

# SB1507



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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-208.8

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. In a provision regarding automated speed enforcement systems in safety zones, provides a safety zone may, upon completion of a crash study, include a portion of Lake Shore Drive if the Chicago Department of Transportation designates an area of it as a high crash corridor.

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A BILL FOR

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 11-208.8 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-208.8)

7 Sec. 11-208.8. Automated speed enforcement systems in  
8 safety zones.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "Automated speed enforcement system" means a photographic  
11 device, radar device, laser device, or other electrical or  
12 mechanical device or devices installed or utilized in a safety  
13 zone and designed to record the speed of a vehicle and obtain a  
14 clear photograph or other recorded image of the vehicle and  
15 the vehicle's registration plate or digital registration plate  
16 while the driver is violating Article VI of Chapter 11 of this  
17 Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance.

18 An automated speed enforcement system is a system, located  
19 in a safety zone which is under the jurisdiction of a  
20 municipality, that produces a recorded image of a motor  
21 vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local  
22 ordinance and is designed to obtain a clear recorded image of  
23 the vehicle and the vehicle's license plate. The recorded

1 image must also display the time, date, and location of the  
2 violation.

3 "Owner" means the person or entity to whom the vehicle is  
4 registered.

5 "Recorded image" means images recorded by an automated  
6 speed enforcement system on:

7 (1) 2 or more photographs;

8 (2) 2 or more microphotographs;

9 (3) 2 or more electronic images; or

10 (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and,  
11 on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly  
12 identifying the registration plate or digital registration  
13 plate number of the motor vehicle.

14 "Safety zone" means an area that is within one-eighth of a  
15 mile from the nearest property line of any public or private  
16 elementary or secondary school, or from the nearest property  
17 line of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district  
18 that is used for educational purposes approved by the Illinois  
19 State Board of Education, not including school district  
20 headquarters or administrative buildings. A safety zone also  
21 includes an area that is within one-eighth of a mile from the  
22 nearest property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a  
23 park district used for recreational purposes. However, if any  
24 portion of a roadway is within either one-eighth mile radius,  
25 the safety zone also shall include the roadway extended to the  
26 furthest portion of the next furthest intersection. The term

1 "safety zone" does not include any portion of the roadway  
2 known as Lake Shore Drive, unless upon completion of a crash  
3 study, the Chicago Department of Transportation designates an  
4 area as a high crash corridor, or any controlled access  
5 highway with 8 or more lanes of traffic.

6 (a-5) The automated speed enforcement system shall be  
7 operational and violations shall be recorded only at the  
8 following times:

9 (i) if the safety zone is based upon the property line  
10 of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district,  
11 only on school days and no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later  
12 than 8:30 p.m. if the school day is during the period of  
13 Monday through Thursday, or 9 p.m. if the school day is a  
14 Friday; and

15 (ii) if the safety zone is based upon the property  
16 line of any facility, area, or land owned by a park  
17 district, no earlier than one hour prior to the time that  
18 the facility, area, or land is open to the public or other  
19 patrons, and no later than one hour after the facility,  
20 area, or land is closed to the public or other patrons.

21 (b) A municipality that produces a recorded image of a  
22 motor vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a  
23 local ordinance must make the recorded images of a violation  
24 accessible to the alleged violator by providing the alleged  
25 violator with a website address, accessible through the  
26 Internet.

1 (c) Notwithstanding any penalties for any other violations  
2 of this Code, the owner of a motor vehicle used in a traffic  
3 violation recorded by an automated speed enforcement system  
4 shall be subject to the following penalties:

5 (1) if the recorded speed is no less than 6 miles per  
6 hour and no more than 10 miles per hour over the legal  
7 speed limit, a civil penalty not exceeding \$50, plus an  
8 additional penalty of not more than \$50 for failure to pay  
9 the original penalty in a timely manner; or

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

15 A penalty may not be imposed under this Section if the  
16 driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic  
17 Citation from a police officer for a speeding violation  
18 occurring within one-eighth of a mile and 15 minutes of the  
19 violation that was recorded by the system. A violation for  
20 which a civil penalty is imposed under this Section is not a  
21 violation of a traffic regulation governing the movement of  
22 vehicles and may not be recorded on the driving record of the  
23 owner of the vehicle. A law enforcement officer is not  
24 required to be present or to witness the violation. No penalty  
25 may be imposed under this Section if the recorded speed of a  
26 vehicle is 5 miles per hour or less over the legal speed limit.

1 The municipality may send, in the same manner that notices are  
2 sent under this Section, a speed violation warning notice  
3 where the violation involves a speed of 5 miles per hour or  
4 less above the legal speed limit.

5 (d) The net proceeds that a municipality receives from  
6 civil penalties imposed under an automated speed enforcement  
7 system, after deducting all non-personnel and personnel costs  
8 associated with the operation and maintenance of such system,  
9 shall be expended or obligated by the municipality for the  
10 following purposes:

11 (i) public safety initiatives to ensure safe passage  
12 around schools, and to provide police protection and  
13 surveillance around schools and parks, including but not  
14 limited to: (1) personnel costs; and (2) non-personnel  
15 costs such as construction and maintenance of public  
16 safety infrastructure and equipment;

17 (ii) initiatives to improve pedestrian and traffic  
18 safety;

19 (iii) construction and maintenance of infrastructure  
20 within the municipality, including but not limited to  
21 roads and bridges; and

22 (iv) after school programs.

23 (e) For each violation of a provision of this Code or a  
24 local ordinance recorded by an automated speed enforcement  
25 system, the municipality having jurisdiction shall issue a  
26 written notice of the violation to the registered owner of the

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

6 (f) The notice required under subsection (e) of this  
7 Section shall include:

8 (1) the name and address of the registered owner of  
9 the vehicle;

10 (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle  
11 involved in the violation;

12 (3) the violation charged;

13 (4) the date, time, and location where the violation  
14 occurred;

15 (5) a copy of the recorded image or images;

16 (6) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the  
17 date by which the civil penalty should be paid;

18 (7) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a  
19 violation of a speed restriction;

20 (8) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or  
21 to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of  
22 liability;

23 (9) a statement that the person may elect to proceed  
24 by:

25 (A) paying the fine; or

26 (B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or

1 by administrative hearing; and

2 (10) a website address, accessible through the  
3 Internet, where the person may view the recorded images of  
4 the violation.

5 (g) (Blank).

6 (h) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an  
7 automated speed enforcement system, a notice alleging that the  
8 violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts contained in  
9 the notice and admissible in any proceeding alleging a  
10 violation under this Section.

11 (i) Recorded images made by an automated speed enforcement  
12 system are confidential and shall be made available only to  
13 the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement  
14 agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation of this  
15 Section, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental  
16 purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a violation of this  
17 Section, however, may be admissible in any proceeding  
18 resulting from the issuance of the citation.

19 (j) The court or hearing officer may consider in defense  
20 of a violation:

21 (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates or  
22 digital registration plates of the motor vehicle were  
23 stolen before the violation occurred and not under the  
24 control or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the  
25 time of the violation;

26 (1.5) that the motor vehicle was hijacked before the

1 violation occurred and not under the control of or in the  
2 possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the  
3 violation;

4 (2) that the driver of the motor vehicle received a  
5 Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer for a  
6 speeding violation occurring within one-eighth of a mile  
7 and 15 minutes of the violation that was recorded by the  
8 system; and

9 (3) any other evidence or issues provided by municipal  
10 ordinance.

11 (k) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle was hijacked or  
12 the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital  
13 registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred  
14 and were not under the control or possession of the owner or  
15 lessee at the time of the violation, the owner or lessee must  
16 submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle or  
17 registration plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in  
18 a timely manner.

19 (l) A roadway equipped with an automated speed enforcement  
20 system shall be posted with a sign conforming to the national  
21 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that is visible to  
22 approaching traffic stating that vehicle speeds are being  
23 photo-enforced and indicating the speed limit. The  
24 municipality shall install such additional signage as it  
25 determines is necessary to give reasonable notice to drivers  
26 as to where automated speed enforcement systems are installed.

1 (m) A roadway where a new automated speed enforcement  
2 system is installed shall be posted with signs providing 30  
3 days notice of the use of a new automated speed enforcement  
4 system prior to the issuance of any citations through the  
5 automated speed enforcement system.

6 (n) The compensation paid for an automated speed  
7 enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment  
8 or the services provided and may not be based on the number of  
9 traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by the  
10 system.

11 (n-1) No member of the General Assembly and no officer or  
12 employee of a municipality or county shall knowingly accept  
13 employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a  
14 vendor that provides automated speed enforcement system  
15 equipment or services to municipalities or counties. No former  
16 member of the General Assembly shall, within a period of 2  
17 years immediately after the termination of service as a member  
18 of the General Assembly, knowingly accept employment or  
19 receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that  
20 provides automated speed enforcement system equipment or  
21 services to municipalities or counties. No former officer or  
22 employee of a municipality or county shall, within a period of  
23 2 years immediately after the termination of municipal or  
24 county employment, knowingly accept employment or receive  
25 compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides  
26 automated speed enforcement system equipment or services to

1 municipalities or counties.

2 (o) (Blank).

3 (p) No person who is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant  
4 to a written lease agreement shall be liable for an automated  
5 speed or traffic law enforcement system violation involving  
6 such motor vehicle during the period of the lease; provided  
7 that upon the request of the appropriate authority received  
8 within 120 days after the violation occurred, the lessor  
9 provides within 60 days after such receipt the name and  
10 address of the lessee. The drivers license number of a lessee  
11 may be subsequently individually requested by the appropriate  
12 authority if needed for enforcement of this Section.

13 Upon the provision of information by the lessor pursuant  
14 to this subsection, the municipality may issue the violation  
15 to the lessee of the vehicle in the same manner as it would  
16 issue a violation to a registered owner of a vehicle pursuant  
17 to this Section, and the lessee may be held liable for the  
18 violation.

19 (q) A municipality using an automated speed enforcement  
20 system must provide notice to drivers by publishing the  
21 locations of all safety zones where system equipment is  
22 installed on the website of the municipality.

23 (r) A municipality operating an automated speed  
24 enforcement system shall conduct a statistical analysis to  
25 assess the safety impact of the system following installation  
26 of the system and every 2 years thereafter. A municipality

1 operating an automated speed enforcement system before the  
2 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
3 Assembly shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the  
4 safety impact of the system by no later than one year after the  
5 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
6 Assembly and every 2 years thereafter. Each statistical  
7 analysis shall be based upon the best available crash,  
8 traffic, and other data, and shall cover a period of time  
9 before and after installation of the system sufficient to  
10 provide a statistically valid comparison of safety impact.  
11 Each statistical analysis shall be consistent with  
12 professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. Each  
13 statistical analysis also shall be consistent with the data  
14 required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions  
15 and shall be conducted within a reasonable period following  
16 the installation of the automated traffic law enforcement  
17 system. Each statistical analysis required by this subsection  
18 shall be made available to the public and shall be published on  
19 the website of the municipality.

20 (s) This Section applies only to municipalities with a  
21 population of 1,000,000 or more inhabitants.

22 (t) If a county or municipality selects a new vendor for  
23 its automated speed enforcement system and must, as a  
24 consequence, apply for a permit, approval, or other  
25 authorization from the Department for reinstallation of one or  
26 more malfunctioning components of that system and if, at the

1 time of the application for the permit, approval, or other  
2 authorization, the new vendor operates an automated speed  
3 enforcement system for any other county or municipality in the  
4 State, then the Department shall approve or deny the county or  
5 municipality's application for the permit, approval, or other  
6 authorization within 90 days after its receipt.

7 (u) The Department may revoke any permit, approval, or  
8 other authorization granted to a county or municipality for  
9 the placement, installation, or operation of an automated  
10 speed enforcement system if any official or employee who  
11 serves that county or municipality is charged with bribery,  
12 official misconduct, or a similar crime related to the  
13 placement, installation, or operation of the automated speed  
14 enforcement system in the county or municipality.

15 The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to  
16 implement and administer this subsection. The rules adopted by  
17 the Department shall describe the revocation process, shall  
18 ensure that notice of the revocation is provided, and shall  
19 provide an opportunity to appeal the revocation. Any county or  
20 municipality that has a permit, approval, or other  
21 authorization revoked under this subsection may not reapply  
22 for such a permit, approval, or other authorization for a  
23 period of 1 year after the revocation.

24 (Source: P.A. 102-905, eff. 1-1-23; 103-364, eff. 7-28-23.)