

1 AN ACT in relation to criminal law.

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

4 Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by
5 adding Section 16-17 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/16-17 new)

7 Sec 16-17. Theft of advertising services.

8 (a) In this Section, "unauthorized advertisement" means
9 any form of representation or communication, including any
10 handbill, newsletter, pamphlet, or notice that contains any
11 letters, words, or pictorial representation that is attached
12 to or inserted in a newspaper or periodical without a
13 contractual agreement between the publisher and an
14 advertiser.

15 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), any person who
16 knowingly attaches or inserts an unauthorized advertisement
17 in a newspaper or periodical, and who redistributes it to the
18 public or who has the intent to redistribute it to the
19 public, is guilty of the offense of theft of advertising
20 services.

21 (c) Any person who knowingly acts in concert with
22 another to attach or insert an unpaid advertisement in
23 violation of subsection (b) is guilty of the offense of
24 theft of advertising services.

25 (d) Sentence. Theft of advertising services is a Class A
26 misdemeanor.

27 (e) This Section applies to any newspaper or periodical
28 that is offered for retail sale or is distributed without
29 charge.

30 (f) This Section does not apply if the publisher or
31 authorized distributor of the newspaper or periodical

1 consents to the attachment or insertion of the advertisement.

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

3 becoming law.