

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Explosives Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 1002, 1003, 1004, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003,  
6 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011, 3000, 3001, 3002, 4002, 4003,  
7 5001, 5003, 5004, 5006, 5008, and 5010 and by adding Section  
8 1005 as follows:

9 (225 ILCS 210/1002) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-1002)

10 Sec. 1002. Legislative Declaration. It is hereby declared  
11 to be the policy of this State that safety and security are  
12 primary considerations in the storage, use, acquisition,  
13 possession, disposal and transfer of explosive materials.

14 An appropriate and thorough system of training, licensing,  
15 and certification is necessary to promote these considerations  
16 by assuring that these products are handled only by qualified  
17 persons.

18 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)

19 (225 ILCS 210/1003) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-1003)

20 Sec. 1003. Definitions. As used in this Act:

21 (a) "Person" means any individual, corporation, company,  
22 association, partnership, or other legal entity.

1 (b) "Explosive materials" means explosives, blasting  
2 agents, and detonators.

3 (c) "Explosive" means any chemical compound, mixture, or  
4 device (1), the primary or common purpose of which is to  
5 function by explosion and (2) that is classified as a Division  
6 1.1, 1.2, or 1.3 material under 49 CFR 173.50, as now or  
7 hereafter amended, renumbered, or succeeded. The term includes  
8 high and ~~or~~ low explosives. ~~Manufactured articles, including,~~  
9 ~~but not limited to, fixed ammunition for small arms, fire~~  
10 ~~crackers, safety fuses, and matches are not explosives when the~~  
11 ~~individual units contain explosives in such limited quantity~~  
12 ~~and of such nature or in such packing that it is impossible to~~  
13 ~~produce a simultaneous or a destructive explosion of such units~~  
14 ~~which would be injurious to life, limb or property.~~

15 (d) "Blasting agent" means any material or mixture that (1)  
16 consists ~~consisting~~ of a fuel and oxidizer intended for  
17 blasting, not otherwise defined as an explosive, provided that  
18 the finished product, as mixed and packaged for use or  
19 shipment, cannot be detonated by means of a No. 8 blasting cap,  
20 as defined by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, ~~and~~ Firearms and  
21 Explosives, U.S. Department of Treasury, when unconfined and  
22 (2) is classified as a Division 1.5 material under 49 CFR  
23 173.50, as now or hereafter amended, renumbered, or succeeded.

24 (d-5) "Crime punishable by imprisonment for a term  
25 exceeding one year" does not mean (1) any federal or state  
26 offenses pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade

1 practices, restraint of trade, or similar offenses relating to  
2 the regulation of business practices as the Secretary of the  
3 Treasury may by regulation designate or (2) any State offense,  
4 other than one involving a firearm or explosive, classified by  
5 the laws of the State as a misdemeanor or punishable by a term  
6 of imprisonment of 2 years or less.

7 (e) "Detonator" means any device that (1) contains  
8 ~~containing~~ any initiating or primary explosive that is used for  
9 initiating detonation and (2) is classified as Division 1.1 or  
10 1.4 material under 49 CFR 173.50, as now or hereafter amended,  
11 renumbered, or succeeded. A detonator may not contain more than  
12 10 grams of total explosives by weight, excluding ignition or  
13 delay charges.

14 (f) "Highway" means any public street, public road ~~highway,~~  
15 or public alley and includes privately financed, constructed,  
16 or maintained roads that are regularly and openly traveled by  
17 the general public.

18 (g) "Railroad" or "railway" means any public steam,  
19 electric or other railroad or rail system which carries  
20 passengers for hire, but shall not include auxiliary tracks,  
21 spurs and sidings installed and primarily used in serving any  
22 mine, quarry or plant.

23 (h) "Building" means and includes any building regularly  
24 occupied, in whole or in part, as a habitation for human  
25 beings, and any church, schoolhouse, railway station or other  
26 building where people are accustomed to assemble, but does not

1 mean or include any buildings of a mine or quarry or any of the  
2 buildings of a manufacturing plant where the business of  
3 manufacturing explosive materials is conducted.

4 (i) "Factory building" means any building or other  
5 structure in which the manufacture or any part of the  
6 manufacture of explosive materials is conducted.

7 (j) "Magazine" means any building or other structure or  
8 container, other than a factory building, used to store  
9 explosive materials. Where mobile or portable type 5 magazines  
10 are permissible and used, "magazine", for the purpose of  
11 obtaining certificates and calculating fees, means the site on  
12 which such magazines are located.

13 (k) "Magazine keeper" means a qualified supervisory person  
14 licensed by the Department under Article 2 of this Act who is  
15 responsible for the acquisition, storage, use, possession,  
16 transfer, and disposal of explosive materials, including  
17 inventory and transaction records, and ~~responsible for the~~  
18 ~~inventory and safe storage of explosive materials, including~~  
19 the proper maintenance of explosive materials, storage  
20 magazines, and surrounding areas.

21 (l) "Black powder" means a deflagrating or low explosive  
22 compound of an intimate mixture of sulfur, charcoal and an  
23 alkali nitrate, usually potassium or sodium nitrate.

24 (m) "Municipality" means ~~includes~~ cities, villages, ~~and~~  
25 incorporated towns, and townships.

26 (n) "Fugitive from justice" means any individual who has

1 fled from the jurisdiction of any court of record to avoid  
2 prosecution for any crime or to avoid giving testimony in any  
3 criminal proceeding. This term shall also include any  
4 individual who has been convicted of any crime and has fled to  
5 avoid imprisonment.

6 (o) "Department" means the Department of Natural  
7 Resources.

8 (p) (Blank) ~~"Small arms" means guns of 50 calibers or less.~~

9 (q) "Director" means the Director of Natural Resources.

10 (r) "Storage certificate" means the certificate issued by  
11 the Department under Article 3 of this Act that authorizes the  
12 holder to store explosive materials in the magazine for which  
13 the certificate is issued.

14 (s) "License" means that license issued by the Department  
15 under Article 2 of this Act authorizing the holder to possess,  
16 use, purchase, transfer or dispose of, but not to store,  
17 explosive materials.

18 (t) "Transfer" of explosive materials means to sell, give,  
19 distribute, or otherwise dispose of explosive materials.

20 (u) "Use" of explosive materials means the detonation,  
21 ignition, deflagration, or any other means of initiating  
22 explosive materials.

23 (v) "Disposal" of explosive materials means to render inert  
24 pursuant to manufacturer's recommendations or commonly  
25 accepted industry standards.

26 (w) "BATFE" means the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

1 Firearms and Explosives.

2 (Source: P.A. 88-599, eff. 9-1-94; 89-445, eff. 2-7-96.)

3 (225 ILCS 210/1004) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-1004)

4 Sec. 1004. Scope. This Act is intended to supplement the  
5 requirements of any federal or State laws and regulations and  
6 shall apply to all acquisition, storage, use, possession,  
7 transfer and disposal of explosive materials, except as  
8 provided in Sections 1005, 2000, and 3000 of this Act ~~this~~  
9 ~~Section.~~

10 ~~(a) The licensing provisions of Article 2 do not apply to:~~

11 ~~(1) agricultural fertilizers which might be of an~~  
12 ~~explosive nature when the use of such fertilizers is for~~  
13 ~~agricultural or horticultural purposes;~~

14 ~~(2) a common or contract carrier authorized to carry~~  
15 ~~explosive material pursuant to the Interstate Commerce Act~~  
16 ~~or by the Illinois Commerce Commission;~~

17 ~~(3) the purchase, receipt, possession or use, by an~~  
18 ~~individual, of primers or propellant powder used in muzzle~~  
19 ~~loading firearms, hand loading, reloading or custom~~  
20 ~~loading ammunition for small arms for his own use or for~~  
21 ~~that of his immediate family;~~

22 ~~(4) the possession or purchase from dealers, importers~~  
23 ~~or manufacturers by any person who holds a valid Illinois~~  
24 ~~Firearm Owner's Identification Card of smokeless small~~  
25 ~~arms propellant in quantities not to exceed 25 pounds,~~

1 ~~black powder not to exceed 5 pounds, and small arms primers~~  
2 ~~or percussion caps for muzzle loading arms in containers~~  
3 ~~provided by the manufacturer or containers generally~~  
4 ~~recognized as being suitable for the transportation and~~  
5 ~~storage, or commerce in these items at retail, or the~~  
6 ~~transportation or use of the items by any such person in~~  
7 ~~muzzle loading small arms, or in loading ammunition for~~  
8 ~~small arms; or~~

9 ~~(5) The acquisition, possession, use, transfer or~~  
10 ~~disposal of explosive materials in connection with mine,~~  
11 ~~quarry, construction, manufacturing or wholesale or retail~~  
12 ~~dealership operations in the ordinary course of business~~  
13 ~~provided that (A) the operator has obtained a storage~~  
14 ~~certificate from the Department in accordance with Article~~  
15 ~~3 of this Act, (B) the acquisition, possession, use,~~  
16 ~~transfer or disposal of explosive materials is limited to~~  
17 ~~the operator's business operations, and (C) the person or~~  
18 ~~persons designated as "magazine keeper" satisfy the~~  
19 ~~licensure requirements, other than an examination, of~~  
20 ~~Article 2 of this Act.~~

21 ~~(b) The storage requirements of Article 3 shall not apply~~  
22 ~~to black powder in quantities not to exceed 5 pounds or~~  
23 ~~smokeless powder explosives in quantities not to exceed 25~~  
24 ~~pounds, however:~~

25 ~~(1) all black powder and smokeless powder shall be~~  
26 ~~stored in shipping containers as required by regulations of~~

1 ~~the U.S. Department of Transportation, except as~~  
2 ~~hereinafter provided;~~

3 ~~(2) black powder in quantities not to exceed 5 pounds~~  
4 ~~and smokeless powder in quantities not to exceed 25 pounds~~  
5 ~~intended for personal use may be stored in original~~  
6 ~~containers in a locked wooden box or cabinet having walls~~  
7 ~~of at least one inch nominal thickness; and~~

8 ~~(3) black powder in quantities exceeding 5 pounds shall~~  
9 ~~be stored in magazines constructed and located as specified~~  
10 ~~in this Act and no black powder or smokeless powder shall~~  
11 ~~be commercially displayed.~~

12 ~~(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of Articles 2 and 3, a~~  
13 ~~person licensed as a manufacturer or dealer in explosive~~  
14 ~~materials may sell, give or dispose of explosive materials to a~~  
15 ~~non-resident of Illinois who is duly licensed in the state of~~  
16 ~~his residence. Possession and transportation within this State~~  
17 ~~by such non residents shall conform to the laws of this State,~~  
18 ~~except that the requirements of Section 2001, requiring a~~  
19 ~~license to be issued by the Department, shall not apply.~~

20 (Source: P.A. 86-364; 86-1298; 87-835.)

21 (225 ILCS 210/1005 new)

22 Sec. 1005. Exemptions.

23 (a) This Act does not apply to any aspect of the  
24 transporting of explosive materials via railroad, water,  
25 highway, or air that is regulated by the United States



1 Department of Transportation and agencies thereof, or state  
2 agencies with similar jurisdiction, and which pertains to  
3 safety.

4 A person who is licensed under Article 2 of this Act or  
5 holds a storage certificate under Article 3 of this Act may  
6 transfer explosive materials to a non-resident of Illinois if  
7 the transfer is limited to the purpose of transporting the  
8 explosive materials. The non-resident may not use or store  
9 explosive materials within Illinois unless he or she is  
10 licensed under Article 2 of this Act or holds a storage  
11 certificate under Article 3 of this Act.

12 (b) This Act does not apply to an agricultural fertilizer  
13 if the use of the agricultural fertilizer is for agricultural  
14 or horticultural purposes.

15 (c) This Act does not apply to the possession, use,  
16 purchase, transfer, storage, or disposal of explosive material  
17 by United States military or other agencies of the United  
18 States; or to arsenals, navy yards, depots, or other  
19 establishments owned or operated by the United States.

20 (d) Government agencies and their employees that are (1)  
21 subject to the requirements of this Act and, (2) in the  
22 exercise of their official emergency response functions, are  
23 required to store, use, or possess explosive materials, shall  
24 not be subject to any fee required by this Act.

1           Sec. 2000. Scope; exemptions.

2           (a) The license requirements of this Article apply to all  
3 explosive materials unless otherwise excepted under this  
4 Section or Section 1005 of this Act.

5           (b) This Article does not apply to the purchase, receipt,  
6 possession, or use of black powder solely for sporting,  
7 recreational, or cultural purposes by an individual for his or  
8 her own use or for his or her immediate family living in the  
9 same household. This includes components for use in muzzle  
10 loading firearms and other antique devices and hand loading,  
11 reloading, or custom loading fixed ammunition.

12           (c) A person is not required to have a license under this  
13 Article for the acquisition, possession, use, transfer, or  
14 disposal of explosive materials in connection with mine,  
15 quarry, construction, manufacturing, or wholesale or retail  
16 explosive materials operations if (1) the person holds a  
17 storage certificate under Article 3 of this Act and (2) the  
18 acquisition, possession, use, transfer, or disposal of the  
19 explosive materials is limited to the purpose authorized by his  
20 or her storage certificate.

21           In addition to the person who holds the storage  
22 certificate, this exemption shall also apply to any employee,  
23 contractor, or other authorized individual if he or she is  
24 under the direct supervision of an individual who is either  
25 licensed under this Act, licensed for blasting operations or  
26 use of explosives in aggregate mining operations under the

1 Surface-Mined Land Conservation and Reclamation Act, certified  
2 for blasting or use of explosives in mining operations under  
3 the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act,  
4 or certified as a shot firer under the Coal Mining Act. Direct  
5 supervision requires the supervising individual to be  
6 physically present at all times during the use or disposal of  
7 the explosive materials.

8 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)

9 (225 ILCS 210/2001) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2001)

10 Sec. 2001. Unlicensed activity; non-residents. No person  
11 shall acquire, possess, use, transfer, or dispose of purchase  
12 ~~or transfer~~ explosive materials unless licensed by the  
13 Department except as ~~otherwise~~ provided under Section 1005 or  
14 2000 of by this Act and the Pyrotechnic Distributor and  
15 Operator Licensing Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 93-263, eff. 7-22-03; 94-385, eff. 7-29-05.)

17 (225 ILCS 210/2002) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2002)

18 Sec. 2002. Original individual license; Application; Fees.  
19 Applications by individuals for original licenses shall be made  
20 to the Department, in writing, on forms prescribed by the  
21 Department. The application shall be accompanied by the  
22 required fee, which is not refundable. All license application  
23 fees collected under this provision of this Act shall be  
24 deposited into the Explosives Regulatory Fund. The application

1 shall require such information as in the judgment of the  
2 Department will enable the Department to pass on the  
3 qualifications of the applicant for a license. It shall  
4 include, but need not be limited to, information concerning  
5 age, full name of applicant, present residence, date of birth,  
6 sex, physical description, social security number or drivers  
7 license number, and the purpose for which and the place or  
8 places where the explosive materials are to be used or  
9 possessed. Each applicant shall file, with his application,  
10 fingerprint based data, or other state of the art criminal  
11 identification data, cards in the form and manner required by  
12 the Illinois Department of State Police to enable the Illinois  
13 ~~Department of State Police~~ to conduct criminal history checks  
14 on the applicant.

15 (Source: P.A. 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

16 (225 ILCS 210/2003) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2003)

17 Sec. 2003. Criminal history background ~~Fingerprint card~~  
18 ~~fees; law enforcement exemption~~. Each applicant for a license  
19 shall submit, in addition to the license fee, a fee specified  
20 by the Illinois Department of State Police for processing  
21 fingerprint based data, or other state of the art criminal  
22 identification data, cards which may be made payable to the  
23 State Police Services Fund and shall be remitted to the  
24 Illinois Department of State Police for deposit into that fund.  
25 Law enforcement personnel who apply for an explosives license

1 in order to carry out their official functions may be exempted  
2 from the criminal history background requirement provided the  
3 law enforcement agency submits documentation that the  
4 applicant has previously been subjected to a criminal history  
5 background check.

6 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)

7 (225 ILCS 210/2004) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2004)

8 Sec. 2004. Investigation; Examination of applicant. Upon  
9 receipt of an application, the Department shall investigate the  
10 eligibility of the applicant. The Department has authority to  
11 request and receive from any federal, state or local  
12 governmental agency such information and assistance as will  
13 enable the Department ~~him~~ to carry out its ~~his~~ powers and  
14 duties under this Act. The Illinois Department of State Police  
15 shall cause the fingerprint based data or other state of the  
16 art criminal identification data ~~fingerprints~~ of each  
17 applicant to be compared with the fingerprint based data or  
18 other state of the art criminal identification data  
19 ~~fingerprints~~ of criminals now or hereafter filed with the  
20 Illinois Department of State Police and with federal law  
21 enforcement agencies maintaining official criminal  
22 identification ~~fingerprint~~ files. The investigation shall  
23 include, but is not limited to, an oral examination and a  
24 written examination as to the applicant's knowledge and ability  
25 regarding basic safety, possession, handling, use, storage,

1 disposal and transportation of explosives. Passage of these  
2 examinations is prerequisite to being considered for license  
3 issuance. Such examinations may be administered by any person  
4 designated by the Department.

5 (Source: P.A. 87-835; 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

6 (225 ILCS 210/2005) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2005)

7 Sec. 2005. Qualifications for licensure.

8 (a) No person shall qualify to hold a license who:

9 (1) is under 21 years of age;

10 (2) has been convicted in any court of a crime  
11 punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;

12 (3) is under indictment for a crime punishable by  
13 imprisonment for a term exceeding one year;

14 (4) is a fugitive from justice;

15 (5) is an unlawful user of or addicted to any  
16 controlled substance as defined in Section 102 of the  
17 federal Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. Sec. 802 et  
18 seq.);

19 (6) has been adjudicated a mental defective; or

20 (7) is not a legal citizen of the United States.

21 (b) A person who has been granted a "relief from  
22 disabilities" regarding criminal convictions and indictments,  
23 pursuant to the federal Safe Explosives Act (18 U.S.C. Sec.  
24 845) may receive a license provided all other qualifications  
25 under this Act are met.

1 ~~A person is qualified to receive a license under this Act if~~  
2 ~~the person meets the following minimum requirements:~~

3 ~~(1) is at least 21 years of age;~~

4 ~~(2) has not willfully violated any provisions of this~~  
5 ~~Act;~~

6 ~~(3) has not made any material misstatement or knowingly~~  
7 ~~withheld information in connection with any original or~~  
8 ~~renewal application;~~

9 ~~(4) has not been declared incompetent by any competent~~  
10 ~~court by reasons of mental or physical defect or disease~~  
11 ~~unless a court has since declared him competent;~~

12 ~~(5) does not abuse alcohol or prescription drugs or use~~  
13 ~~illegal drugs;~~

14 ~~(6) has not been convicted in any jurisdiction of any~~  
15 ~~felony within the prior 5 years;~~

16 ~~(7) is not a fugitive from justice;~~

17 ~~(8) is of good moral character. Convictions of crimes~~  
18 ~~not listed in subsection (6) of this Section may be taken~~  
19 ~~into account in determining moral character but shall not~~  
20 ~~operate as an absolute bar to licensure; and~~

21 ~~(9) has passed the oral and written examinations~~  
22 ~~required under Section 2004 of this Act.~~

23 ~~A licensee shall continue to meet these requirements in~~  
24 ~~order to maintain his license.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

1 (225 ILCS 210/2007) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2007)

2 Sec. 2007. Fee; Exemptions. Agencies of the United States,  
3 the State and its political and civil subdivisions which are  
4 subject to the requirements of this Act, and which, in the  
5 exercise of their emergency response functions, are required to  
6 store, acquire, possess, use, transfer, or dispose of explosive  
7 materials ~~or possess explosive materials~~ shall not be liable  
8 for the payment of any fee required by this Act.

9 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)

10 (225 ILCS 210/2008) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2008)

11 Sec. 2008. Issuance of license and renewals; notification  
12 of law enforcement officers ~~Renewal~~. The Department shall issue  
13 the appropriate license or renewal where the applicant  
14 satisfactorily meets the requirements of this Act and no  
15 grounds for refusal, revocation, or suspension exist. Within 10  
16 days after the issuance of an original, replacement, or renewed  
17 license, the Department shall notify the appropriate law  
18 enforcement officer of the municipality or county where the  
19 explosive materials are to be used or possessed, and provide  
20 such officer with any other information pertaining thereto as  
21 the Director may prescribe.

22 (Source: P.A. 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

23 (225 ILCS 210/2011) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-2011)

24 Sec. 2011. Enforcement action; licenses. ~~Refusal to issue~~



1 ~~or renew license; disciplinary actions.~~

2 (a) Failure to satisfy the age or examination requirements  
3 of Sections 2004 and 2005(1) shall result in automatic license  
4 denial.

5 (b) Subject to the provisions of Sections 5003 through 5005  
6 of this Act, the Department may suspend, revoke, or shall  
7 refuse to issue or renew a license and may ~~or shall~~ take any  
8 other disciplinary action that ~~as~~ the Department may deem  
9 proper, including the imposition of fines not to exceed \$5,000  
10 for each occurrence, if the applicant or licensee fails to  
11 comply with or satisfy the requirements of any provision of  
12 this Act and for any of the following reasons:

13 (1) Failure to meet or maintain the qualifications for  
14 licensure set forth in Section 2005.

15 (2) Willful disregard or violation of this Act or its  
16 rules.

17 (3) Willfully aiding or abetting another in the  
18 violation of this Act or its rules.

19 (4) Allowing a license issued under this Act to be used  
20 by an unlicensed person.

21 (5) Possession, use, acquisition, transfer, handling,  
22 disposal, or storage of explosive materials in a manner  
23 that endangers the public health, safety, or welfare.

24 (6) Refusal to produce records or reports or permit any  
25 inspection lawfully requested by the Department.

26 (7) Failure to make, keep, or submit any record or

1 report required by this Act or its implementing  
2 regulations; or making, keeping, or submitting a false  
3 record or report.

4 (8) Material misstatement in the application for an  
5 original or renewal license.

6 (c) (Blank). ~~Subject to the provisions of Sections 5003~~  
7 ~~through 5005 of this Act, the Department shall refuse to issue~~  
8 ~~or renew a license or shall take any other disciplinary action~~  
9 ~~as the Department may deem proper, including the imposition of~~  
10 ~~fines not to exceed \$5,000 for each occurrence, if the~~  
11 ~~applicant or licensee fails to comply with or satisfy the~~  
12 ~~requirements of any provision of this Act and for any of the~~  
13 ~~following reasons:~~

14 ~~(1) Refusal to produce records or reports or permit any~~  
15 ~~inspection lawfully requested by the Department.~~

16 ~~(2) Failure to make, keep, or submit any record or~~  
17 ~~report required by this Act or its implementing~~  
18 ~~regulations; or making, keeping, or submitting a false~~  
19 ~~record or report.~~

20 (d) (Blank). ~~Subject to the provisions of Sections 5003~~  
21 ~~through 5005 of this Act, violation of or non-compliance with~~  
22 ~~any provision of this Act or its implementing regulations~~  
23 ~~constitutes grounds for disciplinary action, license~~  
24 ~~revocation, or both.~~

25 (e) All fines collected under this Section shall be  
26 deposited into the Explosives Regulatory Fund.

1 (Source: P.A. 87-835; 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

2 (225 ILCS 210/3000) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-3000)

3 Sec. 3000. Storage requirements; exemptions.

4 (a) No person, unless otherwise exempt ~~excepted~~, shall  
5 store explosive materials unless a storage certificate has been  
6 issued by the Department. The Department shall, by rule,  
7 establish requirements for the storage of explosive materials  
8 including magazine construction, magazine maintenance and the  
9 distances from which magazines or factory buildings must be  
10 separated from other magazines, buildings, railroads and  
11 highways. In establishing magazine construction, maintenance  
12 and distance requirements, the Department shall differentiate,  
13 as appropriate, between types, classifications and quantities  
14 of explosive materials and shall fully consider nationally  
15 recognized industry standards and the standards enforced by  
16 agencies of the federal government including the Bureau of  
17 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms of the United States Department  
18 of the Treasury.

19 (b) This Article does not apply to the purchase, receipt,  
20 possession, or use of black powder solely for sporting,  
21 recreational, or cultural purposes by an individual for his or  
22 her own use or for his or her immediate family living in the  
23 same household, unless the quantity of black powder is more  
24 than 5 pounds. Black powder in quantities greater than 5 pounds  
25 must be stored in accordance with this Article, regardless of

1 the intended usage.

2 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)

3 (225 ILCS 210/3001) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-3001)

4 Sec. 3001. Storage requirements; Magazines.

5 (a) No person shall possess or store explosive materials  
6 unless such explosive materials are stored in a magazine or in  
7 a factory building in accordance with this Act except while  
8 being transported or being used in preparation for blasting ~~or~~  
9 ~~while in the custody of a common carrier awaiting shipment or~~  
10 ~~delivery to a consignee during the time permitted by federal~~  
11 ~~law.~~

12 (b) Not more than 300,000 pounds of explosive materials  
13 shall be stored in any magazine at any one time.

14 (c) (Blank). ~~Magazines in which explosive materials shall~~  
15 ~~be lawfully kept or stored shall be constructed of brick,~~  
16 ~~concrete, iron, wood covered with iron or other suitable~~  
17 ~~materials. The magazine shall not have openings except for~~  
18 ~~ventilation and entrance. Blasting caps, detonating or~~  
19 ~~fulminating caps, or detonators shall be kept or stored in a~~  
20 ~~separate magazine from magazines where other explosive~~  
21 ~~materials are kept or stored and a storage certificate shall be~~  
22 ~~obtained from the Department in accordance with Section 3002.~~

23 (d) (Blank). ~~The doors of magazines shall be kept closed~~  
24 ~~and locked at all times, except when opened for storage or~~  
25 ~~removal of explosive materials by persons authorized to enter~~

1 ~~the magazine. Sufficient openings shall be provided for~~  
2 ~~ventilation and shall be screened to prevent the entrance of~~  
3 ~~sparks, except that magazines containing only black powder may~~  
4 ~~be constructed without openings for ventilation. At each~~  
5 ~~magazine site there shall at all times be kept conspicuously~~  
6 ~~posted warning signs as specified by the Department. All~~  
7 ~~explosive materials must be stored within the magazine in their~~  
8 ~~original containers and such containers shall be plainly marked~~  
9 ~~with the name of the explosive contained therein. Except for~~  
10 ~~testing purposes in accordance with Section 5009, no individual~~  
11 ~~shall discharge firearms within 500 feet of a magazine or~~  
12 ~~factory building, or at or against any such building or~~  
13 ~~magazine.~~

14 (e) (Blank). ~~Magazines and the areas surrounding magazines~~  
15 ~~shall be maintained, as provided by rule, to avoid fire or~~  
16 ~~explosive hazards.~~

17 (Source: P.A. 86-364; 87-835.)

18 (225 ILCS 210/3002) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-3002)

19 Sec. 3002. Storage Certificates.

20 (a) No person shall store explosive materials until he has  
21 obtained a storage certificate from the Department. No storage  
22 certificate shall be required, however, where holes are drilled  
23 and the explosive materials are upon delivery, immediately and  
24 continuously loaded into the holes for blasting from the mobile  
25 container in which they were delivered. The container shall at

1 all times be attended by an authorized agent or employee of the  
2 seller or the user of the explosive materials. In no event  
3 shall the mobile container of explosive materials be exempt  
4 unless it is completely unloaded for blasting. Every person to  
5 which this Section applies shall submit an application ~~report~~  
6 to the Department, on forms furnished by the Department,  
7 containing the following information:

8 (1) the location or proposed location of a magazine;

9 (2) the kind and maximum quantity of explosive  
10 materials intended to be ~~generally~~ stored in the magazine;  
11 ~~and~~

12 (3) the distance or intended distance of the magazine  
13 from the nearest magazine, building, railroad and highway;  
14 ~~and~~

15 (4) the name, explosive license number, and residence  
16 and business addresses of the person designated as  
17 "magazine keeper";

18 (5) a description of the purposes for which explosive  
19 materials are intended to be stored or used; and

20 (6) any other information that the Department deems  
21 necessary to implement the requirements of this Act.

22 (b) All storage certificate application fees collected  
23 under this Act shall be deposited into the Explosives  
24 Regulatory Fund. Following receipt of an application ~~such~~  
25 ~~report~~, the Department shall inspect the magazine. If it finds  
26 that the magazine is located and constructed in accordance with

1 this Act and rules adopted ~~promulgated~~ by the Department, then  
2 it shall ~~determine the quantity of explosive materials that may~~  
3 ~~be stored in such magazine and shall~~ issue a storage  
4 certificate to the applicant ~~showing compliance with this Act~~  
5 ~~and the maximum quantity of explosive materials that may be~~  
6 ~~stored in the magazine. The storage certificate shall be~~  
7 ~~prominently and conspicuously posted at the magazine.~~

8 (c) A storage certificate holder's authority to store  
9 explosives shall be limited to the type, maximum quantity, and  
10 purpose specified in his or her application to the Department,  
11 unless the certificate holder is granted a modification to the  
12 storage certificate. The Department shall approve any  
13 modification to the storage certificate if the certificate  
14 holder requests a modification and he or she meets the  
15 requirements of this Act. If any person to whom the certificate  
16 has been issued keeps or stores explosive materials in excess  
17 of the amount authorized by the certificate, or stores  
18 explosives material for a different purpose than indicated in  
19 the application without first obtaining the Department's  
20 approval to modify the certificate, then the Department may  
21 cancel the certificate or initiate an enforcement action.  
22 Whenever there are changes in the physical conditions  
23 surrounding a magazine, such as the erection of buildings,  
24 operation of railways or opening of highways near such  
25 magazine, the Department shall, in accordance with the changed  
26 conditions, modify or cancel the certificate. Upon

1 cancellation of the certificate, the magazine keeper ~~owner~~  
2 shall immediately remove all explosive materials from the  
3 magazine. The magazine keeper ~~owner or user~~ of a magazine shall  
4 promptly notify the Department of any change in conditions.

5 (d) Storage certificates issued under this Act are not  
6 transferable. In the event of the lease, sale or other transfer  
7 of the business or operations covered by the certificate, the  
8 new owner, tenant or successor in interest must obtain the  
9 storage certificate required by this Article before storing  
10 explosive materials.

11 (e) No individual may act as a magazine keeper unless  
12 licensed under Article 2 of this Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 87-835; 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

14 (225 ILCS 210/4002) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-4002)

15 Sec. 4002. Reporting accidents, incidents, theft, or loss  
16 ~~Theft or loss.~~

17 (a) A licensee or certificate holder shall immediately  
18 report to the Department, in a manner and form prescribed by  
19 the Department, any incident or accident related to explosive  
20 materials that results in personal injury or property damage.

21 (b) The theft or loss of explosive materials shall be  
22 reported within 24 hours of the discovery by the licensee or  
23 certificate holder to the Department and to local law  
24 enforcement authorities.

25 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)



1 (225 ILCS 210/4003) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-4003)

2 Sec. 4003. Recordkeeping and inspection.

3 (a) All license and certificate holders shall maintain such  
4 records pertaining to the possession, use, purchase, transfer  
5 and storage of explosive materials as the Department may  
6 prescribe and shall furnish the Department or its authorized  
7 representatives such records or other relevant information  
8 legally requested by the Department or its representatives. In  
9 establishing record keeping requirements, the Department shall  
10 consider the requirements imposed by agencies of the federal  
11 government to avoid duplication or inconsistency. All records  
12 required by the Department related to the possession, use,  
13 purchase, transfer, or storage of explosive materials shall be  
14 maintained for a minimum of 3 years.

15 (b) (Blank). ~~Every person selling or giving away an~~  
16 ~~explosive material shall keep at his principal office or place~~  
17 ~~of business a journal, book of record or other record setting~~  
18 ~~forth, in legible writing, a complete history of the~~  
19 ~~transaction, including the following: (1) the name and quantity~~  
20 ~~of the explosive material, (2) the identification numbers of~~  
21 ~~each stick and container, (3) the name, residence and business~~  
22 ~~address of the purchaser, (4) the address to which the~~  
23 ~~explosive material is to be delivered, if different, and (5)~~  
24 ~~the name and address, social security number, driver's license~~  
25 ~~number, and brief physical description of the individual taking~~

1 ~~the explosive material and the type and license number of the~~  
2 ~~vehicle by which it is to be transported. The record keeping~~  
3 ~~requirements of this subsection do not apply when such~~  
4 ~~transaction is between the manufacturer of the explosive~~  
5 ~~material and that manufacturer's employees when the explosive~~  
6 ~~materials involved are being shipped by common carrier direct~~  
7 ~~from the manufacturer's place of business. Such journal, book~~  
8 ~~of record or other record shall be open to inspection by the~~  
9 ~~Department or by law enforcement agencies. No explosive~~  
10 ~~materials shall be sold, given away or otherwise disposed of or~~  
11 ~~delivered to any person under 21 years of age, whether such~~  
12 ~~person is acting for himself or another.~~

13 (c) All license and certificate holders shall permit their  
14 facilities to be inspected at reasonable times and in a  
15 reasonable manner by representatives of the Department.

16 (Source: P.A. 86-364; 87-835.)

17 (225 ILCS 210/5001) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-5001)

18 Sec. 5001. Powers, duties and functions of Department. In  
19 addition to the powers, duties and functions vested in the  
20 Department by this Act, or by other laws of this State, the  
21 Department shall have the full powers and authority to carry  
22 out and administer this Act, including ~~has~~ the following  
23 powers, duties, and functions:

24 (a) To adopt ~~promulgate~~ reasonable rules consistent with  
25 this Act to carry out the purposes and enforce the provisions

1 of this Act.

2 (b) To prescribe and furnish application forms, licenses,  
3 certificates and any other forms necessary under this Act.

4 (c) To prescribe examinations which reasonably test the  
5 applicant's knowledge of the safe and proper use, storage,  
6 possession, handling, and transfer of explosive materials.

7 (d) To establish and enforce reasonable standards for the  
8 use, storage, disposal and transfer of explosive materials.

9 (e) To issue licenses and certificates to qualified  
10 applicants who comply with the requirements of this Act and its  
11 rules.

12 (f) To suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew licenses  
13 or certificates, or take other disciplinary action, including  
14 the imposition of fines. All fines collected under this Act  
15 shall be deposited into the Explosives Regulatory Fund.

16 (g) To establish by rule the expiration and renewal period  
17 for licenses and certificates issued under this Act, and to  
18 establish and collect license and certificate application  
19 fees, ~~fingerprint card~~ fees required by the Illinois State  
20 Police for criminal identification purposes, and such other  
21 fees as are authorized or necessary under this Act.

22 (h) To conduct and prescribe rules of procedure for  
23 hearings under this Act.

24 (i) To appoint qualified inspectors to periodically visit  
25 places where explosive materials may be stored or used, and to  
26 make such other inspections as are necessary to determine

1 satisfactory compliance with this Act.

2 (j) To receive data and assistance from federal, State and  
3 local governmental agencies, and to obtain copies of  
4 identification and arrest data from all federal, State and  
5 local law enforcement agencies for use in carrying out the  
6 purposes and functions of the Department and this Act.

7 (k) To receive and respond to inquiries from the industry,  
8 public, and agencies or instrumentalities of the State, and to  
9 offer advice, make recommendations and provide monitoring  
10 services pertinent to such inquiries regarding the safe and  
11 proper storage, handling, and use of explosive materials.

12 (l) To inform, advise, and assist ~~institute or cause to be~~  
13 ~~instituted legal proceedings in the circuit court by~~ the  
14 State's Attorney of the county where any noncompliance with or  
15 violation of this Act occurs when the State's Attorney is  
16 seeking criminal charges against a person pursuant to Section  
17 5010 or 5011 of this Act.

18 (m) To bring an action in the name of the Department,  
19 through the Attorney General of the State of Illinois, whenever  
20 it appears to the Department that any person is engaged or is  
21 about to engage in any acts or practices that constitute or may  
22 constitute a violation of the provisions of this Act or its  
23 rules, for an order enjoining such violation or for an order  
24 enforcing compliance with this Act. Upon filing of a verified  
25 petition in such court, the court may issue a temporary  
26 restraining order without notice or bond and may preliminarily

1 or permanently enjoin such violation. If it is established that  
2 such person has violated or is violating the injunction, the  
3 court may punish the offender for contempt of court.  
4 Proceedings under this paragraph are in addition to, and not in  
5 lieu of, all other remedies and penalties provided for by this  
6 Act.

7 (n) The powers, duties and functions vested in the  
8 Department under the provisions of this Act shall not be  
9 construed to affect in any manner the powers, duties and  
10 functions vested in the Department under any other provision of  
11 law.

12 (Source: P.A. 87-835; 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

13 (225 ILCS 210/5003) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-5003)

14 Sec. 5003. Appeal to Department; Hearing; Notice.

15 (a) Whenever the Department intends to refuse to issue or  
16 renew or to suspend, revoke or take other disciplinary action  
17 with respect to a license or certificate, the Department shall  
18 give notice to the applicant or holder. Such notice shall be in  
19 writing, shall state specifically the grounds upon which the  
20 Department intends to take the indicated action and shall be  
21 served by delivery of the same personally to the applicant or  
22 holder, or by mailing the same by registered or certified mail  
23 to the applicant or holder's last known address. The aggrieved  
24 party may appeal to the Department for a hearing. The applicant  
25 or holder shall request such a hearing in writing within 30

1 days after notice is mailed. The provisions of Sections 5003  
2 through 5005 shall not apply to decisions of the Department to  
3 deny a license or certificate based on an applicant's failure  
4 to satisfy any age or examination requirements.

5 (b) Upon the receipt of a request for a hearing, the  
6 Department shall order a hearing to be held. The hearing  
7 proceedings shall be commenced within 30 days after ~~of~~ the  
8 receipt by the Department of the request for a hearing unless  
9 the hearing is continued for good cause at the request of any  
10 party. The Department shall, at least 10 days prior to the date  
11 set for the hearing, notify in writing the applicant for or  
12 holder of a license or certificate that a hearing will be held  
13 at the place and on the date designated in the notice to  
14 determine whether the applicant or holder is qualified to hold  
15 a license or certificate, and that the Department shall afford  
16 the applicant or holder an opportunity to be heard. Such  
17 written notice may be served by personal delivery to the  
18 applicant or holder, or by mailing the notice by registered or  
19 certified mail to the applicant or holder's last known address.

20 (c) At the time and place fixed in the notice, the  
21 Department shall proceed to hear the appeal, and all parties to  
22 the proceeding shall have the opportunity to present such  
23 statements, testimony, evidence and argument as may be relevant  
24 to the proceeding. Hearings shall be conducted by hearing  
25 officers appointed by the Department, and an authorized agent  
26 of the Department may administer oaths to witnesses at any

1 hearing which the Department is authorized to conduct. The  
2 Department, if necessary, may continue such hearing from time  
3 to time. Hearing officers may authorize reasonable discovery by  
4 any party. The Illinois Code of Civil Procedure and Illinois  
5 Supreme Court rules shall not be applicable to hearing  
6 proceedings under this Section.

7 (d) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the  
8 authority of the Department to deny, refuse to issue or renew,  
9 or suspend, revoke, or take other disciplinary action with  
10 respect to a license or certificate if the applicant or holder  
11 waives the right to a hearing by failing to request a hearing  
12 within the prescribed time after notice is mailed ~~received~~.

13 (Source: P.A. 87-835; 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

14 (225 ILCS 210/5004) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-5004)

15 Sec. 5004. Record of proceedings; transcript. The  
16 Department or aggrieved party may ~~shall~~ provide at its or his  
17 or her expense a certified shorthand reporter to take down the  
18 testimony and preserve a record of all proceedings at the  
19 hearing of any case involving denial or refusal to issue or  
20 renew a license or certificate, or the suspension or revocation  
21 or other discipline of a license or certificate. Copies of the  
22 transcript of such record may be purchased from the certified  
23 shorthand reporter who prepared the record.

24 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)

1 (225 ILCS 210/5006) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-5006)

2 Sec. 5006. Actions without notice of hearing.  
3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, whenever the  
4 Department finds that a condition or practice exists which  
5 could reasonably be expected to cause death or serious physical  
6 harm or property damage, and if the Department incorporates a  
7 finding to that effect in an order, it may summarily suspend or  
8 revoke a license or certificate, or order such immediate action  
9 as may be necessary to abate the condition or practice.  
10 Whenever summary action is taken under this Section, the  
11 Department shall, simultaneously with such action, serve upon  
12 the holder a copy of its order which shall be effective  
13 immediately. Upon the request of the aggrieved party, the  
14 Department shall conduct a hearing regarding its order in  
15 accordance with the requirements of Sections 5003, 5004, and  
16 5005 of this Act. A hearing, if properly requested, shall be  
17 commenced within 15 days of the date of the order and concluded  
18 as soon as practicably possible.

19 (Source: P.A. 87-835; 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

20 (225 ILCS 210/5008) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-5008)

21 Sec. 5008. Administrative Review Law. All final  
22 administrative decisions of the Department under this Act are  
23 subject to judicial review pursuant to the Administrative  
24 Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.), as now or hereafter  
25 amended, and its rules. The term "administrative decision" is



1 defined as in Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.  
2 Appeals from all orders and judgments entered by the court, in  
3 reviewing a final administrative decision of the Department,  
4 may be taken by any party to the action as in other civil  
5 cases. Pending final decision on such review, the acts, orders  
6 and rulings of the Department shall remain in full force and  
7 effect unless modified or suspended by order of court pending  
8 final judicial decision. The Department shall not be required  
9 to certify any record to the court or file any answer in court  
10 or otherwise appear in any court in a judicial review  
11 proceeding, unless there is filed in the court with the  
12 complaint a receipt from the Department acknowledging payment  
13 of the costs of furnishing and certifying the record, which  
14 costs shall be computed at the rate of 35 cents per page.  
15 Failure on the part of the plaintiff to file such receipt in  
16 court shall be grounds for dismissal of the action.

17 (Source: P.A. 88-599, eff. 9-1-94.)

18 (225 ILCS 210/5010) (from Ch. 96 1/2, par. 1-5010)

19 Sec. 5010. Unlawful possession. Any person subject to this  
20 Act who possesses an explosive material without having obtained  
21 a valid license or certificate under this Act is guilty of a  
22 Class 3 felony unless otherwise exempted under Section 1005 or  
23 2000 of this Act. Any person subject to this Act who transfers  
24 explosive material to a person who does not possess a valid  
25 license or certificate under this Act is guilty of a Class 3

1 felony unless otherwise exempted under Section 1005 or 2000 of  
2 this Act.

3 (Source: P.A. 86-364.)

4 (225 ILCS 210/3003 rep.)

5 (225 ILCS 210/5002 rep.)

6 (225 ILCS 210/5014 rep.)

7 Section 20. The Illinois Explosives Act is amended by  
8 repealing Sections 3003, 5002, and 5014.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
10 1, 2011."