

1 AN ACT to amend the Illinois Vehicle Code by changing
2 Section 12-815 and 12-815.1.

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

5 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
6 changing Section 12-815 and 12-815.1 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/12-815) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-815)

8 Sec. 12-815. Strobe lamp on school bus.

9 (a) A school bus manufactured prior to January 1, 2000
10 may be equipped with one strobe lamp that will emit 60 to 120
11 flashes per minute of white or bluish-white light visible to
12 a motorist approaching the bus from any direction. A school
13 bus manufactured on or after January 1, 2000 shall be
14 equipped with one strobe lamp that will emit 60 to 120
15 flashes per minute of white or bluish-white light visible to
16 a motorist approaching the bus from any direction. The lamp
17 shall be of sufficient brightness to be visible in normal
18 sunlight when viewed directly from a distance of at least one
19 mile.

20 (b) The strobe lamp shall be mounted on the rooftop of
21 the bus with the light generating element in the lamp located
22 equidistant from each side and either at or behind the center
23 of the rooftop. The maximum height of the element above the
24 rooftop shall not exceed 1/30 of its distance from the rear
25 of the rooftop. If the structure of the strobe lamp obscures
26 the light generating element, the element shall be deemed to
27 be in the center of the lamp with a maximum height 1/4 inch
28 less than the maximum height of the strobe lamp unless
29 otherwise indicated in rules and regulations promulgated by
30 the Department. The Department may promulgate rules and
31 regulations to govern measurements, glare, effectiveness and

1 protection of strobe lamps on school buses, including higher
2 strobe lamps than authorized in this paragraph.

3 (c) The strobe lamp must may be lighted only when the
4 school bus ~~is-actually-being-used-as-a-school-bus-and:~~

5 1. is stopping or stopped for loading or
6 discharging pupils ~~on-a-highway-outside-an-urban-area;~~ or

7 2. is bearing one or more pupils and--is--either
8 stopped--or,--in--the--interest-of-safety,--is-moving-very
9 slowly-at-a-speed:

10 (i)--less-than-the-posted-minimum-speed-limit,

11 or

12 (ii)--less--than-30-miles-per-hour-on-a-highway
13 outside-an-urban-area.

14 (Source: P.A. 91-168, eff. 1-1-00; 91-679, eff. 1-26-00.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/12-815.1)

16 Sec. 12-815.1. Emergency exits and rear perimeter
17 identification. On and after August 1, 2000, all emergency
18 exits of a school bus shall be outlined around the perimeter
19 of the exit with a minimum one inch wide yellow reflective
20 tape or decal. This yellow reflective tape or decal shall be
21 placed on the exterior surface of the school bus. On and
22 after August 1, 2002, the outside perimeter of the rear
23 exterior surface of a school bus must be outlined with a
24 minimum one inch wide yellow reflective tape or decal.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-168, eff. 1-1-00; 91-785, eff. 6-9-00.)

26 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
27 becoming law.