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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4654

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 4654, by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Sections 11-710 and 12-604.1 and by adding Sections  
6 1-159.4 and 11-1432 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-159.4 new)

8 Sec. 1-159.4. Platoon. A group of individual motor vehicles  
9 traveling in a unified manner utilizing vehicle-to-vehicle  
10 communications technology at following distances that are  
11 closer than distances provided in subsection (a) of Section  
12 11-710 for vehicles traveling without vehicle-to-vehicle  
13 communications technology.

14 (625 ILCS 5/11-710) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-710)

15 Sec. 11-710. Following too closely. (a) The driver of a

1 motor vehicle shall not follow another vehicle more closely  
2 than is reasonable and prudent, having due regard for the speed  
3 of such vehicles and the traffic upon and the condition of the  
4 highway.

5 (b) The driver of any truck or motor vehicle drawing  
6 another vehicle when traveling upon a roadway outside of a  
7 business or residence district and which is following another  
8 truck or motor vehicle drawing another vehicle shall, whenever  
9 conditions permit, leave sufficient space so that an overtaking  
10 vehicle may enter and occupy such space without danger, except  
11 that this shall not prevent a truck or motor vehicle drawing  
12 another vehicle from overtaking and passing any vehicle or  
13 combination of vehicles.

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

21 (d) This Section does not apply to a driver of a non-lead  
22 motor vehicle operating in a platoon.

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

24 (625 ILCS 5/11-1432 new)

25 Sec. 11-1432. Plan for general platoon operations.

1       (a) Before the operation of a platoon upon the streets or  
2 highways of this State, a person shall file a plan for general  
3 platoon operations with the Department of State Police. The  
4 Department of State Police shall approve or reject the plan. If  
5 the plan is rejected, the Department of State Police shall  
6 provide the reason for the rejection and provide guidance on  
7 how to resubmit the plan to meet the Department of State  
8 Police's requirements. The Department of State Police may adopt  
9 rules to implement this Section.

10       (b) The plan for general platoon operations required under  
11 this Section shall include, but not be limited to, platoon  
12 routes, platoon technology features and functionality, and  
13 platoon driver training.

14       (c) An appropriately endorsed driver, who holds a valid  
15 commercial driver's license, shall be present behind the wheel  
16 of each motor vehicle in a platoon.

17       (d) A platoon shall consist of no more than 2 motor  
18 vehicles.

19       (625 ILCS 5/12-604.1)

20       Sec. 12-604.1. Video devices.

21       (a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle if a  
22 television receiver, a video monitor, a television or video  
23 screen, or any other similar means of visually displaying a  
24 television broadcast or video signal that produces  
25 entertainment or business applications is operating and is

1 located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back  
2 of the driver's seat, or is operating and visible to the driver  
3 while driving the motor vehicle.

4 (a-5) A person commits aggravated use of a video device  
5 when he or she violates subsection (a) and in committing the  
6 violation he or she was involved in a motor vehicle accident  
7 that results in great bodily harm, permanent disability,  
8 disfigurement, or death to another and the violation was a  
9 proximate cause of the injury or death.

10 (b) This Section does not apply to the following equipment,  
11 whether or not permanently installed in a vehicle:

12 (1) a vehicle information display;

13 (2) a global positioning display;

14 (3) a mapping or navigation display;

15 (4) a visual display used to enhance or supplement the  
16 driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a motor  
17 vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle;

18 (5) television-type receiving equipment used  
19 exclusively for safety or traffic engineering studies; or

20 (6) a television receiver, video monitor, television  
21 or video screen, or any other similar means of visually  
22 displaying a television broadcast or video signal, if that  
23 equipment has an interlock device that, when the motor  
24 vehicle is driven, disables the equipment for all uses  
25 except as a visual display as described in paragraphs (1)  
26 through (5) of this subsection (b).

1 (c) This Section does not apply to a mobile, digital  
2 terminal installed in an authorized emergency vehicle, a motor  
3 vehicle providing emergency road service or roadside  
4 assistance, or to motor vehicles utilized for public  
5 transportation.

6 (d) This Section does not apply to a television receiver,  
7 video monitor, television or video screen, or any other similar  
8 means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video  
9 signal if: (i) the equipment is permanently installed in the  
10 motor vehicle; and (ii) the moving entertainment images that  
11 the equipment displays are not visible to the driver while the  
12 motor vehicle is in motion.

13 (d-5) This Section does not apply to a video event  
14 recorder, as defined in Section 1-218.10 of this Code,  
15 installed in a contract carrier vehicle.

16 (d-7) This Section does not apply to a video device used in  
17 a vehicle traveling in a platoon that: (i) allows the lead  
18 driver to see his or her vehicle from a non-lead driver's  
19 perspective and a non-lead driver to view the road from the  
20 lead driver's perspective; or (ii) that displays platoon  
21 information.

22 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section, a  
23 person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of a petty  
24 offense and shall be fined not more than \$100 for a first  
25 offense, not more than \$200 for a second offense within one  
26 year of a previous conviction, and not more than \$250 for a

1 third or subsequent offense within one year of 2 previous  
2 convictions.

3 (f) A person convicted of violating subsection (a-5)  
4 commits a Class A misdemeanor if the violation resulted in  
5 great bodily harm, permanent disability, or disfigurement to  
6 another. A person convicted of violating subsection (a-5)  
7 commits a Class 4 felony if the violation resulted in the death  
8 of another person.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-507, eff. 1-1-14; 99-689, eff. 1-1-17.)".