98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB0807

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/24-3.1

from Ch. 38, par. 24-3.1

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the unlawful possession of firearms and firearm ammunition.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing
Section 24-3.1 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-3.1) (from Ch. 38, par. 24-3.1)
7 Sec. 24-3.1. Unlawful possession of firearms and firearm
8 ammunition.

9 (a) A person commits <u>the</u> the offense of unlawful possession
10 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

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

18 (3) He is a narcotic addict and has any firearms or19 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

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(5) He is intellectually disabled and has any firearms

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or firearm ammunition in his possession; or

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(6) He has in his possession any explosive bullet.

For purposes of this paragraph "explosive bullet" means the 3 projectile portion of an ammunition cartridge which contains or 4 5 carries an explosive charge which will explode upon contact 6 with the flesh of a human or an animal. "Cartridge" means a 7 tubular metal case having a projectile affixed at the front 8 thereof and a cap or primer at the rear end thereof, with the 9 propellant contained in such tube between the projectile and 10 the cap.

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(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. The possession of each firearm or firearm ammunition in violation of this Section constitutes a single and separate violation.

(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.

24 (Source: P.A. 97-227, eff. 1-1-12.)