

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 1. This Act may be referred to as the Donald (DJ)
5 Stallworth, III Act.

6 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
7 changing Section 11-1421 as follows:

8 (625 ILCS 5/11-1421) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1421)

9 Sec. 11-1421. Conditions for operating ambulances and
10 rescue vehicles.

11 (a) No person shall operate an ambulance or rescue vehicle
12 in a manner not conforming to the motor vehicle laws and
13 regulations of this State or of any political subdivision of
14 this State as such laws and regulations apply to motor
15 vehicles in general, unless in compliance with the following
16 conditions:

17 0.5. The operator of the ambulance or rescue vehicle
18 shall have documented training in the operation of an
19 ambulance or rescue vehicle prior to operating that
20 vehicle. This training shall include the proper use of
21 warning lights and sirens, situations where warning lights
22 and sirens are warranted, and the provisions of this

1 Section.

2 1. The person operating the ambulance shall be either
3 responding to a bona fide emergency call or specifically
4 directed by a licensed physician to disregard traffic laws
5 in operating the ambulance during and for the purpose of
6 the specific trip or journey that is involved;

7 2. The ambulance or rescue vehicle shall be equipped
8 with a siren producing an audible signal of an intensity
9 of 100 decibels at a distance of 50 feet from the siren,
10 and with a lamp or lamps emitting an oscillating, rotating
11 or flashing red beam directed in part toward the front of
12 the vehicle, and these lamps shall have sufficient
13 intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight,
14 and in addition to other lighting requirements, excluding
15 those vehicles operated in counties with a population in
16 excess of 2,000,000, may also operate with a lamp or lamps
17 emitting an oscillating, rotating, or flashing green
18 light;

19 3. The aforesaid siren and lamp or lamps shall be in
20 operation at all times when it is reasonably necessary to
21 warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof
22 during such trip or journey, except that in a municipality
23 with a population over 1,000,000, the siren and lamp or
24 lamps shall be in operation only when it is reasonably
25 necessary to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the
26 approach thereof while responding to an emergency call or

1 transporting a patient who presents a combination of
2 circumstances resulting in a need for immediate medical
3 intervention;

4 4. Whenever the ambulance or rescue vehicle is
5 operated at a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour, the
6 ambulance or rescue vehicle shall be operated in complete
7 conformance with every other motor vehicle law and
8 regulation of this State and of the political subdivision
9 in which the ambulance or rescue vehicle is operated,
10 relating to the operation of motor vehicles, as such
11 provision applies to motor vehicles in general, except
12 laws and regulations pertaining to compliance with
13 official traffic-control devices or to vehicular operation
14 upon the right half of the roadway; and

15 5. The ambulance shall display registration plates
16 identifying the vehicle as an ambulance.

17 (a-5) The driver of an ambulance or rescue vehicle may
18 proceed past a red traffic control signal or stop sign if the
19 ambulance or rescue vehicle is making use of both the audible
20 and visual signals meeting the requirement of this Section,
21 but only after slowing down as necessary for safe operation.

22 (b) The foregoing provisions do not relieve the driver of
23 an ambulance or rescue vehicle from the duty of driving with
24 due regard for the safety of all persons, nor do such
25 provisions protect the driver from the consequences resulting
26 from the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

1 (Source: P.A. 100-962, eff. 1-1-19.)