

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 or a vehicle operated by a fire chief or the Director  
21 or Coordinator of a municipal or county emergency services and  
22 disaster agency, ~~Act~~ may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or  
23 bell, capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions

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

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

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