AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing Section 24-3.1 as follows:

(720 ILCS 5/24-3.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 24-3.1)
Sec. 24-3.1. Unlawful possession of firearms and firearm ammunition.

(a) A person commits the offense of unlawful possession of firearms or firearm ammunition when:

(1) He is under 18 years of age and has in his possession any firearm of a size which may be concealed upon the person; or

(2) He is under 21 years of age, has been convicted of a misdemeanor other than a traffic offense or adjudged delinquent and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

(3) He is a narcotic addict and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

(4) He has been a patient in a mental hospital within the past 5 years and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

(5) He is mentally retarded and has any firearms or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

(6) He has in his possession any explosive bullet. For purposes of this paragraph "explosive bullet" means the projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact with the flesh of a human or an animal.

"Cartridge" means a tubular metal case having a projectile affixed at the front thereof and a cap or primer at the rear
end thereof, with the propellant contained in such tube
between the projectile and the cap; or

(b) Sentence.

Unlawful possession of firearms, other than handguns, and
firearm ammunition is a Class A misdemeanor. Unlawful
possession of handguns is a Class 4 felony.

(c) Nothing in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of this
Section prohibits a person under 18 years of age from
participating in any lawful recreational activity with a
firearm such as, but not limited to, practice shooting at
targets upon established public or private target ranges or
hunting, trapping, or fishing in accordance with the Wildlife
Code or the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

(d) The provisions of any ordinance or resolution
adopted before, on, or after the effective date of this
amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly by any unit of
local government that imposes restrictions or limitations on
the acquisition, possession, transportation, storage,
purchase, sale, or other dealing in rifles and shotguns and
ammunition, components, accessories, and accoutrements of
rifles and shotguns in a manner other than those that are
imposed by subsection (a) of this Section are invalid, except
as authorized by this Code, and all those existing ordinances
and resolutions are void.

(e) A unit of local government, including a home rule
unit, may not regulate the acquisition, possession,
transportation, storage, purchase, sale, or other dealing in
rifles and shotguns, and may not regulate ammunition,
components, accessories, or accoutrements for rifles and
shotguns in a manner other than the manner provided in
subsection (a). This Section is limitation under subsection
(i) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution
on the concurrent exercise by home rule units of powers and
functions exercised by the State.
Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.