AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing Sections 4-213, 11-402, 11-404, and 18a-105 as follows:

(625 ILCS 5/4-213) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 4-213)

Sec. 4-213. Liability of law enforcement officers, agencies, and towing services.

- (a) A law enforcement officer or agency, a department of municipal government designated under Section 4-212.1 or its officers or employees, or a towing service owner, operator, or employee shall not be held to answer or be liable for damages in any action brought by the registered owner, former registered owner, or his legal representative, lienholder or any other person legally entitled to the possession of a vehicle when the vehicle was processed and sold or disposed of as provided by this Chapter.
- (b) A towing service, and any of its officers or employees, that removes or tows a vehicle as a result of being directed to do so by a law enforcement officer or agency or a department of municipal government or its officers or employees shall not be held to answer or be liable for  $\frac{injury + to_{\tau}}{injury + to_{\tau}}$  loss of  $\frac{1}{\tau}$  or damages to any real or personal property that occurs in the course of

the removal or towing of a vehicle or its contents (i) on a limited access highway in a designated Incident Management Program that uses fast lane clearance techniques as defined by the Department of Transportation or (ii) at the direction of a peace officer, a highway authority official, or a representative of local authorities, under Section 11-402 or 11-404 of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 89-433, eff. 12-15-95.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-402) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-402)

Sec. 11-402. Motor vehicle accident involving damage to vehicle.

(a) The driver of any vehicle involved in a motor vehicle accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle which is driven or attended by any person shall immediately stop such vehicle at the scene of such motor vehicle accident or as close thereto as possible, but shall forthwith return to and in every event shall remain at the scene of such motor vehicle accident until the requirements of Section 11-403 have been fulfilled. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. If a damaged vehicle is obstructing traffic lanes, the driver of the vehicle must make every reasonable effort to move the vehicle or have it moved so as not to block the traffic lanes.

Any person failing to comply with this Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

- (b) Upon conviction of a violation of this Section, the court shall make a finding as to whether the damage to a vehicle is in excess of \$1,000, and in such case a statement of this finding shall be reported to the Secretary of State with the report of conviction as required by Section 6-204 of this Code. Upon receipt of such report of conviction and statement of finding that the damage to a vehicle is in excess of \$1,000, the Secretary of State shall suspend the driver's license or any nonresident's driving privilege.
- (c) If any peace officer or highway authority official finds (i) a vehicle standing upon a highway or toll highway in violation of a prohibition, limitation, or restriction on stopping, standing, or parking imposed under this Code or (ii) a disabled vehicle that obstructs the roadway of a highway or toll highway, the peace officer or highway authority official is authorized to move the vehicle or to require the operator of the vehicle to move the vehicle to the shoulder of the road, to a position where parking is permitted, or to public parking or storage premises. The removal may be performed by, or under the direction of, the peace officer or highway authority official or may be contracted for by local authorities. After the vehicle has been removed, the peace officer or highway authority official shall follow appropriate procedures, as provided in Section 4-203 of this Code.
- (d) A towing service, its officers, and its employees are not liable for loss of or damages to any real or personal

property that occurs as the result of the removal or towing of any vehicle under subsection (c), as provided in subsection (b) of Section 4-213.

(Source: P.A. 83-831.)

(625 ILCS 5/11-404) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-404)

Sec. 11-404. Duty upon damaging unattended vehicle or other property.

(a) The driver of any vehicle which collides with or is involved in a motor vehicle accident with any vehicle which is unattended, or other property, resulting in any damage to such other vehicle or property shall immediately stop and shall then and there either locate and notify the operator or owner of such vehicle or other property of the driver's name, address, registration number and owner of the vehicle the driver was operating or shall attach securely in a conspicuous place on or in the vehicle or other property struck a written notice giving the driver's name, address, registration number and owner of the vehicle the driver was driving and shall without unnecessary delay notify the nearest office of a authorized police authority and shall make a written report of such accident when and as required in Section 11-406. Every such stop shall be made without obstructing traffic more than is necessary. If a damaged vehicle is obstructing traffic lanes, the driver of the vehicle must make every reasonable effort to move the vehicle or have it moved so as not to block

## the traffic lanes.

- (b) Any person failing to comply with this Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- (c) If any peace officer or highway authority official finds (i) a vehicle standing upon a highway or toll highway in violation of a prohibition, limitation, or restriction on stopping, standing, or parking imposed under this Code or (ii) a disabled vehicle that obstructs the roadway of a highway or toll highway, the peace officer or highway authority official is authorized to move the vehicle or to require the operator of the vehicle to move the vehicle to the shoulder of the road, to a position where parking is permitted, or to public parking or storage premises. The removal may be performed by, or under the direction of, the peace officer or highway authority official or may be contracted for by local authorities. After the vehicle has been removed, the peace officer or highway authority official shall follow appropriate procedures, as provided in Section 4-203 of this Code.
- (d) A towing service, its officers, and its employees are not liable for loss of or damages to any real or personal property that occurs as the result of the removal or towing of any vehicle under subsection (c), as provided in subsection (b) of Section 4-213.

(Source: P.A. 83-831.)

(625 ILCS 5/18a-105) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 18a-105)

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Sec. 18a-105. Exemptions. This Chapter shall not apply to the relocation of motorcycles.  $\div$ 

(1) Vehicles registered for a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds, or if the vehicle is not registered, with a gross weight in excess of 10,000 pounds including vehicle weight and maximum load; or

## (2) Motorcycles.

Such relocation shall be governed by the provisions of Section 4-203 of this Code.

(Source: P.A. 85-923.)