information and may not be  
7 disclosed in any judicial or administrative proceeding.  
8 Telephone records of a Crime Stoppers program are privileged  
9 information and are not subject to disclosure by subpoena or  
10 other means. In this Section, "Crime Stoppers program" means  
11 a program certified by the Illinois State Crime Stoppers  
12 Association under the Crime Stoppers Program Act.