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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/33G-6 720 ILCS 5/33G-9

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Deletes provision that any violation of the Illinois Street Gang and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Law is subject to the remedies, procedures, and forfeiture as set forth in the statute concerning money laundering. Provides that the United States, another state, or this State, or any political subdivision, department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, another state, or this State, or any person subject to a substantially equal involvement defense or the person's estate, injured in his or her person, business, or property by a violation, directly or indirectly, of the Illinois Street Gang and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Law may sue in any appropriate court and shall recover threefold any damages sustained and the costs of the suit, including a reasonable attorney's fee at the trial and appellate level, and any equitable remedy justice requires, including injunctions, declaratory judgments, divestiture, accounting, or disgorgement. Provides that the court shall order civil or criminal forfeiture of property derived or maintained from a violation of this Law. Provides that the Illinois Street Gang and Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Law is repealed on June 11, 2022 (rather than June 11, 2017).

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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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
Sections 33G-6 and 33G-9 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/33G-6)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on June 11, 2017)

8 Sec. 33G-6. Remedial proceedings, procedures, and 9 forfeiture. Under this Article:

10 (a) The circuit court shall have jurisdiction to prevent 11 and restrain violations of this Article by issuing appropriate 12 orders, including:

(1) ordering any person to disgorge illicit proceeds
obtained by a violation of this Article or divest himself
or herself of any interest, direct or indirect, in any
enterprise or real or personal property of any character,
including money, obtained, directly or indirectly, by a
violation of this Article;

(2) imposing reasonable restrictions on the future
activities or investments of any person or enterprise,
including prohibiting any person or enterprise from
engaging in the same type of endeavor as the person or
enterprise engaged in, that violated this Article; or

(3) ordering dissolution or reorganization of any
 enterprise, making due provision for the rights of innocent
 persons.

4 (b) The United States, another state, or this State, or any political subdivision, department, agency, or instrumentality 5 of the United States, another state, or this State, or any 6 person subject to a substantially equal involvement defense or 7 8 the person's estate, injured in his or her person, business, or 9 property by a violation, directly or indirectly, of this 10 Article, may sue in any appropriate court and shall recover 11 threefold any damages sustained and the costs of the suit, 12 including a reasonable attorney's fee at the trial and appellate level, and any equitable remedy justice requires, 13 14 including injunctions, declaratory judgments, divestiture, accounting, or disgorgement. Pending final determination of 15 16 the case, the court may at any time enter any restraining 17 orders or prohibitions, or take any other actions, including the acceptance of satisfactory performance bonds, as it shall 18 19 deem proper. Satisfactory performance bonds shall not be 20 required of the United States, another state, or this State, or 21 any political subdivision, department, agency, or 22 instrumentality of the United States, another state, or this 23 State. The existence of a criminal conviction or investigation 24 for the alleged violation of this Article is not a prerequisite 25 to any proceeding under this subsection; but a final judgment 26 entered in favor of the State in any criminal proceeding

brought under this Article shall estop the defendant in the criminal case from denying the material allegations of the criminal violation in any subsequent civil or administrative proceeding brought under this Article.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall, for any violation of this Article, order criminal or 6 7 civil forfeiture, in personam or in rem, jointly and severally, of any interest or property the person has acquired or 8 9 maintained in violation of this Article, or any interest in, 10 security of, or claim against, or property or contractual right 11 of any kind affording a source of influence of any degree over, 12 any enterprise that the person has established, operated, controlled, conducted, or participated in, in violation of this 13 14 Article, and any property constituting, or derived from, any proceeds, including money, that the person obtained, directly 15 16 or indirectly, from predicate activity or unlawful debt 17 collection in violation of this Article. Any court, in imposing sentence on the person, shall order, in addition to any other 18 19 sentence imposed under this Article, that the person forfeit to 20 the State all property described in this subsection (c). The 21 property and interests subject to criminal or civil forfeiture 22 under this Article include any real property, including things 23 growing on, affixed to, and found in land, and any tangible and 24 intangible personal property, including rights, privileges, 25 interests, claims, and securities. All right, title, and interest in property described in this Article vests in the 26

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1	State upon the inception of the illicit agreement or commission
2	of any act otherwise giving rise to forfeiture under this
3	Article. The court shall further order the criminal or civil
4	forfeiture of any other property of the defendant up to the
5	value of the property described in this subsection (c) if, as a
6	result of any act or omission of the defendant, the property
7	subject to forfeiture:
8	(1) cannot be located upon the exercise of due
9	diligence;
10	(2) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with,
11	a third party;
12	(3) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the
13	<u>court;</u>
14	(4) has been substantially diminished in value; or
15	(5) has been commingled with other property that cannot
16	be divided without difficulty.
17	(d) Any property subject to criminal or civil forfeiture
18	under this Article that is subsequently transferred to a person
19	other than a defendant may be the subject of a special verdict
20	of forfeiture and thereafter shall be ordered forfeited to the
21	State, unless the transferee petitions the court and
22	establishes in a hearing before the court, without a jury, that
23	he or she is a bona fide purchaser for value of the property
24	who at the time of purchase was reasonably without cause to
25	believe that the property was subject to forfeiture under this
26	Article. The petition shall be signed by the petitioner under

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1	penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of
2	the petitioner's right, title, or interest in the property, the
3	time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the
4	right, title, or interest in the property, any additional facts
5	supporting the petitioner's claim, and the relief sought. The
6	hearing on the petition shall, to the extent practicable and
7	consistent with the interests of justice, be held as soon as
8	possible after completion of the criminal proceedings, if any,
9	under this Article. The court may consolidate the hearing on
10	the petition with a hearing on any other petition filed by a
11	person other than the defendant under this Article. Following
12	the court's disposition of all petitions filed under this
13	Article, or if no petitions are filed then within 90 days of
14	the completion of criminal or civil proceedings under this
15	Article, the State shall have clear title to property that is
16	the subject of the order of forfeiture and may warrant good
17	title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee. In addition to
18	testimony and evidence presented at the hearing, the court
19	shall consider the relevant portions of the record of any
20	criminal case that resulted in, or relates to, the order of
21	forfeiture. After the hearing, the court shall amend the order
22	of forfeiture if the court determines that the petitioner has
23	established by a preponderance of the evidence that:
24	(1) the petitioner has a legal right, title, or
25	interest in the property, and the right, title, or interest
26	renders the order of forfeiture invalid in whole or in part

1	because the right, title, or interest was vested in the
2	petitioner rather than the defendant or was superior to any
3	right, title, or interest of the defendant at the time of
4	the commission of the acts that gave rise to the forfeiture
5	of the property under this Article; or
6	(2) the petitioner is a bona fide purchaser for value
7	of the right, title, or interest in the property and was at
8	the time of purchase reasonably without cause to believe
9	that the property was subject to forfeiture under this
10	Article.
11	(e) Upon application of a prosecutor, the court may enter a
12	restraining order or injunction, require the execution of a
13	satisfactory performance bond, or take any other action to
14	preserve the availability of property described in this Section
15	for forfeiture under this Article:
16	(1) upon the filing of an indictment or information
17	charging a violation of this Article and alleging that the
18	property with respect to which the order is sought would,
19	in the event of conviction, be subject to forfeiture under
20	this Article; or
21	(2) prior to the filing of an indictment or
22	information, if, after notice to persons appearing to have
23	an interest in the property and opportunity for a hearing,
24	the court determines that:
25	(A) there is a substantial probability that the
26	State's Attorney will prevail on the issue of

1forfeiture and that failure to enter the order will2result in the property being destroyed, removed from3the jurisdiction of the court, or otherwise made4unavailable for forfeiture; and

5 (B) the need to preserve the availability of the property through the entry of the requested order 6 7 outweighs the hardship on any party against whom the 8 order is to be entered; provided that any order entered 9 shall be effective for not more than 90 days, unless 10 extended by the court for good cause shown or unless an 11 indictment or information described in this Section 12 has been filed.

A temporary restraining order under this Article may be 13 14 entered upon application of the State's Attorney without notice 15 or opportunity for a hearing when an information or indictment 16 has not yet been filed with respect to the property, if the State's Attorney demonstrates that there is probable cause to 17 believe that the property with respect to which the order is 18 19 sought would, in the event of conviction, be subject to 20 forfeiture under this Article and that provision of notice will 21 jeopardize the integrity of an investigation, the safety of any 22 persons, or the availability of the property for forfeiture. A 23 temporary order shall expire not more than 10 days after the 24 date on which it is entered, unless extended for good cause 25 shown or unless the party against whom it is entered consents 26 to an extension for a longer period. A hearing requested

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1	concerning an order entered under this Article shall be held at
2	the earliest possible time and prior to the expiration of the
3	temporary order. The court may receive and consider, at a
4	hearing held under this Article, evidence and information that
5	would be otherwise inadmissible under the rules of evidence,
6	and a hearing shall be held by the court without a jury.

7 (f) Upon conviction of a person under this Article or upon 8 the completion of appropriate civil proceedings under this 9 Article, the court shall enter a judgment of forfeiture of the 10 property to the State and shall authorize the State's Attorney 11 or his or her agent to seize all property ordered forfeited 12 upon the terms and conditions as the court shall deem proper. 13 Following the entry of an order declaring the property 14 forfeited, the court may, upon application of the State's Attorney, enter the appropriate restraining orders or 15 16 injunctions, require the execution of satisfactory performance 17 bonds, appoint receivers, conservators, appraisers, accountants, or trustees, or take any other action to protect 18 19 the interest of the State in the property ordered forfeited. 20 Any income accruing to, or derived from, an enterprise or an 21 interest in an enterprise that has been ordered forfeited under this Article may be used to offset ordinary and necessary 22 23 expenses to the enterprise which are required by law, or which 24 are necessary to protect the interests of the State or third 25 parties.

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(g) Following the seizure of property ordered forfeited

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1	under this Article, the State's Attorney or his or her agent
2	shall direct the disposition of the property by sale or any
3	other commercially feasible means, making due provision for the
4	rights of any innocent persons. Any property right or interest
5	not exercisable by, or transferable for value to, the State
6	shall expire and shall not revert to the defendant, nor shall
7	the defendant or any person acting in concert with or on behalf
8	of the defendant be eligible to purchase forfeited property at
9	any sale held by the State's Attorney or his or her agent. Upon
10	application of a person, other than the defendant or a person
11	acting in concert with or on behalf of the defendant, the court
12	may restrain or stay the sale or disposition of the property
13	pending the conclusion of any appeal of the criminal case
14	giving rise to the forfeiture, if the applicant demonstrates
15	that proceeding with the sale or disposition of the property
16	will result in irreparable injury, harm, or loss to him or her.
17	At the direction of the court, the proceeds of any sale or
18	other disposition of property forfeited under this Article and
19	any moneys forfeited shall be used to pay all proper expenses
20	consisting of the costs of the investigation, the prosecution,
21	and any related remedial proceedings under this Article, and
22	for the forfeiture and sale, including any expenses of seizure,
23	maintenance, or custody of the property pending its
24	disposition, advertising and court costs. The State's Attorney
25	shall deposit in the treasury of the State 75% of any amounts
26	of the proceeds or moneys remaining after the payment of the

1	proper expenses, which money or proceeds shall thereafter be
2	disposed of as prescribed by law, and the State's Attorney
3	shall retain directly the final 25% of the proceeds or moneys
4	for the general purposes of fulfilling the duties of his or her
5	office, or for equitable sharing, as directed by the State's
6	Attorney, among those law enforcement agencies participating
7	in the investigation, the prosecution, and any related remedial
8	proceedings under this Article.
9	(h) With respect to property ordered forfeited under this
10	Article, the court is authorized to:
11	(1) grant petitions for mitigation or remission of
12	forfeiture, restore forfeited property to victims of a
13	violation of this Article, or take any other action to
14	protect the rights of innocent persons that is in the
15	interest of justice and that is not inconsistent with the
16	provisions of this Article;
17	(2) compromise claims arising under this Article;
18	(3) award compensation to persons providing
19	information resulting in a forfeiture under this Article;
20	(4) direct the disposition by public sale by the
21	State's Attorney or his or her agent of all property
22	ordered forfeited under this Article or direct any other
23	commercially feasible means, making due provision for the
24	rights of innocent persons; and
25	(5) take appropriate measures necessary to safeguard
26	and maintain property ordered forfeited under this Article

1	pending its disposition.
2	(i) Except as provided in this Section, no party claiming
3	an interest in property subject to forfeiture under this
4	Article may:
5	(1) intervene in any trial or appeal of a criminal case
6	involving the forfeiture of the property under this
7	Article; or
8	(2) commence an action at law or equity against the
9	this State, or against any State's Attorney or law
10	enforcement agency, concerning the actions taken under
11	this Article or concerning the validity of an alleged
12	interest in the property subsequent to the filing of an
13	indictment or information alleging that the property is
14	subject to forfeiture under this Article.
15	(j) In order to facilitate the identification or location
16	of property declared forfeited and to facilitate the
17	disposition of petitions for remission or mitigation of
18	forfeiture, and the entry of an order declaring property
19	forfeited to the State, the court may, upon application of the
20	State's Attorney, order that the testimony of any witness
21	relating to the property forfeited be taken by deposition and
22	that any designated book, paper, document, record, recording,
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2.5	or other material not privileged be produced at the same time
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1	procedures, and forfeiture as set forth in subsections (f)	•
2	through (s) of Section 29B-1 of this Code.	
3	(Source: P.A. 97-686, eff. 6-11-12.)	
4	(720 ILCS 5/33G-9)	
5	(Section scheduled to be repealed on June 11, 2017)	
6	Sec. 33G-9. Repeal. This Article is repealed <u>on June 11</u> ,	-
7	<u>2022</u> 5 years after it becomes law .	

8 (Source: P.A. 97-686, eff. 6-11-12.)