

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 12-601.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-601.1)

7 Sec. 12-601.1. Traffic control signal preemption devices.

8 (a) As used in this Section, "traffic control signal  
9 preemption device" means any device, either mechanical or  
10 electrical, that emits a pulse of light or other signal that,  
11 when received by a detector attached to a traffic control  
12 signal, changes that traffic control signal to a green light  
13 or, if the traffic control signal is already green, extends  
14 the duration of the green light.

15 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), a traffic  
16 control signal preemption device may not be installed on a  
17 motor vehicle, may not be transported in the passenger  
18 compartment of a motor vehicle, and may not be operated by the  
19 driver or passenger of a motor vehicle.

20 Violation of this subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor,  
21 punishable by a fine of \$1,000 in addition to any other penalty  
22 that may be imposed.

23 (c) A retailer or manufacturer may not sell a traffic

1 control signal preemption device to any person or entity for  
2 any intended use other than operation as permitted under  
3 subsection (d).

4 Violation of this subsection (c) is a Class A misdemeanor,  
5 punishable by a fine of \$5,000 for each sale of each device, in  
6 addition to any other penalty that may be imposed.

7 (d) Installation of a traffic control signal preemption  
8 device is permitted on the following vehicles, and operation  
9 of the device is permitted as follows:

10 (1) Police department vehicles, when responding to a  
11 bona fide emergency, when used in combination with red or  
12 blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

13 (2) Law enforcement vehicles of State or local  
14 authorities, when responding to a bona fide emergency,  
15 when used in combination with red oscillating, rotating,  
16 or flashing lights.

17 (3) Vehicles of local fire departments, fire  
18 protection districts, and State or federal firefighting  
19 vehicles, when responding to a bona fide emergency, when  
20 used in combination with red oscillating, rotating, or  
21 flashing lights.

22 (4) Vehicles that are designed and used exclusively as  
23 ambulances or rescue vehicles, when responding to a bona  
24 fide emergency, when used in combination with red  
25 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

26 (5) Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as

1 organ transport vehicles, when the transportation is  
2 declared an emergency by a member of the transplant team  
3 or a representative of the organ procurement organization,  
4 when used in combination with red oscillating, rotating,  
5 or flashing lights.

6 (6) Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management  
7 Agency and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety,  
8 when responding to a bona fide emergency, when used in  
9 combination with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing  
10 lights.

11 (7) Commuter buses owned by any political subdivision  
12 of this State, operated either by the political  
13 subdivision or its lessee or agent, and offering  
14 short-haul for-hire regularly scheduled passenger  
15 transportation service, over regular routes with fixed  
16 schedules, within metropolitan and suburban areas, when  
17 used to extend the duration of an already green light to  
18 meet schedules.

19 (8) Vehicles used for snow removal owned by any  
20 political subdivision of this State, operated either by  
21 the political subdivision or its lessee or agent, when  
22 used during a snow emergency in combination with yellow or  
23 amber oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, when used  
24 to extend the duration of an already green light.

25 (9) Vehicles used by a local or county emergency  
26 management services agency, as defined in the Illinois

1       Emergency Management Agency Act, when responding to a bona  
2       fide emergency and when used in combination with red  
3       oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

4       (e) This Section does not prohibit use by motorcycles of  
5       electronic or magnetic safety devices designed to allow  
6       traffic control signal systems to recognize or detect  
7       motorcycles.

8       (Source: P.A. 102-842, eff. 1-1-23.)