



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB1591

Introduced 2/4/2025, by Sen. Javier L. Cervantes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/1.125.1 new
625 ILCS 5/11-710
625 ILCS 5/11-1433 new

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-710

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Defines "leader-follower work zone vehicle" as a motor vehicle used in combination with another motor vehicle in a highway construction or maintenance zone that is: (1) equipped with an automated driving system; and (2) remotely connected to another motor vehicle allowing for coordinated or controlled movement within line of sight of the operator. Provides that the provision regarding following too closely does not apply to leader-follower work zone vehicles. Authorizes the Department of Transportation and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority to implement the use of a leader-follower work zone vehicle in a highway construction or maintenance zone under their jurisdiction to create a safety system to protect their workers. Effective immediately.

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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 11-710 and by adding Sections 1.125.1 and
6 11-1433 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1.125.1 new)

8 Sec. 1.125.1. Leader-follower work zone vehicle. A motor
9 vehicle used in combination with another motor vehicle in a
10 highway construction or maintenance zone that is:

11 (1) equipped with an automated driving system; and
12 (2) remotely connected to another motor vehicle
13 allowing for coordinated or controlled movement within
14 line of sight of the operator.

15 (625 ILCS 5/11-710) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-710)

16 Sec. 11-710. Following too closely. (a) The driver of a
17 motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely
18 than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the
19 speed of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition
20 of the highway.

21 (b) The driver of any truck or motor vehicle drawing
22 another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a

1 business or residence district and which is following another
2 truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle shall, whenever
3 conditions permit, leave sufficient space so that an
4 overtaking vehicle may enter and occupy such space without
5 danger, except that this shall not prevent a truck or motor
6 vehicle drawing another vehicle from overtaking and passing
7 any vehicle or combination of vehicles.

8 (c) Motor vehicles being driven upon any roadway outside
9 of a business or residence district in a caravan or motorcade
10 whether or not towing other vehicles shall be so operated as to
11 allow sufficient space between each such vehicle or
12 combination of vehicles so as to enable any other vehicle to
13 enter and occupy such space without danger. This provision
14 shall not apply to funeral processions.

15 (d) This Section does not apply to the operation of a
16 leader-follower work zone vehicle.

17 (Source: P.A. 79-1069.)

18 (625 ILCS 5/11-1433 new)

19 Sec. 11-1433. Leader-follower work zone vehicles. The
20 Department and the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority are
21 authorized and may implement the use of a leader-follower work
22 zone vehicle in a highway construction or maintenance zone
23 under their jurisdiction to create a safety system to protect
24 their workers. The operator of the leader-follower work zone
25 vehicle shall be deemed the driver and operator of the motor

1 vehicles being used in the safety system. The leader-follower
2 work zone vehicles shall be an authorized vehicle in a highway
3 construction or maintenance zone.

4 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
5 becoming law.