

HB3469



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3469

by Rep. Thomas M. Bennett

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-601

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-601

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Reinforces that a vehicle operated by a fire chief, a chief of police of a municipality, a sheriff of a county, or a chief emergency medical services officer may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500 feet.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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 changing
5 Section 12-601 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-601)

7 Sec. 12-601. Horns and warning devices.

8 (a) Every motor vehicle when operated upon a highway shall
9 be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of
10 emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance
11 of not less than 200 feet, but no horn or other warning device
12 shall emit an unreasonable loud or harsh sound or a whistle.
13 The driver of a motor vehicle shall when reasonably necessary
14 to insure safe operation give audible warning with his horn but
15 shall not otherwise use such horn when upon a highway.

16 (b) No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person
17 use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as
18 otherwise permitted in this section. Any authorized emergency
19 vehicle or organ transport vehicle as defined in Chapter 1 of
20 this Code, including, but not limited to, a vehicle operated by
21 a fire chief, a chief of police of a municipality, a sheriff of
22 a county, or a chief emergency medical services officer, ~~Act~~
23 may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell, capable of

1 emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance
2 of not less than 500 feet, but such siren, whistle or bell,
3 shall not be used except when such vehicle is operated in
4 response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of an
5 actual or suspected violator of the law in either of which
6 events the driver of such vehicle shall sound such siren,
7 whistle or bell, when necessary to warn pedestrians and other
8 drivers of the approach thereof.

9 (c) Trackless trolley coaches, as defined by Section 1-206
10 of this Code, and replica trolleys, as defined by Section
11 1-171.04 of this Code, may be equipped with a bell or bells in
12 lieu of a horn, and may, in addition to the requirements of
13 paragraph (a) of this Section, use a bell or bells for the
14 purpose of indicating arrival or departure at designated stops
15 during the hours of scheduled operation.

16 (Source: P.A. 89-345, eff. 1-1-96; 89-687, eff. 6-1-97; 90-347,
17 eff. 1-1-98; 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)