

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 1-105 and 12-215 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 1-105)

7 Sec. 1-105. Authorized emergency vehicle.

8 Emergency vehicles of municipal departments or public
9 service corporations as are designated or authorized by
10 proper local authorities; police vehicles; vehicles of the
11 fire department; and ambulances; vehicles of the Illinois
12 Emergency Management Agency; and vehicles of the Department
13 of Nuclear Safety.

14 (Source: P.A. 76-1586.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/12-215) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-215)

16 Sec. 12-215. Oscillating, rotating or flashing lights on
17 motor vehicles. Except as otherwise provided in this Code:

18 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating or
19 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited
20 except on:

21 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, Federal or
22 local authorities;

23 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county
24 coroner and designated or authorized by local
25 authorities, in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle;
26 however, such designation or authorization must be
27 carried in the vehicle;

28 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
29 federal firefighting vehicles;

30 4. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively

1 as ambulances or rescue vehicles; furthermore, such
 2 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an
 3 emergency call for and while actually conveying the sick
 4 or injured; and

5 5. Tow trucks licensed in a state that requires
 6 such lights; furthermore, such lights shall not be
 7 lighted on any such tow truck while the tow truck is
 8 operating in the State of Illinois; and

9 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
 10 Agency, and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety.

11 (b) The use of amber oscillating, rotating or flashing
 12 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except
 13 on:

14 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for
 15 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights
 16 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph
 17 1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are
 18 actually being used at the scene of an accident or
 19 disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a
 20 flat bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being
 21 transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the
 22 vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing
 23 vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all
 24 wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall
 25 be lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing
 26 on a highway during all times when the use of headlights
 27 is required under Section 12-201 of this Code;

28 2. Motor vehicles or equipment of the State of
 29 Illinois, local authorities and contractors; furthermore,
 30 such lights shall not be lighted except while such
 31 vehicles are engaged in maintenance or construction
 32 operations within the limits of construction projects;

33 3. Vehicles or equipment used by engineering or
 34 survey crews; furthermore, such lights shall not be

1 lighted except while such vehicles are actually engaged
2 in work on a highway;

3 4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or
4 other construction, maintenance or automotive service
5 vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as
6 a means for indicating the presence of a vehicular
7 traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching,
8 overtaking or passing while such vehicles are engaged in
9 maintenance, service or construction on a highway;

10 5. Oversized vehicle or load; however, such lights
11 shall only be lighted when moving under permit issued by
12 the Department under Section 15-301 of this Code;

13 6. The front and rear of motorized equipment owned
14 and operated by the State of Illinois or any political
15 subdivision thereof, which is designed and used for
16 removal of snow and ice from highways;

17 7. Fleet safety vehicles registered in another
18 state, furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted
19 except as provided for in Section 12-212 of this Code;

20 8. Such other vehicles as may be authorized by
21 local authorities;

22 9. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
23 authorities when used in combination with red
24 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights;

25 10. Vehicles used for collecting or delivering mail
26 for the United States Postal Service provided that such
27 lights shall not be lighted except when such vehicles are
28 actually being used for such purposes;

29 11. Any vehicle displaying a slow-moving vehicle
30 emblem as provided in Section 12-205.1;

31 12. All trucks equipped with self-compactors or
32 roll-off hoists and roll-on containers for garbage or
33 refuse hauling. Such lights shall not be lighted except
34 when such vehicles are actually being used for such

1 purposes;

2 13. Vehicles used by a security company, alarm
3 responder, or control agency, if the security company,
4 alarm responder, or control agency is bound by a contract
5 with a federal, State, or local government entity to use
6 the lights; and

7 14. Security vehicles of the Department of Human
8 Services; however, the lights shall not be lighted except
9 when being used for security related purposes under the
10 direction of the superintendent of the facility where the
11 vehicle is located.

12 (c) The use of blue oscillating, rotating or flashing
13 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except
14 on:

15 1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire
16 department and vehicles owned or fully operated by a:

- 17 voluntary firefighter;
- 18 paid firefighter;
- 19 part-paid firefighter;
- 20 call firefighter;
- 21 member of the board of trustees of a fire
- 22 protection district;
- 23 paid or unpaid member of a rescue squad; or
- 24 paid or unpaid member of a voluntary ambulance
- 25 unit.

26 However, such lights are not to be lighted except
27 when responding to a bona fide emergency.

28 2. Police department vehicles in cities having a
29 population of 500,000 or more inhabitants.

30 3. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
31 authorities when used in combination with red
32 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.

33 4. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
34 federal firefighting vehicles when used in combination

1 with red oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.

2 5. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively
3 as ambulances or rescue vehicles when used in combination
4 with red oscillating, rotating or flashing lights;
5 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except when
6 responding to an emergency call.

7 6. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively
8 as organ transport vehicles when used in combination with
9 red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;
10 furthermore, these lights shall only be lighted when the
11 transportation is declared an emergency by a member of
12 the transplant team or a representative of the organ
13 procurement organization.

14 7. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
15 Agency and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety,
16 when used in combination with red oscillating, rotating,
17 or flashing lights.

18 (d) The use of a combination of amber and white
19 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights, whether lighted or
20 unlighted, is prohibited, except motor vehicles or equipment
21 of the State of Illinois, local authorities and contractors
22 may be so equipped; furthermore, such lights shall not be
23 lighted except while such vehicles are engaged in highway
24 maintenance or construction operations within the limits of
25 highway construction projects.

26 (e) All oscillating, rotating or flashing lights
27 referred to in this Section shall be of sufficient intensity,
28 when illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in normal
29 sunlight.

30 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a
31 manufacturer of oscillating, rotating or flashing lights or
32 his representative from temporarily mounting such lights on a
33 vehicle for demonstration purposes only.

34 (g) Any person violating the provisions of subsections

1 (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Section who without lawful
2 authority stops or detains or attempts to stop or detain
3 another person shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

4 (h) Except as provided in subsection (g) above, any
5 person violating the provisions of subsections (a) or (c) of
6 this Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

7 (Source: P.A. 90-330, eff. 8-8-97; 90-347, eff. 1-1-98;
8 90-655, eff. 7-30-98; 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.)

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.