

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 adding
5 Article 21.4 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/Article 21.4 heading new)

7 ARTICLE 21.4. INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

8 (720 ILCS 5/21.4-1 new)

9 Sec. 21.4-1. Unlawful interference with access to health
10 care. It is unlawful for a person to intentionally prevent
11 or attempt to prevent an individual from entering or exiting
12 a health care facility by physically detaining the individual
13 or physically obstructing, hindering, or impeding the
14 individual's passage.

15 (720 ILCS 5/21.4-2 new)

16 Sec. 21.4-2. Definition. As used in this Article,
17 "health care facility" means a private or public facility
18 that provides health care services directly to any person,
19 including but not limited to, a hospital, clinic, licensed
20 health practitioner's office, health maintenance
21 organization, or diagnostic or treatment center.

22 (720 ILCS 5/21.4-3 new)

23 Sec. 21.4-3. Penalty. Unlawful interference with access
24 to health care is a Class A misdemeanor.

25 (720 ILCS 5/21.4-4 new)

26 Sec. 21.4-4. Exemptions. This Article shall not prohibit
27 any of the following:

1 (1) Lawful conduct protected by the First Amendment to
2 the United States Constitution or by Section 4 or 5 of
3 Article I of the Illinois Constitution.

4 (2) Lawful conduct by an officer, employee, or agent of
5 the health care facility.

6 (3) Lawful conduct by a peace officer while performing
7 his or her official duties.

8 (4) Lawful conduct by a party to a labor dispute in
9 furtherance of labor or management objectives in that
10 dispute.