

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 12-205.1 and 12-215 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-205.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-205.1)

7 Sec. 12-205.1. Implements of husbandry or slow-moving  
8 vehicles-Display of amber signal lamp. Every animal drawn  
9 vehicle, farm tractor, implement of husbandry and special  
10 mobile equipment, except when used for road construction or  
11 maintenance within the limits of a construction or  
12 maintenance project where traffic control devices are used in  
13 compliance with the applicable provisions of the manual and  
14 specifications adopted under Section 11-301 of the Illinois  
15 Vehicle Code, when operated on a highway during a time when  
16 lighted lamps are required by Section 12-201 of this Chapter,  
17 shall display to the rear at least one flashing amber signal  
18 lamp mounted as high as practicable and of sufficient  
19 intensity to be visible for a distance of at least 500 feet  
20 in normal sunlight; provided, that only the rearmost vehicle  
21 of a combination of vehicles coupled together need display  
22 such lamp. The flashing amber signal lamp may be operated  
23 lighted during daylight hours when other lamps are not  
24 required to be lighted when vehicles authorized in this  
25 Section are operated on a highway. Implements of husbandry  
26 manufactured on or after January 1, 2003 and operated on  
27 public roads between sunset and sunrise shall display  
28 markings and lighting that meet or exceed the design,  
29 performance, and mounting specifications adopted by the  
30 American Society of Agricultural Engineers and published by  
31 that body as ASAE S279.11 APR01 S-279-10-APR98.

1 (Source: P.A. 91-505, eff. 1-1-00.)

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

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

5 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating or  
6 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited  
7 except on:

8 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, Federal or  
9 local authorities;

10 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county  
11 coroner and designated or authorized by local  
12 authorities, in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle;  
13 however, such designation or authorization must be  
14 carried in the vehicle;

15 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or  
16 federal firefighting vehicles;

17 4. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively  
18 as ambulances or rescue vehicles; furthermore, such  
19 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an  
20 emergency call for and while actually conveying the sick  
21 or injured;

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

26 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management  
27 Agency, and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety.

28 (b) The use of amber oscillating, rotating or flashing  
29 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except  
30 on:

31 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for  
32 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights  
33 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph

1           1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are  
2           actually being used at the scene of an accident or  
3           disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a  
4           flat bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being  
5           transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the  
6           vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing  
7           vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all  
8           wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall  
9           be lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing  
10          on a highway during all times when the use of headlights  
11          is required under Section 12-201 of this Code;

12           2. Motor vehicles or equipment of the State of  
13          Illinois, local authorities and contractors; furthermore,  
14          such lights shall not be lighted except while such  
15          vehicles are engaged in maintenance or construction  
16          operations within the limits of construction projects;

17           3. Vehicles or equipment used by engineering or  
18          survey crews; furthermore, such lights shall not be  
19          lighted except while such vehicles are actually engaged  
20          in work on a highway;

21           4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or  
22          other construction, maintenance or automotive service  
23          vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as  
24          a means for indicating the presence of a vehicular  
25          traffic hazard requiring unusual care in approaching,  
26          overtaking or passing while such vehicles are engaged in  
27          maintenance, service or construction on a highway;

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

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

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

4           8. Such other vehicles as may be authorized by  
5 local authorities;

6           9. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local  
7 authorities when used in combination with red  
8 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights;

9           9.5. Propane delivery trucks;

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

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

16          12. All trucks equipped with self-compactors or  
17 roll-off hoists and roll-on containers for garbage or  
18 refuse hauling. Such lights shall not be lighted except  
19 when such vehicles are actually being used for such  
20 purposes;

21          13. Vehicles used by a security company, alarm  
22 responder, or control agency~~7-if-the-security-company7~~  
23 ~~alarm-responder7-or-control-agency-is-bound-by-a-contract~~  
24 ~~with-a-federal7-State7-or-local-government-entity-to-use~~  
25 ~~the-lights;~~ and

26          14. Security vehicles of the Department of Human  
27 Services; however, the lights shall not be lighted except  
28 when being used for security related purposes under the  
29 direction of the superintendent of the facility where the  
30 vehicle is located.

31          (c) The use of blue oscillating, rotating or flashing  
32 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except  
33 on:

34           1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire

1 department and vehicles owned or fully operated by a:  
 2 voluntary firefighter;  
 3 paid firefighter;  
 4 part-paid firefighter;  
 5 call firefighter;  
 6 member of the board of trustees of a fire  
 7 protection district;  
 8 paid or unpaid member of a rescue squad; or  
 9 paid or unpaid member of a voluntary ambulance  
 10 unit.

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

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

15 3. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local  
 16 authorities when used in combination with red  
 17 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.

18 4. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or  
 19 federal firefighting vehicles when used in combination  
 20 with red oscillating, rotating or flashing lights.

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

26 6. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively  
 27 as organ transport vehicles when used in combination with  
 28 red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;  
 29 furthermore, these lights shall only be lighted when the  
 30 transportation is declared an emergency by a member of  
 31 the transplant team or a representative of the organ  
 32 procurement organization.

33 7. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management  
 34 Agency and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety,

1           when used in combination with red oscillating, rotating,  
2           or flashing lights.

3           (c-1) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or  
4           flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and  
5           notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a  
6           voluntary firefighter may be equipped with flashing white  
7           headlights and blue grill lights, which may be used only in  
8           responding to an emergency call.

9           (d) The use of a combination of amber and white  
10          oscillating, rotating or flashing lights, whether lighted or  
11          unlighted, is prohibited, except motor vehicles or equipment  
12          of the State of Illinois, local authorities and contractors  
13          may be so equipped; furthermore, such lights shall not be  
14          lighted except while such vehicles are engaged in highway  
15          maintenance or construction operations within the limits of  
16          highway construction projects.

17          (e) All oscillating, rotating or flashing lights  
18          referred to in this Section shall be of sufficient intensity,  
19          when illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in normal  
20          sunlight.

21          (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a  
22          manufacturer of oscillating, rotating or flashing lights or  
23          his representative from temporarily mounting such lights on a  
24          vehicle for demonstration purposes only.

25          (g) Any person violating the provisions of subsections  
26          (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Section who without lawful  
27          authority stops or detains or attempts to stop or detain  
28          another person shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

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

32          (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99; 92-138, eff. 7-24-01;  
33          92-407, eff. 8-17-01; revised 9-12-01)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.