

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 11-605.3 and by adding Section 11-1412.4 as
6 follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/11-605.3)

8 Sec. 11-605.3. Special traffic protections while passing
9 parks and recreation facilities and areas.

10 (a) As used in this Section:

11 (1) "Park district" means the following entities:

12 (A) any park district organized under the Park
13 District Code;

14 (B) any park district organized under the Chicago
15 Park District Act; and

16 (C) any municipality, county, forest district,
17 school district, township, or other unit of local
18 government that operates a public recreation
19 department or public recreation facilities that has
20 recreation facilities that are not on land owned by
21 any park district listed in subparagraphs (A) and (B)
22 of this subdivision (a)(1).

23 (2) "Park zone" means the recreation facilities and

1 areas on any land owned or operated by a park district that
2 are used for recreational purposes, including but not
3 limited to: parks; playgrounds; swimming pools; hiking
4 trails; bicycle paths; picnic areas; roads and streets;
5 and parking lots.

6 (3) "Park zone street" means that portion of any State
7 or local street or intersection ~~under the control of a~~
8 ~~local unit of government~~, adjacent to a park zone, where
9 the local unit of government has, by ordinance or
10 resolution, designated and approved the street or
11 intersection as a park zone street. If, before the
12 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General
13 Assembly, a street already had a posted speed limit lower
14 than 20 miles per hour, then the lower limit may be used
15 for that park zone street.

16 (4) "Safety purposes" means the costs associated with:
17 park zone safety education; the purchase, installation,
18 and maintenance of signs, roadway painting, and caution
19 lights mounted on park zone signs; and any other expense
20 associated with park zones and park zone streets.

21 (b) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet
22 of motorized traffic, a person may not drive a motor vehicle at
23 a speed in excess of 20 miles per hour or any lower posted
24 speed while traveling on a park zone street that has been
25 designated for the posted reduced speed.

26 (c) On any day when children are present and within 50 feet

1 of motorized traffic, any driver traveling on a park zone
2 street who fails to come to a complete stop at a stop sign or
3 red light, including a driver who fails to come to a complete
4 stop at a red light before turning right onto a park zone
5 street, is in violation of this Section.

6 (d) This Section does not apply unless appropriate signs
7 are posted upon park zone streets maintained by the Department
8 or by the unit of local government in which the park zone is
9 located. With regard to the special speed limit on park zone
10 streets, the signs must give proper due warning that a park
11 zone is being approached and must indicate the maximum speed
12 limit on the park zone street.

13 (e) A first violation of this Section is a petty offense
14 with a minimum fine of \$250. A second or subsequent violation
15 of this Section is a petty offense with a minimum fine of \$500.

16 (f) (Blank).

17 (g) The Department shall, within 6 months of the effective
18 date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly,
19 design a set of standardized traffic signs for park zones and
20 park zone streets, including but not limited to: "park zone",
21 "park zone speed limit", and "warning: approaching a park
22 zone". The design of these signs shall be made available to all
23 units of local government or manufacturers at no charge,
24 except for reproduction and postage.

25 (Source: P.A. 102-978, eff. 1-1-23.)

1 (625 ILCS 5/11-1412.4 new)

2 Sec. 11-1412.4. Flashing beacons required for school
3 crosswalks. A unit of local government that has ownership or
4 control over an intersection that is adjacent to property that
5 is used for an elementary or secondary school may install at
6 the ends of the pedestrian crosswalks for that intersection
7 rapid flashing beacons that alert motor vehicle drivers to the
8 presence of pedestrians in the crosswalk when the pedestrians
9 who are using the crosswalk activate the beacons.