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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 621

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 621 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 12-215 and by adding Section 1-220 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-220 new)

7 Sec. 1-220. Volunteer EMS provider. An Emergency Medical
8 Services (EMS) Volunteer Ambulance provider who, on the
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 99th General
10 Assembly, has a valid memorandum of understanding with a
11 municipality with a population of more than 1,000,000 to
12 provide voluntary assistance to and for the benefit of the
13 residents of that municipality.

14 (625 ILCS 5/12-215) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-215)

15 Sec. 12-215. Oscillating, rotating or flashing lights on

1 motor vehicles. Except as otherwise provided in this Code:

2 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating or
3 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited
4 except on:

5 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, Federal or local
6 authorities;

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

12 2.1. A vehicle operated by a fire chief who has
13 completed an emergency vehicle operation training course
14 approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and
15 designated or authorized by local authorities, in writing,
16 as a fire department, fire protection district, or township
17 fire department vehicle; however, the designation or
18 authorization must be carried in the vehicle, and the
19 lights may be visible or activated only when responding to
20 a bona fide emergency;

21 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
22 federal firefighting vehicles;

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

1 4.5. Vehicles which are occasionally used as rescue
2 vehicles that have been authorized for use as rescue
3 vehicles by a volunteer EMS provider, provided that the
4 operator of the vehicle has successfully completed an
5 emergency vehicle operation training course recognized by
6 the Department of Public Health; furthermore, the lights
7 shall not be lighted except when responding to an emergency
8 call for the sick or injured;

9 5. Tow trucks licensed in a state that requires such
10 lights; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on
11 any such tow truck while the tow truck is operating in the
12 State of Illinois;

13 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
14 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire
15 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public
16 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of
17 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of
18 Juvenile Justice;

19 7. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency
20 management services agency as defined in the Illinois
21 Emergency Management Agency Act;

22 8. School buses operating alternately flashing head
23 lamps as permitted under Section 12-805 of this Code;

24 9. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as
25 organ transplant vehicles when used in combination with
26 blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;

1 furthermore, these lights shall be lighted only when the
2 transportation is declared an emergency by a member of the
3 transplant team or a representative of the organ
4 procurement organization;

5 10. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural
6 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives
7 emergency response; ~~and~~

8 11. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of
9 Transportation identified as Emergency Traffic Patrol; the
10 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an
11 emergency call or when parked or stationary while engaged
12 in motor vehicle assistance or at the scene of the
13 emergency; and

14 12. Vehicles of the Illinois State Toll Highway
15 Authority identified as Highway Emergency Lane Patrol; the
16 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an
17 emergency call or when parked or stationary while engaged
18 in motor vehicle assistance or at the scene of the
19 emergency.

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

22 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for
23 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights
24 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph
25 1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are
26 actually being used at the scene of an accident or

1 disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a flat
2 bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being
3 transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the
4 vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing
5 vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all
6 wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall be
7 lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing on a
8 highway during all times when the use of headlights is
9 required under Section 12-201 of this Code; in addition,
10 these vehicles may use white oscillating, rotating, or
11 flashing lights in combination with amber oscillating,
12 rotating, or flashing lights as provided in this paragraph;

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

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

23 4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or
24 other construction, maintenance or automotive service
25 vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as a
26 means for indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic

1 hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking
2 or passing while such vehicles are engaged in maintenance,
3 service or construction on a highway;

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

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

11 6.1. The front and rear of motorized equipment or
12 vehicles that (i) are not owned by the State of Illinois or
13 any political subdivision of the State, (ii) are designed
14 and used for removal of snow and ice from highways and
15 parking lots, and (iii) are equipped with a snow plow that
16 is 12 feet in width; these lights may not be lighted except
17 when the motorized equipment or vehicle is actually being
18 used for those purposes on behalf of a unit of government;

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

22 8. Such other vehicles as may be authorized by local
23 authorities;

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

1 9.5. Propane delivery trucks;

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

6 10.5. Vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire
7 Marshal, provided that such lights shall not be lighted
8 except for when such vehicles are engaged in work for the
9 Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal;

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

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

17 13. Vehicles used by a security company, alarm
18 responder, control agency, or the Illinois Department of
19 Corrections;

20 14. Security vehicles of the Department of Human
21 Services; however, the lights shall not be lighted except
22 when being used for security related purposes under the
23 direction of the superintendent of the facility where the
24 vehicle is located; and

25 15. Vehicles of union representatives, except that the
26 lights shall be lighted only while the vehicle is within

1 the limits of a construction project.

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

4 1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire department
5 and vehicles owned or operated by a:

6 voluntary firefighter;

7 paid firefighter;

8 part-paid firefighter;

9 call firefighter;

10 member of the board of trustees of a fire
11 protection district;

12 paid or unpaid member of a rescue squad;

13 paid or unpaid member of a voluntary ambulance
14 unit; or

15 paid or unpaid members of a local or county
16 emergency management services agency as defined in the
17 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, designated
18 or authorized by local authorities, in writing, and
19 carrying that designation or authorization in the
20 vehicle.

21 However, such lights are not to be lighted except when
22 responding to a bona fide emergency or when parked or
23 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance
24 call, or motor vehicle accident.

25 Any person using these lights in accordance with this
26 subdivision (c)1 must carry on his or her person an

1 identification card or letter identifying the bona fide
2 member of a fire department, fire protection district,
3 rescue squad, ambulance unit, or emergency management
4 services agency that owns or operates that vehicle. The
5 card or letter must include:

6 (A) the name of the fire department, fire
7 protection district, rescue squad, ambulance unit, or
8 emergency management services agency;

9 (B) the member's position within the fire
10 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,
11 ambulance unit, or emergency management services
12 agency;

13 (C) the member's term of service; and

14 (D) the name of a person within the fire
15 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,
16 ambulance unit, or emergency management services
17 agency to contact to verify the information provided.

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

20 3. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
21 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,
22 rotating or flashing lights.

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

26 5. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as

1 ambulances or rescue vehicles when used in combination with
2 red oscillating, rotating or flashing lights; furthermore,
3 such lights shall not be lighted except when responding to
4 an emergency call.

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

11 7. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
12 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire
13 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public
14 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of
15 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of
16 Juvenile Justice, when used in combination with red
17 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

18 8. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency
19 management services agency as defined in the Illinois
20 Emergency Management Agency Act, when used in combination
21 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

22 9. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural
23 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives
24 emergency response, when used in combination with red
25 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

26 (c-1) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or

1 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and
2 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a
3 voluntary firefighter, a voluntary member of a rescue squad, or
4 a member of a voluntary ambulance unit may be equipped with
5 flashing white headlights and blue grill lights, which may be
6 used only in responding to an emergency call or when parked or
7 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance call,
8 or motor vehicle accident.

9 (c-2) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or
10 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and
11 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a paid or
12 unpaid member of a local or county emergency management
13 services agency as defined in the Illinois Emergency Management
14 Agency Act, may be equipped with white oscillating, rotating,
15 or flashing lights to be used in combination with blue
16 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, if authorization by
17 local authorities is in writing and carried in the vehicle.

18 (d) The use of a combination of amber and white
19 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights, whether lighted or
20 unlighted, is prohibited except on second division vehicles
21 designed and used for towing or hoisting vehicles or motor
22 vehicles or equipment of the State of Illinois, local
23 authorities, contractors, and union representatives;
24 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on second
25 division vehicles designed and used for towing or hoisting
26 vehicles or vehicles of the State of Illinois, local

1 authorities, and contractors except while such vehicles are
2 engaged in a tow operation, highway maintenance, or
3 construction operations within the limits of highway
4 construction projects, and shall not be lighted on the vehicles
5 of union representatives except when those vehicles are within
6 the limits of a construction project.

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

10 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a manufacturer
11 of oscillating, rotating or flashing lights or his
12 representative or authorized vendor from temporarily mounting
13 such lights on a vehicle for demonstration purposes only. If
14 the lights are not covered while the vehicle is operated upon a
15 highway, the vehicle shall display signage indicating that the
16 vehicle is out of service or not an emergency vehicle. The
17 signage shall be displayed on all sides of the vehicle in
18 letters at least 2 inches tall and one-half inch wide. A
19 vehicle authorized to have oscillating, rotating, or flashing
20 lights mounted for demonstration purposes may not activate the
21 lights while the vehicle is operated upon a highway.

22 (g) Any person violating the provisions of subsections (a),
23 (b), (c) or (d) of this Section who without lawful authority
24 stops or detains or attempts to stop or detain another person
25 shall be guilty of a Class 2 felony.

26 (h) Except as provided in subsection (g) above, any person

1 violating the provisions of subsections (a) or (c) of this
2 Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

3 (Source: P.A. 97-39, eff. 1-1-12; 97-149, eff. 7-14-11; 97-813,
4 eff. 7-13-12; 97-1173, eff. 1-1-14; 98-80, eff. 7-15-13;
5 98-123, eff. 1-1-14; 98-468, eff. 8-16-13; 98-756, eff.
6 7-16-14; 98-873, eff. 1-1-15; revised 10-6-14.)".