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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1424

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1424 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 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-215) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-215)

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

9 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating or  
10 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited  
11 except on:

12 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, Federal or local  
13 authorities;

14 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county  
15 coroner and designated or authorized by local authorities,  
16 in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle; however, such

1 designation or authorization must be carried in the  
2 vehicle;

3 2.1. A vehicle operated by a fire chief who has  
4 completed an emergency vehicle operation training course  
5 approved by the Office of the State Fire Marshal and  
6 designated or authorized by local authorities, in writing,  
7 as a fire department, fire protection district, or township  
8 fire department vehicle; however, the designation or  
9 authorization must be carried in the vehicle, and the  
10 lights may be visible or activated only when responding to  
11 a bona fide emergency;

12 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or  
13 federal firefighting vehicles;

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

18 5. Tow trucks licensed in a state that requires such  
19 lights; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on  
20 any such tow truck while the tow truck is operating in the  
21 State of Illinois;

22 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management  
23 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire  
24 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public  
25 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
26 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of

1 Juvenile Justice;

2 7. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency  
3 management services agency as defined in the Illinois  
4 Emergency Management Agency Act;

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

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

14 10. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural  
15 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives  
16 emergency response; ~~and~~

17 11. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
18 Transportation identified as Emergency Traffic Patrol; the  
19 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an  
20 emergency call or when parked or stationary while engaged  
21 in motor vehicle assistance or at the scene of the  
22 emergency; and

23 12. Vehicles of the Illinois State Toll Highway  
24 Authority identified as Highway Emergency Lane Patrol; the  
25 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an  
26 emergency call or when parked or stationary while engaged

1 in motor vehicle assistance or at the scene of the  
2 emergency.

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

5 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for  
6 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights  
7 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph  
8 1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are  
9 actually being used at the scene of an accident or  
10 disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a flat  
11 bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being  
12 transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the  
13 vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing  
14 vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all  
15 wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall be  
16 lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing on a  
17 highway during all times when the use of headlights is  
18 required under Section 12-201 of this Code; in addition,  
19 these vehicles may use white oscillating, rotating, or  
20 flashing lights in combination with amber oscillating,  
21 rotating, or flashing lights as provided in this paragraph;

22 2. Motor vehicles or equipment of the State of  
23 Illinois, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, local  
24 authorities and contractors; furthermore, such lights  
25 shall not be lighted except while such vehicles are engaged  
26 in maintenance or construction operations within the

1 limits of construction projects;

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

6 4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or  
7 other construction, maintenance or automotive service  
8 vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as a  
9 means for indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic  
10 hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking  
11 or passing while such vehicles are engaged in maintenance,  
12 service or construction on a highway;

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

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

20 6.1. The front and rear of motorized equipment or  
21 vehicles that (i) are not owned by the State of Illinois or  
22 any political subdivision of the State, (ii) are designed  
23 and used for removal of snow and ice from highways and  
24 parking lots, and (iii) are equipped with a snow plow that  
25 is 12 feet in width; these lights may not be lighted except  
26 when the motorized equipment or vehicle is actually being

1 used for those purposes on behalf of a unit of government;

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

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

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

10 9.5. Propane delivery trucks;

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

15 10.5. Vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire  
16 Marshal, provided that such lights shall not be lighted  
17 except for when such vehicles are engaged in work for the  
18 Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal;

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

21 12. All trucks equipped with self-compactors or  
22 roll-off hoists and roll-on containers for garbage,  
23 recycling, or refuse hauling. Such lights shall not be  
24 lighted except when such vehicles are actually being used  
25 for such purposes;

26 13. Vehicles used by a security company, alarm

1 responder, control agency, or the Illinois Department of  
2 Corrections;

3 14. Security vehicles of the Department of Human  
4 Services; however, the lights shall not be lighted except  
5 when being used for security related purposes under the  
6 direction of the superintendent of the facility where the  
7 vehicle is located; and

8 15. Vehicles of union representatives, except that the  
9 lights shall be lighted only while the vehicle is within  
10 the limits of a construction project.

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

13 1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire department  
14 and vehicles owned or operated by a:

15 voluntary firefighter;

16 paid firefighter;

17 part-paid firefighter;

18 call firefighter;

19 member of the board of trustees of a fire  
20 protection district;

21 paid or unpaid member of a rescue squad;

22 paid or unpaid member of a voluntary ambulance  
23 unit; or

24 paid or unpaid members of a local or county  
25 emergency management services agency as defined in the  
26 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, designated

1 or authorized by local authorities, in writing, and  
2 carrying that designation or authorization in the  
3 vehicle.

4 However, such lights are not to be lighted except when  
5 responding to a bona fide emergency or when parked or  
6 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance  
7 call, or motor vehicle accident.

8 Any person using these lights in accordance with this  
9 subdivision (c)1 must carry on his or her person an  
10 identification card or letter identifying the bona fide  
11 member of a fire department, fire protection district,  
12 rescue squad, ambulance unit, or emergency management  
13 services agency that owns or operates that vehicle. The  
14 card or letter must include:

15 (A) the name of the fire department, fire  
16 protection district, rescue squad, ambulance unit, or  
17 emergency management services agency;

18 (B) the member's position within the fire  
19 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,  
20 ambulance unit, or emergency management services  
21 agency;

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

23 (D) the name of a person within the fire  
24 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,  
25 ambulance unit, or emergency management services  
26 agency to contact to verify the information provided.



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

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

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

9           5. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as  
10 ambulances or rescue vehicles when used in combination with  
11 red oscillating, rotating or flashing lights; furthermore,  
12 such lights shall not be lighted except when responding to  
13 an emergency call.

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

20           7. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management  
21 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire  
22 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public  
23 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
24 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
25 Juvenile Justice, when used in combination with red  
26 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

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

5           9. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural  
6 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives  
7 emergency response, when used in combination with red  
8 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

9           (c-1) 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  
12 voluntary firefighter, a voluntary member of a rescue squad, or  
13 a member of a voluntary ambulance unit may be equipped with  
14 flashing white headlights and blue grill lights, which may be  
15 used only in responding to an emergency call or when parked or  
16 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance call,  
17 or motor vehicle accident.

18           (c-2) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or  
19 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and  
20 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a paid or  
21 unpaid member of a local or county emergency management  
22 services agency as defined in the Illinois Emergency Management  
23 Agency Act, may be equipped with white oscillating, rotating,  
24 or flashing lights to be used in combination with blue  
25 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, if authorization by  
26 local authorities is in writing and carried in the vehicle.

1           (d) The use of a combination of amber and white  
2 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights, whether lighted or  
3 unlighted, is prohibited except on second division vehicles  
4 designed and used for towing or hoisting vehicles or motor  
5 vehicles or equipment of the State of Illinois, local  
6 authorities, contractors, and union representatives;  
7 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on second  
8 division vehicles designed and used for towing or hoisting  
9 vehicles or vehicles of the State of Illinois, local  
10 authorities, and contractors except while such vehicles are  
11 engaged in a tow operation, highway maintenance, or  
12 construction operations within the limits of highway  
13 construction projects, and shall not be lighted on the vehicles  
14 of union representatives except when those vehicles are within  
15 the limits of a construction project.

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

19           (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a manufacturer  
20 of oscillating, rotating or flashing lights or his  
21 representative or authorized vendor from temporarily mounting  
22 such lights on a vehicle for demonstration purposes only. If  
23 the lights are not covered while the vehicle is operated upon a  
24 highway, the vehicle shall display signage indicating that the  
25 vehicle is out of service or not an emergency vehicle. The  
26 signage shall be displayed on all sides of the vehicle in

1 letters at least 2 inches tall and one-half inch wide. A  
2 vehicle authorized to have oscillating, rotating, or flashing  
3 lights mounted for demonstration purposes may not activate the  
4 lights while the vehicle is operated upon a highway.

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

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

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