

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 SB3662

Introduced 2/9/2024, by Sen. Laura M. Murphy

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/9-50 625 ILCS 5/11-208.3 from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-208.3 625 ILCS 5/11-208.6 625 ILCS 5/11-208.8 625 ILCS 5/11-208.9 625 ILCS 5/11-1201.1

Amends the Election Code. Provides that a political committee that receives a contribution from a vendor providing automated traffic systems shall dispose of the contribution by returning the contribution or an amount equal to the contribution to the contributor or by donating the contribution or an amount equal to the contribution to a charity. Provides that a contribution received in violation of the provision that is not disposed of within 30 days after the State Board of Elections sends notification to the political committee of the excess contribution by certified mail shall escheat to the General Revenue Fund, and the political committee shall be deemed in violation and shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed 150% of the total amount of the contribution. Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that provisions concerning automated traffic law enforcement system apply to townships (in addition to municipalities and townships).

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1 AN ACT concerning automated traffic systems.

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

- 4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
- 5 Section 9-50 as follows:
- 6 (10 ILCS 5/9-50)
- Sec. 9-50. Vendor providing automated traffic systems; contributions.
- 9 No vendor that offers or provides equipment or services for automated traffic law enforcement, automated 10 speed enforcement, or automated railroad grade crossing 11 12 enforcement systems to townships, municipalities, or counties, 13 no political action committee created by such a vendor, and no 14 vendor-affiliated person shall make a campaign contribution to any political committee established to promote the candidacy 15 16 of a candidate or public official. An officer or agent of such 17 a vendor may not consent to any contribution or expenditure that is prohibited by this Section. A candidate, political 18 19 committee, or other person may not knowingly accept or receive 20 any contribution prohibited by this Section. A political 21 committee that receives a contribution in violation of this 22 Section shall dispose of the contribution by returning the contribution or an amount equal to the contribution to the 23

contributor or by donating the contribution or an amount equal to the contribution to a charity. A contribution received in violation of this Section that is not disposed of within 30 days after the Board sends notification to the political committee of the excess contribution by certified mail shall escheat to the General Revenue Fund, and the political committee shall be deemed in violation of this Section and shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed 150% of the total amount of the contribution.

(b) As used in this Section:

"Automated law enforcement system", "automated speed enforcement system", and "automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system" have the meanings given to those terms in Article II of Chapter 11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

"Vendor-affiliated person" means: (i) any person with an ownership interest in excess of 7.5% in a vendor that offers or provides equipment or services for automated traffic law enforcement, automated speed enforcement, or automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems to townships, municipalities, or counties; (ii) any person with a distributive share in excess of 7.5% in a vendor that offers or provides equipment or services for automated traffic law enforcement, automated speed enforcement, or automated railroad grade crossing enforcement systems to townships, municipalities, or counties; (iii) any executive employees of a vendor that offers or provides equipment or services for

- 1 automated traffic law enforcement, automated speed
- 2 enforcement, or automated railroad grade crossing enforcement
- 3 systems to townships, municipalities, or counties; and (iv)
- 4 the spouse, minor child, or other immediate family member
- 5 living in the residence of any of the persons identified in
- 6 items (i) through (iii).
- 7 (Source: P.A. 103-364, eff. 7-28-23.)
- 8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
- 9 changing Sections 11-208.3, 11-208.6, 11-208.8, 11-208.9, and
- 10 11-1201.1 Section 11-208.6 as follows:
- 11 (625 ILCS 5/11-208.3) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-208.3)
- 12 Sec. 11-208.3. Administrative adjudication of violations
- of traffic regulations concerning the standing, parking, or
- 14 condition of vehicles, automated traffic law violations, and
- automated speed enforcement system violations.
- 16 (a) Any township, municipality, or county may provide by
- 17 ordinance for a system of administrative adjudication of
- 18 vehicular standing and parking violations and vehicle
- 19 compliance violations as described in this subsection,
- 20 automated traffic law violations as defined in Section
- 21 11-208.6, 11-208.9, or 11-1201.1, and automated speed
- 22 enforcement system violations as defined in Section 11-208.8.
- 23 The administrative system shall have as its purpose the fair
- 24 and efficient enforcement of township, municipal, or county

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regulations through the administrative adjudication automated speed enforcement system or automated traffic law violations and violations of township, municipal, or county ordinances regulating the standing and parking of vehicles, the condition and use of vehicle equipment, and the display of township, municipal, or county wheel tax licenses within the municipality's, or county's borders. township's, The administrative system shall only have authority to adjudicate civil offenses carrying fines not in excess of \$500 or requiring the completion of a traffic education program, or both, that occur after the effective date of the ordinance adopting such a system under this Section. For purposes of this Section, "compliance violation" means a violation of a township, municipal, or county regulation governing the condition or use of equipment on a vehicle or governing the display of a township, municipal, or county wheel tax license.

- (b) Any ordinance establishing a system of administrative adjudication under this Section shall provide for:
 - (1) A traffic compliance administrator authorized to adopt, distribute, and process parking, compliance, and automated speed enforcement system or automated traffic law violation notices and other notices required by this Section, collect money paid as fines and penalties for violation of parking and compliance ordinances and automated speed enforcement system or automated traffic law violations, and operate an administrative adjudication

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system.

(2) A parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation notice that shall specify or include the date, time, and place of violation of a parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law regulation; the particular regulation violated; any requirement to complete a traffic education program; the fine and any penalty that may be assessed for late payment or failure to complete a required traffic education program, or both, when so provided by ordinance; the vehicle make or a photograph of the vehicle; the state registration number of the vehicle; and the identification number of the person issuing the notice. With regard to automated speed enforcement system or automated traffic law violations, vehicle make shall be specified on the automated speed enforcement system or automated traffic law violation notice if the notice does not include a photograph of the vehicle and the make is available and readily discernible. With regard to townships, municipalities, or counties with a population of 1 million or more, it shall be grounds for dismissal of a parking violation if the state registration number or vehicle make specified is incorrect. The violation notice shall state that the completion of any required traffic education program, the payment of any indicated fine, and the

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payment of any applicable penalty for late payment or failure to complete a required traffic education program, or both, shall operate as a final disposition of the violation. The notice also shall contain information as to the availability of a hearing in which the violation may be contested on its merits. The violation notice shall specify the time and manner in which a hearing may be had.

(3) Service of a parking, standing, or compliance violation notice by: (i) affixing the original or a facsimile of the notice to an unlawfully parked or standing vehicle; (ii) handing the notice to the operator of a vehicle if he or she is present; or (iii) mailing the notice to the address of the registered owner or lessee of the cited vehicle as recorded with the Secretary of State or the lessor of the motor vehicle within 30 days after the Secretary of State or the lessor of the motor vehicle notifies the township, municipality, or county of the identity of the owner or lessee of the vehicle, but not later than 90 days after the date of the violation, except that in the case of a lessee of a motor vehicle, service of a parking, standing, or compliance violation notice may occur no later than 210 days after the violation; and an automated speed enforcement system or service of automated traffic law violation notice by mail to the address of the registered owner or lessee of the cited vehicle as recorded with the Secretary of State or the

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lessor of the motor vehicle within 30 days after the Secretary of State or the lessor of the motor vehicle notifies the township, municipality, or county of the identity of the owner or lessee of the vehicle, but not later than 90 days after the violation, except that in the case of a lessee of a motor vehicle, service of an automated traffic law violation notice may occur no later than 210 days after the violation. A person authorized by ordinance to issue and serve parking, standing, and compliance violation notices shall certify as to the correctness of the facts entered on the violation notice by signing his or her name to the notice at the time of service or, in the case of a notice produced by a computerized device, by signing a single certificate to be kept by the traffic compliance administrator attesting to the correctness of all notices produced by the device while it was under his or her control. In the case of an automated traffic law violation, the ordinance shall require a determination by a technician employed or contracted by the township, municipality, or county that, based on inspection of recorded images, the motor vehicle was being operated in violation of Section 11-208.6, 11-208.9, or 11-1201.1 or a local ordinance. technician determines that the vehicle entered intersection as part of a funeral procession or in order to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle, a

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citation shall be issued. Ιn townships not municipalities with a population of less than 1,000,000 inhabitants and counties with a population of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants, the automated traffic law ordinance shall require that all determinations by a technician that a motor vehicle was being operated in violation of Section 11-208.6, 11-208.9, or 11-1201.1 or a local ordinance must be reviewed and approved by a law enforcement officer or retired law enforcement officer of the township, municipality, or county issuing the violation. townships or municipalities with a population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants and counties with a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants, the automated traffic law ordinance shall require that all determinations by a technician that a motor vehicle was being operated in violation of Section 11-208.6, 11-208.9, or 11-1201.1 or a local ordinance must be reviewed and approved by a law enforcement officer or retired law enforcement officer of township, municipality, or county issuing the the violation or by an additional fully trained reviewing technician who is not employed by the contractor who employs the technician who made the initial determination. In the case of an automated speed enforcement system violation, the ordinance shall require a determination by a technician employed by the township or municipality, based upon an inspection of recorded images, video or

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other documentation, including documentation of the speed and automated speed enforcement signage, limit and documentation of the inspection, calibration, and certification of the speed equipment, that the vehicle was being operated in violation of Article VI of Chapter 11 of this Code or a similar local ordinance. If the technician determines that the vehicle speed was not determined by a calibrated, certified speed equipment device based upon the speed equipment documentation, or if the vehicle was an emergency vehicle, a citation may not be issued. The automated speed enforcement ordinance shall require that determinations by a technician that a violation occurred be reviewed and approved by a law enforcement officer or retired law enforcement officer of the township or municipality issuing the violation or by an additional fully trained reviewing technician who is not employed by the contractor who employs the technician who made the initial determination. Routine and independent calibration of the speeds produced by automated speed enforcement systems and equipment shall be conducted annually by a qualified technician. Speeds produced by an automated speed enforcement system shall be compared with speeds produced by lidar or other independent equipment. Radar or lidar equipment shall undergo an internal validation test less frequently than once each week. Oualified technicians shall test loop-based equipment

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frequently than once a year. Radar equipment shall be checked for accuracy by a qualified technician when the is serviced, when unusual or suspect unit readings when deemed by persist, or necessary а reviewing technician. Radar equipment shall be checked with the internal frequency generator and the internal circuit test whenever the radar is turned on. Technicians must be alert for any unusual or suspect readings, and if unusual or suspect readings of a radar unit persist, that unit shall immediately be removed from service and not returned to service until it has been checked by a qualified technician and determined to be functioning properly. Documentation of the annual calibration results, including the equipment tested, test date, technician performing the test, and test results, shall be maintained and available for use in the determination of an automated speed enforcement system violation and issuance of a citation. The technician performing the calibration and testing of the automated speed enforcement equipment shall be trained and certified in the use of equipment for enforcement purposes. Training on the speed enforcement equipment may be conducted by law enforcement, civilian, or manufacturer's personnel and if applicable may be equivalent to the equipment use and operations training included in the Speed Measuring Device Operator Program developed by the National Highway Traffic Safety

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Administration (NHTSA). The vendor or technician who performs the work shall keep accurate records on each piece of equipment the technician calibrates and tests. As this paragraph, "fully trained in reviewing technician" means a person who has received at least 40 hours of supervised training in subjects which shall include image inspection and interpretation, the elements violation, license necessary to prove а plate identification, and traffic safety and management. In all townships, municipalities, and counties, the automated speed enforcement system or automated traffic law ordinance shall require that no additional fee shall be charged to the alleged violator for exercising his or her right to an administrative hearing, and persons shall be given at least 25 days following an administrative hearing to pay any civil penalty imposed by a finding that Section 11-208.6, 11-208.8, 11-208.9, or 11-1201.1 or a similar local ordinance has been violated. The original or a facsimile of the violation notice or, in the case of a notice produced by a computerized device, a printed record generated by the device showing the facts entered on the notice, shall be retained by the traffic compliance administrator, and shall be a record kept in the ordinary course of business. A parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation notice issued, signed, and served in

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accordance with this Section, a copy of the notice, or the computer-generated record shall be prima facie correct and shall be prima facie evidence of the correctness of the facts shown on the notice. The notice, copy, or computer-generated record shall be admissible in any subsequent administrative or legal proceedings.

- (4) An opportunity for a hearing for the registered owner of the vehicle cited in the parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, automated traffic law violation notice in which the owner may contest the merits of the alleged violation, and during which formal or technical rules of evidence shall not apply; provided, however, that under Section 11-1306 of this Code the lessee of a vehicle cited in the violation notice likewise shall be provided an opportunity for a hearing of the same kind afforded the registered owner. The hearings shall be recorded, and the person conducting traffic hearing on behalf of the compliance the administrator shall be empowered to administer oaths and to secure by subpoena both the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of relevant books and papers. Persons appearing at a hearing under this Section may be represented by counsel at their expense. The ordinance may also provide for internal administrative review following the decision of the hearing officer.
 - (5) Service of additional notices, sent by first class

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United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address of the registered owner of the cited vehicle as recorded with the Secretary of State or, if any notice to that address is returned as undeliverable, to the last known address recorded in a United States Post Office approved database, or, under Section 11-1306 or subsection (p) of Section 11-208.6 or 11-208.9, or subsection (p) of Section 11-208.8 of this Code, to the lessee of the cited vehicle at the last address known to the lessor of the cited vehicle at the time of lease or, if any notice to that address is returned as undeliverable, to the last known address recorded in a United States Post Office approved database. The service shall be deemed complete as of the date of deposit in the United States mail. The notices shall be in the following sequence and shall include, but not be limited to, the information specified herein:

(i) A second notice of parking, standing, or compliance violation if the first notice of the violation was issued by affixing the original or a facsimile of the notice to the unlawfully parked vehicle or by handing the notice to the operator. This notice shall specify or include the date and location of the violation cited in the parking, standing, or compliance violation notice, the particular regulation violated, the vehicle make or a photograph of the vehicle, the state registration number of the vehicle,

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any requirement to complete a traffic education program, the fine and any penalty that may be assessed for late payment or failure to complete a traffic education program, or both, when so provided by ordinance, the availability of a hearing in which the violation may be contested on its merits, and the time and manner in which the hearing may be had. The notice of violation shall also state that failure to complete a required traffic education program, to pay the indicated fine and any applicable penalty, or to appear at a hearing on the merits in the time and manner specified, will result in a final determination of violation liability for the cited violation in the amount of the fine or penalty indicated, and that, upon the occurrence of a final determination of violation liability for the failure, and the exhaustion of, or failure to exhaust, available administrative or judicial procedures for review, any incomplete traffic education program or any unpaid fine or penalty, or both, will constitute a debt due and owing the township, municipality, or county.

(ii) A notice of final determination of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation liability. This notice shall be sent following a final determination of parking, standing, compliance,

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automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation liability and the conclusion of judicial review procedures taken under this Section. The notice shall state that the incomplete traffic education program or the unpaid fine or penalty, or is a debt due and owing the municipality $\underline{\ }$ or county. The notice shall contain warnings that failure to complete any required traffic education program or to pay any fine or penalty due and owing the township, municipality, or county, or both, within the time specified may result in the township's, municipality's, or county's filing of a petition in the Circuit Court to have the incomplete traffic education program or unpaid fine or penalty, or both, rendered a judgment as provided by this Section, or, where applicable, may result suspension of the person's driver's license for failure to complete a traffic education program.

(6) A notice of impending driver's license suspension. This notice shall be sent to the person liable for failure to complete a required traffic education program. The notice shall state that failure to complete a required traffic education program within 45 days of the notice's date will result in the township, municipality, or county notifying the Secretary of State that the person is eligible for initiation of suspension proceedings under

Section 6-306.5 of this Code. The notice shall also state that the person may obtain a photostatic copy of an original ticket imposing a fine or penalty by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the township, municipality, or county along with a request for the photostatic copy. The notice of impending driver's license suspension shall be sent by first class United States mail, postage prepaid, to the address recorded with the Secretary of State or, if any notice to that address is returned as undeliverable, to the last known address recorded in a United States Post Office approved database.

- (7) Final determinations of violation liability. A final determination of violation liability shall occur following failure to complete the required traffic education program or to pay the fine or penalty, or both, after a hearing officer's determination of violation liability and the exhaustion of or failure to exhaust any administrative review procedures provided by ordinance. Where a person fails to appear at a hearing to contest the alleged violation in the time and manner specified in a prior mailed notice, the hearing officer's determination of violation liability shall become final: (A) upon denial of a timely petition to set aside that determination, or (B) upon expiration of the period for filing the petition without a filing having been made.
 - (8) A petition to set aside a determination of

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parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation liability that may be filed by a person owing an unpaid fine or penalty. A petition to set aside a determination of liability may also be filed by a person required to complete a traffic education program. The petition shall be filed with and ruled upon by the traffic compliance administrator in the manner and within the time specified by ordinance. The grounds for the petition may be limited to: (A) the person not having been the owner or lessee of the cited vehicle on the date the violation notice was issued, (B) the person having already completed the required traffic education program or paid the fine or penalty, or both, for the violation in question, and (C) excusable failure to appear at or request a new date for a hearing. With regard to townships, municipalities, or counties with a population of 1 million or more, it shall be grounds for dismissal of a parking violation if the state registration number or vehicle make, only if specified in the violation notice, incorrect. After is the determination of standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation liability has been set aside upon a showing of just cause, the registered owner shall be provided with a hearing on the merits for that violation.

(9) Procedures for non-residents. Procedures by which

persons who are not residents of the <u>township</u>, municipality, or county may contest the merits of the alleged violation without attending a hearing.

- (10) A schedule of civil fines for violations of vehicular standing, parking, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law regulations enacted by ordinance pursuant to this Section, and a schedule of penalties for late payment of the fines or failure to complete required traffic education programs, provided, however, that the total amount of the fine and penalty for any one violation shall not exceed \$250, except as provided in subsection (c) of Section 11-1301.3 of this Code.
- (11) Other provisions as are necessary and proper to carry into effect the powers granted and purposes stated in this Section.
- (b-5) An automated speed enforcement system or automated traffic law ordinance adopted under this Section by a township, municipality, or county shall require that the determination to issue a citation be vested solely with the township, municipality, or county and that such authority may not be delegated to any vendor retained by the township, municipality, or county. Any contract or agreement violating such a provision in the ordinance is null and void.
- (c) Any township, municipality, or county establishing vehicular standing, parking, compliance, automated speed

enforcement system, or automated traffic law regulations under this Section may also provide by ordinance for a program of vehicle immobilization for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of those regulations. The program of vehicle immobilization shall provide for immobilizing any eligible vehicle upon the public way by presence of a restraint in a manner to prevent operation of the vehicle. Any ordinance establishing a program of vehicle immobilization under this Section shall provide:

- (1) Criteria for the designation of vehicles eligible for immobilization. A vehicle shall be eligible for immobilization when the registered owner of the vehicle has accumulated the number of incomplete traffic education programs or unpaid final determinations of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation liability, or both, as determined by ordinance.
- (2) A notice of impending vehicle immobilization and a right to a hearing to challenge the validity of the notice by disproving liability for the incomplete traffic education programs or unpaid final determinations of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation liability, or both, listed on the notice.
- (3) The right to a prompt hearing after a vehicle has been immobilized or subsequently towed without the

completion of the required traffic education program or payment of the outstanding fines and penalties on parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violations, or both, for which final determinations have been issued. An order issued after the hearing is a final administrative decision within the meaning of Section 3-101 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

- (4) A post immobilization and post-towing notice advising the registered owner of the vehicle of the right to a hearing to challenge the validity of the impoundment.
- (d) Judicial review of final determinations of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violations and final administrative decisions issued after hearings regarding vehicle immobilization and impoundment made under this Section shall be subject to the provisions of the Administrative Review Law.
- (e) Any fine, penalty, incomplete traffic education program, or part of any fine or any penalty remaining unpaid after the exhaustion of, or the failure to exhaust, administrative remedies created under this Section and the conclusion of any judicial review procedures shall be a debt due and owing the township, municipality, or county and, as such, may be collected in accordance with applicable law. Completion of any required traffic education program and payment in full of any fine or penalty resulting from a

- standing, parking, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation shall constitute a final disposition of that violation.
- (f) After the expiration of the period within which 5 judicial review may be sought for a final determination of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement 6 system, or automated traffic law violation, the township, 7 8 municipality, or county may commence a proceeding in the 9 Circuit Court for purposes of obtaining a judgment on the final determination of violation. Nothing in this Section 10 11 shall prevent a township, municipality, or county from 12 consolidating multiple final determinations of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or 13 automated traffic law violations against a person in a 14 15 proceeding. Upon commencement of the action, the township, 16 municipality, or county shall file a certified copy or record 17 of the final determination of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law 18 19 violation, which shall be accompanied by a certification that 20 recites facts sufficient to show that the final determination of violation was issued in accordance with this Section and 21 22 the applicable township, municipal, or county ordinance. 23 Service of the summons and a copy of the petition may be by any method provided by Section 2-203 of the Code of Civil 24 25 Procedure or by certified mail, return receipt requested, 26 provided that the total amount of fines and penalties for

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determinations of final parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violations does not exceed \$2500. If the court is satisfied that the final determination of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation was entered in accordance with the requirements of this Section and the applicable township, municipal, or county ordinance, and that the registered owner or the lessee, as the case may be, had an opportunity for an administrative hearing and for judicial review as provided in this Section, the court shall render judgment in favor of the township, municipality, or county and against the registered owner or the lessee for the amount indicated in the final determination of parking, standing, compliance, automated speed enforcement system, or automated traffic law violation, plus costs. The judgment shall have the same effect and may be enforced in the same manner as other judgments for the recovery of money.

(g) The fee for participating in a traffic education program under this Section shall not exceed \$25.

A low-income individual required to complete a traffic education program under this Section who provides proof of eligibility for the federal earned income tax credit under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code or the Illinois earned income tax credit under Section 212 of the Illinois Income Tax Act shall not be required to pay any fee for participating in a required traffic education program.

- 1 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
- 2 contrary, a person shall not be liable for violations, fees,
- 3 fines, or penalties under this Section during the period in
- 4 which the motor vehicle was stolen or hijacked, as indicated
- 5 in a report to the appropriate law enforcement agency filed in
- 6 a timely manner.
- 7 (Source: P.A. 102-558, eff. 8-20-21; 102-905, eff. 1-1-23;
- 8 103-364, eff. 7-28-23.)
- 9 (625 ILCS 5/11-208.6)
- 10 Sec. 11-208.6. Automated traffic law enforcement system.
- 11 (a) As used in this Section, "automated traffic law
- 12 enforcement system" means a device with one or more motor
- 13 vehicle sensors working in conjunction with a red light signal
- 14 to produce recorded images of motor vehicles entering an
- 15 intersection against a red signal indication in violation of
- 16 Section 11-306 of this Code or a similar provision of a local
- 17 ordinance.
- An automated traffic law enforcement system is a system,
- 19 in a township, municipality, or county operated by a
- 20 governmental agency, that produces a recorded image of a motor
- 21 vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local
- ordinance and is designed to obtain a clear recorded image of
- 23 the vehicle and the vehicle's license plate. The recorded
- 24 image must also display the time, date, and location of the
- 25 violation.

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- 1 (b) As used in this Section, "recorded images" means 2 images recorded by an automated traffic law enforcement system 3 on:
 - (1) 2 or more photographs;
 - (2) 2 or more microphotographs;
- 6 (3) 2 or more electronic images; or
- 7 (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and, 8 on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly 9 identifying the registration plate or digital registration 10 plate number of the motor vehicle.
 - (b-5) A <u>township</u>, municipality, or county that produces a recorded image of a motor vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance must make the recorded images of a violation accessible to the alleged violator by providing the alleged violator with a website address, accessible through the Internet.
 - (c) Except as provided under Section 11-208.8 of this Code, a township, county, or municipality, including a home rule county, or municipality, or township, may not use an automated traffic law enforcement system to provide recorded images of a motor vehicle for the purpose of recording its speed. Except as provided under Section 11-208.8 of this Code, the regulation of the use of automated traffic law enforcement systems to record vehicle speeds is an exclusive power and function of the State. This subsection (c) is a denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under subsection

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- 1 (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.
- 2 (c-5) A township, county, or municipality, including a 3 home rule county, or municipality, or township, may not use an automated traffic law enforcement system to issue violations 5 in instances where the motor vehicle comes to a complete stop and does not enter the intersection, as defined by Section 6 1-132 of this Code, during the cycle of the red signal 7 8 indication unless one or more pedestrians or bicyclists are 9 present, even if the motor vehicle stops at a point past a stop 10 line or crosswalk where a driver is required to stop, as 11 specified in subsection (c) of Section 11-306 of this Code or a 12 similar provision of a local ordinance.
 - (c-6) A township, a county, or a municipality with less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, including a home rule county, or municipality, or township, may not use an automated traffic law enforcement system to issue violations in instances where a motorcyclist enters an intersection against a red signal indication when the red signal fails to change to a green signal within a reasonable period of time not less than 120 seconds because of a signal malfunction or because the signal has failed to detect the arrival of the motorcycle due to the motorcycle's size or weight.
 - (d) For each violation of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance recorded by an automatic traffic law enforcement system, the county, or municipality, or township having jurisdiction shall issue a written notice of the

1	violation to the registered owner of the vehicle as the
2	alleged violator. The notice shall be delivered to the
3	registered owner of the vehicle, by mail, within 30 days after
4	the Secretary of State notifies the $\underline{\text{township,}}$ municipality, or
5	county of the identity of the owner of the vehicle, but in no
6	event later than 90 days after the violation.

The notice shall include:

- (1) the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle:
 - (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle involved in the violation;
 - (3) the violation charged;
 - (4) the location where the violation occurred;
 - (5) the date and time of the violation;
- (6) a copy of the recorded images;
 - (7) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the requirements of any traffic education program imposed and the date by which the civil penalty should be paid and the traffic education program should be completed;
 - (8) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a violation of a red light signal;
 - (9) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty, to complete a required traffic education program, or to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of liability;
 - (10) a statement that the person may elect to proceed

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- 2 (A) paying the fine, completing a required traffic 3 education program, or both; or
- (B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or by administrative hearing; and
 - (11) a website address, accessible through the Internet, where the person may view the recorded images of the violation.
- 9 (e) (Blank).
 - (f) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an automated traffic law enforcement system, a notice alleging that the violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts contained in the notice and admissible in any proceeding alleging a violation under this Section.
 - enforcement system are confidential and shall be made available only to the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation of this Section, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a violation of this Section, however, may be admissible in any proceeding resulting from the issuance of the citation.
- 23 (h) The court or hearing officer may consider in defense 24 of a violation:
- 25 (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates or 26 digital registration plates of the motor vehicle were

stolen before the violation occurred and not under the control of or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;

- (1.5) that the motor vehicle was hijacked before the violation occurred and not under the control of or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;
- (2) that the driver of the vehicle passed through the intersection when the light was red either (i) in order to yield the right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or (ii) as part of a funeral procession; and
- (3) any other evidence or issues provided by <u>township</u>, municipal, or county ordinance.
- (i) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle was hijacked or the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred and were not under the control or possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation, the owner or lessee must submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle or registration plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in a timely manner.
- (j) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, the motor vehicle owner is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$100 or the completion of a traffic education program, or both, plus an additional penalty of not

- more than \$100 for failure to pay the original penalty or to complete a required traffic education program, or both, in a timely manner, if the motor vehicle is recorded by an automated traffic law enforcement system. A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed under this Section is not a violation of a traffic regulation governing the movement of vehicles and may not be recorded on the driving record of the owner of the vehicle.
- 9 (j-3) A registered owner who is a holder of a valid 10 commercial driver's license is not required to complete a 11 traffic education program.
 - (j-5) For purposes of the required traffic education program only, a registered owner may submit an affidavit to the court or hearing officer swearing that at the time of the alleged violation, the vehicle was in the custody and control of another person. The affidavit must identify the person in custody and control of the vehicle, including the person's name and current address. The person in custody and control of the vehicle at the time of the violation is required to complete the required traffic education program. If the person in custody and control of the vehicle at the time of the violation completes the required traffic education program, the registered owner of the vehicle is not required to complete a traffic education program.
 - (k) An intersection equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system must be posted with a sign visible to

- approaching traffic indicating that the intersection is being monitored by an automated traffic law enforcement system and informing drivers whether, following a stop, a right turn at the intersection is permitted or prohibited.
 - (k-3) A <u>township</u>, municipality, or county that has one or more intersections equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system must provide notice to drivers by posting the locations of automated traffic law systems on the <u>township</u>, municipality, or county website.
 - (k-5) An intersection equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system must have a yellow change interval that conforms with the Illinois Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (IMUTCD) published by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Beginning 6 months before it installs an automated traffic law enforcement system at an intersection, a county, or municipality, or township may not change the yellow change interval at that intersection.
 - (k-7) A township, municipality, or county operating an automated traffic law enforcement system shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the safety impact of each automated traffic law enforcement system at an intersection following installation of the system and every 2 years thereafter. Each statistical analysis shall be based upon the best available crash, traffic, and other data, and shall cover a period of time before and after installation of the system sufficient to provide a statistically valid comparison of

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safety impact. Each statistical analysis shall be consistent with professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. Each statistical analysis also shall be consistent with the data required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions and shall be conducted within a reasonable period following the installation of the automated traffic law enforcement system. Each statistical analysis required by this subsection (k-7) shall be made available to the public and shall be published on the website of the township, municipality, or county. If a statistical analysis 36 month indicates that there has been an increase in the rate of crashes at the approach to the intersection monitored by the system, the township, municipality, or county shall undertake additional studies to determine the cause and severity of the crashes, and may take any action that it determines is necessary or appropriate to reduce the number or severity of the crashes at that intersection.

(k-8) Any township, municipality, or county operating an automated traffic law enforcement system before <u>July 28, 2023</u> (the effective date of <u>Public Act 103-364</u>) this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the safety impact of each automated traffic law enforcement system at an intersection by no later than one year after <u>July 28, 2023</u> (the effective date of <u>Public Act 103-364</u>) this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and every 2 years thereafter. The statistical analyses shall be

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based upon the best available crash, traffic, and other data, and shall cover a period of time before and after installation of the system sufficient to provide a statistically valid comparison of safety impact. The statistical analyses shall be consistent with professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. The statistical analyses also shall be consistent with the data required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions. The statistical analyses required by this subsection shall be made available to the public and shall be published on the website of the township, municipality, or county. If the statistical analysis for any period following installation of the system indicates that there has been an increase in the rate of accidents at the approach to the intersection monitored by the system, the township, municipality, or county shall undertake additional studies to determine the cause and severity of the accidents, and may take any action that it determines is necessary or appropriate to reduce the number or severity of the accidents at that intersection.

- (1) The compensation paid for an automated traffic law enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment or the services provided and may not be based on the number of traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by the system.
- (1-1) No member of the General Assembly and no officer or employee of a <u>township</u>, municipality, or county shall

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knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated traffic law enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties. No former member of the General Assembly shall, within a period of 2 years immediately after the termination of service as a member of the General Assembly, knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated traffic law enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties. No former officer or employee of a township, municipality, or county shall, within a period of 2 years immediately after the termination of township, municipal, or county employment, knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated traffic law enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties.

- (m) This Section applies only to the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Madison, McHenry, St. Clair, and Will and to municipalities <u>and townships</u> located within those counties.
- (n) The fee for participating in a traffic education program under this Section shall not exceed \$25.

A low-income individual required to complete a traffic education program under this Section who provides proof of eligibility for the federal earned income tax credit under Section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code or the Illinois earned

- 1 income tax credit under Section 212 of the Illinois Income Tax
- 2 Act shall not be required to pay any fee for participating in a
- 3 required traffic education program.
- 4 (o) (Blank).

- (p) No person who is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant to a written lease agreement shall be liable for an automated speed or traffic law enforcement system violation involving such motor vehicle during the period of the lease; provided that upon the request of the appropriate authority received within 120 days after the violation occurred, the lessor provides within 60 days after such receipt the name and address of the lessee.
 - Upon the provision of information by the lessor pursuant to this subsection, the county, or municipality, or township may issue the violation to the lessee of the vehicle in the same manner as it would issue a violation to a registered owner of a vehicle pursuant to this Section, and the lessee may be held liable for the violation.
- (q) If a county, or municipality, or township selects a new vendor for its automated traffic law enforcement system and must, as a consequence, apply for a permit, approval, or other authorization from the Department for reinstallation of one or more malfunctioning components of that system and if, at the time of the application for the permit, approval, or other authorization, the new vendor operates an automated traffic law enforcement system for any other county, or

- municipality, or township in the State, then the Department
 shall approve or deny the county , municipality, or township's

 or municipality's application for the permit, approval, or
 other authorization within 90 days after its receipt.
 - (r) The Department may revoke any permit, approval, or other authorization granted to a county, or municipality, or township for the placement, installation, or operation of an automated traffic law enforcement system if any official or employee who serves that county, or municipality, or township is charged with bribery, official misconduct, or a similar crime related to the placement, installation, or operation of the automated traffic law enforcement system in the county, or municipality, or township.
 - The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer this subsection. The rules adopted by the Department shall describe the revocation process, shall ensure that notice of the revocation is provided, and shall provide an opportunity to appeal the revocation. Any county, or municipality, or township that has a permit, approval, or other authorization revoked under this subsection may not reapply for such a permit, approval, or other authorization for a period of one $\frac{1}{2}$ year after the revocation.
 - (s) If an automated traffic law enforcement system is removed or rendered inoperable due to construction, then the Department shall authorize the reinstallation or use of the automated traffic law enforcement system within 30 days after

- 1 the construction is complete.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 102-905, eff. 1-1-23; 102-982, eff. 7-1-23;
- 3 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-364, eff. 7-28-23; revised
- 4 1-30-24.)
- 5 (625 ILCS 5/11-208.8)
- 6 Sec. 11-208.8. Automated speed enforcement systems in
- 7 safety zones.
- 8 (a) As used in this Section:
- 9 "Automated speed enforcement system" means a photographic
- 10 device, radar device, laser device, or other electrical or
- 11 mechanical device or devices installed or utilized in a safety
- zone and designed to record the speed of a vehicle and obtain a
- 13 clear photograph or other recorded image of the vehicle and
- the vehicle's registration plate or digital registration plate
- while the driver is violating Article VI of Chapter 11 of this
- 16 Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance.
- 17 An automated speed enforcement system is a system, located
- in a safety zone which is under the jurisdiction of a township
- 19 or municipality, that produces a recorded image of a motor
- vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local
- 21 ordinance and is designed to obtain a clear recorded image of
- 22 the vehicle and the vehicle's license plate. The recorded
- 23 image must also display the time, date, and location of the
- 24 violation.
- 25 "Owner" means the person or entity to whom the vehicle is

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- 2 "Recorded image" means images recorded by an automated 3 speed enforcement system on:
 - (1) 2 or more photographs;
- 5 (2) 2 or more microphotographs;
- 6 (3) 2 or more electronic images; or
 - (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and, on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly identifying the registration plate or digital registration plate number of the motor vehicle.

"Safety zone" means an area that is within one-eighth of a mile from the nearest property line of any public or private elementary or secondary school, or from the nearest property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district that is used for educational purposes approved by the Illinois State Board of Education, not including school district headquarters or administrative buildings. A safety zone also includes an area that is within one-eighth of a mile from the nearest property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a park district used for recreational purposes. However, if any portion of a roadway is within either one-eighth mile radius, the safety zone also shall include the roadway extended to the furthest portion of the next furthest intersection. The term "safety zone" does not include any portion of the roadway known as Lake Shore Drive or any controlled access highway with 8 or more lanes of traffic.

- 1 (a-5) The automated speed enforcement system shall be 2 operational and violations shall be recorded only at the 3 following times:
 - (i) if the safety zone is based upon the property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district, only on school days and no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later than 8:30 p.m. if the school day is during the period of Monday through Thursday, or 9 p.m. if the school day is a Friday; and
 - (ii) if the safety zone is based upon the property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a park district, no earlier than one hour prior to the time that the facility, area, or land is open to the public or other patrons, and no later than one hour after the facility, area, or land is closed to the public or other patrons.
 - (b) A township or municipality that produces a recorded image of a motor vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance must make the recorded images of a violation accessible to the alleged violator by providing the alleged violator with a website address, accessible through the Internet.
 - (c) Notwithstanding any penalties for any other violations of this Code, the owner of a motor vehicle used in a traffic violation recorded by an automated speed enforcement system shall be subject to the following penalties:
 - (1) if the recorded speed is no less than 6 miles per

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hour and no more than 10 miles per hour over the legal speed limit, a civil penalty not exceeding \$50, plus an additional penalty of not more than \$50 for failure to pay the original penalty in a timely manner; or

(2) if the recorded speed is more than 10 miles per hour over the legal speed limit, a civil penalty not exceeding \$100, plus an additional penalty of not more than \$100 for failure to pay the original penalty in a timely manner.

A penalty may not be imposed under this Section if the driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer for a speeding violation occurring within one-eighth of a mile and 15 minutes of the violation that was recorded by the system. A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed under this Section is not a violation of a traffic regulation governing the movement of vehicles and may not be recorded on the driving record of the owner of the vehicle. A law enforcement officer is required to be present or to witness the violation. No penalty may be imposed under this Section if the recorded speed of a vehicle is 5 miles per hour or less over the legal speed limit. The township or municipality may send, in the same manner that notices are sent under this Section, a speed violation warning notice where the violation involves a speed of 5 miles per hour or less above the legal speed limit.

(d) The net proceeds that a township or municipality

- receives from civil penalties imposed under an automated speed enforcement system, after deducting all non-personnel and personnel costs associated with the operation and maintenance of such system, shall be expended or obligated by the <u>township</u> or municipality for the following purposes:
 - (i) public safety initiatives to ensure safe passage around schools, and to provide police protection and surveillance around schools and parks, including but not limited to: (1) personnel costs; and (2) non-personnel costs such as construction and maintenance of public safety infrastructure and equipment;
 - (ii) initiatives to improve pedestrian and traffic
 safety;
 - (iii) construction and maintenance of infrastructure within the township or municipality, including but not limited to roads and bridges; and
 - (iv) after school programs.
 - (e) For each violation of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance recorded by an automated speed enforcement system, the township or municipality having jurisdiction shall issue a written notice of the violation to the registered owner of the vehicle as the alleged violator. The notice shall be delivered to the registered owner of the vehicle, by mail, within 30 days after the Secretary of State notifies the township or municipality of the identity of the owner of the vehicle, but in no event later than 90 days after the

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- 2 (f) The notice required under subsection (e) of this 3 Section shall include:
- 4 (1) the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;
- 6 (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle 7 involved in the violation;
 - (3) the violation charged;
- 9 (4) the date, time, and location where the violation 10 occurred;
 - (5) a copy of the recorded image or images;
 - (6) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the date by which the civil penalty should be paid;
- 14 (7) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a 15 violation of a speed restriction;
 - (8) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of liability;
- 19 (9) a statement that the person may elect to proceed by:
 - (A) paying the fine; or
- (B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or by administrative hearing; and
 - (10) a website address, accessible through the Internet, where the person may view the recorded images of the violation.

- 1 (g) (Blank).
 - (h) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an automated speed enforcement system, a notice alleging that the violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts contained in the notice and admissible in any proceeding alleging a violation under this Section.
 - (i) Recorded images made by an automated speed enforcement system are confidential and shall be made available only to the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation of this Section, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a violation of this Section, however, may be admissible in any proceeding resulting from the issuance of the citation.
 - (j) The court or hearing officer may consider in defense of a violation:
 - (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital registration plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred and not under the control or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;
 - (1.5) that the motor vehicle was hijacked before the violation occurred and not under the control of or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;
 - (2) that the driver of the motor vehicle received a

Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer for a speeding violation occurring within one-eighth of a mile and 15 minutes of the violation that was recorded by the system; and

- (3) any other evidence or issues provided by <u>township</u> or municipal ordinance.
- (k) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle was hijacked or the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred and were not under the control or possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation, the owner or lessee must submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle or registration plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in a timely manner.
- (1) A roadway equipped with an automated speed enforcement system shall be posted with a sign conforming to the national Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that is visible to approaching traffic stating that vehicle speeds are being photo-enforced and indicating the speed limit. The township or municipality shall install such additional signage as it determines is necessary to give reasonable notice to drivers as to where automated speed enforcement systems are installed.
- (m) A roadway where a new automated speed enforcement system is installed shall be posted with signs providing 30 days notice of the use of a new automated speed enforcement system prior to the issuance of any citations through the

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- 1 automated speed enforcement system.
- 2 (n) The compensation paid for an automated speed 3 enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment 4 or the services provided and may not be based on the number of 5 traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by the 6 system.
 - (n-1) No member of the General Assembly and no officer or township, municipality, or county shall employee of а knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated speed enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties. No former member of the General Assembly shall, within a period of 2 years immediately after the termination of service as a member of the General Assembly, knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated speed enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties. No former officer or employee of a township, municipality, or county shall, within a period of 2 years immediately after the termination of township, municipal, or county employment, knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated speed enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties.
- 25 (o) (Blank).
- 26 (p) No person who is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant

to a written lease agreement shall be liable for an automated speed or traffic law enforcement system violation involving such motor vehicle during the period of the lease; provided that upon the request of the appropriate authority received within 120 days after the violation occurred, the lessor provides within 60 days after such receipt the name and address of the lessee. The drivers license number of a lessee may be subsequently individually requested by the appropriate authority if needed for enforcement of this Section.

Upon the provision of information by the lessor pursuant to this subsection, the <u>township or</u> municipality may issue the violation to the lessee of the vehicle in the same manner as it would issue a violation to a registered owner of a vehicle pursuant to this Section, and the lessee may be held liable for the violation.

- (q) A <u>township or</u> municipality using an automated speed enforcement system must provide notice to drivers by publishing the locations of all safety zones where system equipment is installed on the website of the <u>township or</u> municipality.
- (r) A township or municipality operating an automated speed enforcement system shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the safety impact of the system following installation of the system and every 2 years thereafter. A township or municipality operating an automated speed enforcement system before the effective date of this

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amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the safety impact of the system by no later than one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and every 2 years thereafter. Each statistical analysis shall be based upon the best available crash, traffic, and other data, and shall cover a period of time before and after installation of the system sufficient to provide a statistically valid comparison of safety impact. Each statistical analysis shall be consistent with professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. Each statistical analysis also shall be consistent with the data required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions and shall be conducted within a reasonable period following the installation of the automated traffic law enforcement system. Each statistical analysis required by this subsection shall be made available to the public and shall be published on the website of the township or municipality.

- (s) (Blank). This Section applies only to municipalities with a population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants.
- (t) If a county, or municipality, or township selects a new vendor for its automated speed enforcement system and must, as a consequence, apply for a permit, approval, or other authorization from the Department for reinstallation of one or more malfunctioning components of that system and if, at the time of the application for the permit, approval, or other authorization, the new vendor operates an automated speed

- enforcement system for any other county, or municipality, or township in the State, then the Department shall approve or deny the county, municipality, or township's or municipality's application for the permit, approval, or other authorization within 90 days after its receipt.
 - (u) The Department may revoke any permit, approval, or other authorization granted to a county, or municipality, or township for the placement, installation, or operation of an automated speed enforcement system if any official or employee who serves that county, or municipality, or township is charged with bribery, official misconduct, or a similar crime related to the placement, installation, or operation of the automated speed enforcement system in the county, or municipality, or township.
 - The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer this subsection. The rules adopted by the Department shall describe the revocation process, shall ensure that notice of the revocation is provided, and shall provide an opportunity to appeal the revocation. Any county, or municipality, or township that has a permit, approval, or other authorization revoked under this subsection may not reapply for such a permit, approval, or other authorization for a period of one 1 year after the revocation.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 102-905, eff. 1-1-23; 103-364, eff. 7-28-23.)

- Sec. 11-208.9. Automated traffic law enforcement system; approaching, overtaking, and passing a school bus.
 - (a) As used in this Section, "automated traffic law enforcement system" means a device with one or more motor vehicle sensors working in conjunction with the visual signals on a school bus, as specified in Sections 12-803 and 12-805 of this Code, to produce recorded images of motor vehicles that fail to stop before meeting or overtaking, from either direction, any school bus stopped at any location for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils in violation of Section 11-1414 of this Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance.

An automated traffic law enforcement system is a system, in a <u>township</u>, municipality, or county operated by a governmental agency, that produces a recorded image of a motor vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance and is designed to obtain a clear recorded image of the vehicle and the vehicle's license plate. The recorded image must also display the time, date, and location of the violation.

- (b) As used in this Section, "recorded images" means images recorded by an automated traffic law enforcement system on:
- 24 (1) 2 or more photographs;
- 25 (2) 2 or more microphotographs;
- 26 (3) 2 or more electronic images; or

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- 1 (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and, 2 on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly 3 identifying the registration plate or digital registration 4 plate number of the motor vehicle.
 - (c) A township, municipality, or county that produces a recorded image of a motor vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance must make the recorded images of a violation accessible to the alleged violator by providing the alleged violator with a website address, accessible through the Internet.
 - (d) For each violation of a provision of this Code or a local ordinance recorded by an automated traffic law enforcement system, the <u>township</u>, county, or municipality having jurisdiction shall issue a written notice of the violation to the registered owner of the vehicle as the alleged violator. The notice shall be delivered to the registered owner of the vehicle, by mail, within 30 days after the Secretary of State notifies the <u>township</u>, municipality, or county of the identity of the owner of the vehicle, but in no event later than 90 days after the violation.
- 21 (e) The notice required under subsection (d) shall 22 include:
- 23 (1) the name and address of the registered owner of the vehicle;
- 25 (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle 26 involved in the violation;

1	(3) the violation charged;
2	(4) the location where the violation occurred;
3	(5) the date and time of the violation;
4	(6) a copy of the recorded images;
5	(7) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the
6	date by which the civil penalty should be paid;
7	(8) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a
8	violation of overtaking or passing a school bus stopped
9	for the purpose of receiving or discharging pupils;
10	(9) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or
11	to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of
12	liability;
13	(10) a statement that the person may elect to proceed
14	by:
15	(A) paying the fine; or
16	(B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or
17	by administrative hearing; and
18	(11) a website address, accessible through the
19	Internet, where the person may view the recorded images of
20	the violation.
21	(f) (Blank).
22	(g) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an
23	automated traffic law enforcement system, a notice alleging
24	that the violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts
25	contained in the notice and admissible in any proceeding

alleging a violation under this Section.

- (h) Recorded images made by an automated traffic law enforcement system are confidential and shall be made available only to the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation of this Section, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a violation of this Section, however, may be admissible in any proceeding resulting from the issuance of the citation.
- (i) The court or hearing officer may consider in defense of a violation:
 - (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital registration plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred and not under the control of or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;
 - (1.5) that the motor vehicle was hijacked before the violation occurred and not under the control of or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;
 - (2) that the driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer for a violation of Section 11-1414 of this Code within one-eighth of a mile and 15 minutes of the violation that was recorded by the system;
 - (3) that the visual signals required by Sections 12-803 and 12-805 of this Code were damaged, not

- activated, not present in violation of Sections 12-803 and 12-805, or inoperable; and
 - (4) any other evidence or issues provided by <u>township</u>, municipal, or county ordinance.
 - (j) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle was hijacked or the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred and were not under the control or possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation, the owner or lessee must submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle or registration plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in a timely manner.
 - (k) Unless the driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer at the time of the violation, the motor vehicle owner is subject to a civil penalty not exceeding \$150 for a first time violation or \$500 for a second or subsequent violation, plus an additional penalty of not more than \$100 for failure to pay the original penalty in a timely manner, if the motor vehicle is recorded by an automated traffic law enforcement system. A violation for which a civil penalty is imposed under this Section is not a violation of a traffic regulation governing the movement of vehicles and may not be recorded on the driving record of the owner of the vehicle, but may be recorded by the township, municipality, or county for the purpose of determining if a person is subject to the higher fine for a second or subsequent

1 offense.

- (1) A school bus equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system must be posted with a sign indicating that the school bus is being monitored by an automated traffic law enforcement system.
- (m) A township, municipality, or county that has one or more school buses equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system must provide notice to drivers by posting a list of school districts using school buses equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system on the township, municipality, or county website. School districts that have one or more school buses equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system must provide notice to drivers by posting that information on their websites.
- (n) A township, municipality, or county operating an automated traffic law enforcement system shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the safety impact in each school district using school buses equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system following installation of the system and every 2 years thereafter. A township, municipality, or county operating an automated speed enforcement system before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the safety impact of the system by no later than one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and every 2 years thereafter. Each

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statistical analysis shall be based upon the best available crash, traffic, and other data, and shall cover a period of time before and after installation of the system sufficient to provide a statistically valid comparison of safety impact. statistical analysis shall be consistent professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. Each statistical analysis also shall be consistent with the data required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions and shall be conducted within a reasonable period following the installation of the automated traffic law enforcement system. Each statistical analysis required by this subsection shall be made available to the public and shall be published on the website of the township, municipality, or county. If a statistical analysis indicates that there has been an increase in the rate of crashes at the approach to school buses monitored by the system, the township, municipality, or county shall undertake additional studies to determine the cause and severity of the crashes, and may take any action that it determines is necessary or appropriate to reduce the number or severity of the crashes involving school buses equipped with an automated traffic law enforcement system.

(o) The compensation paid for an automated traffic law enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment or the services provided and may not be based on the number of traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by the system.

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(o-1) No member of the General Assembly and no officer or employee of a township, municipality, or county shall knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated traffic law enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties. No former member of the General Assembly shall, within a period of 2 years immediately after the termination of service as a member of the General Assembly, knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated traffic law enforcement system equipment or services to townships, municipalities, or counties. No former officer or employee of a township, municipality, or county shall, within a period of 2 years immediately after the termination of township, municipal, or county employment, knowingly accept employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides automated traffic law enforcement system services to townships, municipalities, or equipment or counties.

(p) No person who is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant to a written lease agreement shall be liable for an automated speed or traffic law enforcement system violation involving such motor vehicle during the period of the lease; provided that upon the request of the appropriate authority received within 120 days after the violation occurred, the lessor provides within 60 days after such receipt the name and

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address of the lessee. 1

> Upon the provision of information by the lessor pursuant to this subsection, the county, or municipality, or township may issue the violation to the lessee of the vehicle in the same manner as it would issue a violation to a registered owner of a vehicle pursuant to this Section, and the lessee may be held liable for the violation.

- (q) (Blank).
- (r) After a township, municipality, or county enacts an ordinance providing for automated traffic law enforcement systems under this Section, each school district within that township, municipality, or county's jurisdiction may implement automated traffic law enforcement system under this Section. The elected school board for that district must approve the implementation of an automated traffic law enforcement system. The school district shall be responsible for entering into a contract, approved by the elected school board of that district, with vendors for the installation, maintenance, and operation of the automated traffic law enforcement system. The school district must enter into an intergovernmental agreement, approved by the elected school board of that district, with the township, municipality, or county with jurisdiction over that school district for the administration of the automated traffic law enforcement system. The proceeds from a school district's automated traffic law enforcement system's fines shall be divided

- equally between the school district and the <u>township</u>,
 municipality, or county administering the automated traffic
- 3 law enforcement system.
 - (s) If a county, or municipality, or township changes the vendor it uses for its automated traffic law enforcement system and must, as a consequence, apply for a permit, approval, or other authorization from the Department for reinstallation of one or more malfunctioning components of that system and if, at the time of the application, the new vendor operates an automated traffic law enforcement system for any other county, or municipality, or township in the State, then the Department shall approve or deny the county, municipality, or township's or municipality's application for that permit, approval, or other authorization within 90 days after its receipt.
 - (t) The Department may revoke any permit, approval, or other authorization granted to a county, or municipality, or township for the placement, installation, or operation of an automated traffic law enforcement system if any official or employee who serves that county, or municipality, or township is charged with bribery, official misconduct, or a similar crime related to the placement, installation, or operation of the automated traffic law enforcement system in the county, or municipality, or township.
 - The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to implement and administer this subsection. The rules adopted by

- 1 the Department shall describe the revocation process, shall
- 2 ensure that notice of the revocation is provided, and shall
- 3 provide an opportunity to appeal the revocation. Any county,
- 4 or municipality, or township that has a permit, approval, or
- 5 other authorization revoked under this subsection may not
- 6 reapply for such a permit, approval, or other authorization
- for a period of one 1 year after the revocation.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 102-905, eff. 1-1-23; 102-982, eff. 7-1-23;
- 9 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-364, eff. 7-28-23.)
- 10 (625 ILCS 5/11-1201.1)
- 11 Sec. 11-1201.1. Automated railroad crossing enforcement
- 12 system.
- 13 (a) For the purposes of this Section, an automated
- 14 railroad grade crossing enforcement system is a system in a
- township, municipality, or county operated by a governmental
- 16 agency that produces a recorded image of a motor vehicle's
- 17 violation of a provision of this Code or local ordinance and is
- 18 designed to obtain a clear recorded image of the vehicle and
- 19 vehicle's license plate. The recorded image must also display
- 20 the time, date, and location of the violation.
- 21 As used in this Section, "recorded images" means images
- 22 recorded by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement
- 23 system on:
- 24 (1) 2 or more photographs;
- 25 (2) 2 or more microphotographs;

- (3) 2 or more electronic images; or
- (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and, on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly identifying the registration plate or digital registration plate number of the motor vehicle.
 - (b) The Illinois Commerce Commission may, in cooperation with a local law enforcement agency, establish in any county, or municipality, or township an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system at any railroad grade crossing equipped with a crossing gate designated by local authorities. Local authorities desiring the establishment of an automated railroad crossing enforcement system must initiate the process by enacting a local ordinance requesting the creation of such a system. After the ordinance has been enacted, and before any additional steps toward the establishment of the system are undertaken, the local authorities and the Commission must agree to a plan for obtaining, from any combination of federal, State, and local funding sources, the moneys required for the purchase and installation of any necessary equipment.
- (b-1) (Blank).
 - (c) For each violation of Section 11-1201 of this Code or a local ordinance recorded by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system, the county, or municipality, or township having jurisdiction shall issue a written notice of the violation to the registered owner of the vehicle as the alleged violator. The notice shall be delivered to the

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1	registered owner of the vehicle, by mail, no later than 90 days
2	after the violation.
3	The notice shall include:
4	(1) the name and address of the registered owner of
5	the vehicle;
6	(2) the registration number of the motor vehicle
7	involved in the violation;
8	(3) the violation charged;
9	(4) the location where the violation occurred;
10	(5) the date and time of the violation;
11	(6) a copy of the recorded images;
12	(7) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the
13	date by which the civil penalty should be paid;
14	(8) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a
15	violation of a railroad grade crossing;
16	(9) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or
17	to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of
18	liability; and
19	(10) a statement that the person may elect to proceed
20	by:
21	(A) paying the fine; or
22	(B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or
23	by administrative hearing.
24	(d) (Blank).

- (e) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system, a notice alleging that the violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts contained in the notice and admissible in any proceeding alleging a violation under this Section.
- (e-1) Recorded images made by an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system are confidential and shall be made available only to the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation of this Section, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a violation of this Section, however, may be admissible in any proceeding resulting from the issuance of the citation.
- (e-2) The court or hearing officer may consider the following in the defense of a violation:
 - (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital registration plates of the motor vehicle were stolen before the violation occurred and not under the control of or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;
 - (1.5) that the motor vehicle was hijacked before the violation occurred and not under the control of or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation;
 - (2) that the driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer at the time

of the violation for the same offense;

- 2 (3) any other evidence or issues provided by <u>township</u>, 3 municipal, or county ordinance.
 - (e-3) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle was hijacked or the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred and were not under the control or possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the violation, the owner or lessee must submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle or registration plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in a timely manner.
 - (f) Rail crossings equipped with an automatic railroad grade crossing enforcement system shall be posted with a sign visible to approaching traffic stating that the railroad grade crossing is being monitored, that citations will be issued, and the amount of the fine for violation.
 - (g) The compensation paid for an automated railroad grade crossing enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment or the services provided and may not be based on the number of citations issued or the revenue generated by the system.
- 22 (h) (Blank).
 - (i) If any part or parts of this Section are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this Section. The General Assembly hereby

- declares that it would have passed the remaining parts of this
- 2 Section if it had known that the other part or parts of this
- 3 Section would be declared unconstitutional.
- 4 (j) Penalty. A civil fine of \$250 shall be imposed for a
- 5 first violation of this Section, and a civil fine of \$500 shall
- 6 be imposed for a second or subsequent violation of this
- 7 Section.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 101-395, eff. 8-16-19; 101-652, eff. 7-1-21;
- 9 102-813, eff. 5-13-22; 102-905, eff. 1-1-23.)