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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2359

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2359 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
5 Section 3-699.26, and changing Sections 3-808.1, 12-215, and  
6 12-601 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.26 new)

8 Sec. 3-699.26. EMS chief license plates.

9 (a) Beginning with the 2027 registration year, the  
10 Secretary, upon receipt of a request from a municipality that  
11 operates a fire department or a fire protection district,  
12 accompanied by an application and the appropriate fee, may  
13 issue to an emergency medical services (EMS) chief of the  
14 municipality or fire protection district, special registration  
15 plates designated as EMS chief license plates. The special  
16 plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to

1 passenger vehicles of the first division or motor vehicles of  
2 the second division weighing not more than 8,000 pounds that  
3 are owned by an EMS chief, a municipality, or a fire protection  
4 district. Plates issued under this Section shall expire  
5 according to the multiyear procedure established by Section  
6 3-414.1.

7 (b) The design and color of the special plates shall be  
8 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The plates are  
9 not required to designate "Land of Lincoln" as prescribed in  
10 subsection (b) of Section 3-412. The Secretary may prescribe  
11 rules governing the requirements and approval of the special  
12 plates. The fee for this plate for a vehicle owned by an EMS  
13 chief shall be the same as the fee prescribed for first  
14 division vehicles under Section 3-806. Permanent license  
15 plates for EMS vehicles owned by a municipality or fire  
16 protection district shall be issued at the fee prescribed in  
17 subsection (b) of Section 3-808.1.

18 (c) With the exception of permanently issued plates, upon  
19 the resignation, termination, or reassignment to a rank or  
20 position other than EMS chief, a person issued plates under  
21 this Section shall immediately surrender the license plate to  
22 the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall have the  
23 ability to recover license plates issued under this Section.

24 (d) Plates issued to a vehicle owned by an EMS chief under  
25 this Section shall be exempt from the requirements of  
26 subsection (a) of Section 3-600.

1 (625 ILCS 5/3-808.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-808.1)

2 Sec. 3-808.1. Permanent vehicle registration plate.

3 (a) Permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued,  
4 at no charge, to the following:

5 1. Vehicles, other than medical transport vehicles,  
6 owned and operated by the State of Illinois or by any State  
7 agency financed by funds appropriated by the General  
8 Assembly;

9 2. Special disability plates issued to vehicles owned  
10 and operated by the State of Illinois or by any State  
11 agency financed by funds appropriated by the General  
12 Assembly.

13 (b) Permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued,  
14 for a one-time fee of \$8.00, to the following:

15 1. Vehicles, other than medical transport vehicles,  
16 operated by or for any county, township or municipal  
17 corporation.

18 2. Vehicles owned by counties, townships or municipal  
19 corporations for persons with disabilities.

20 3. Beginning with the 1991 registration year,  
21 county-owned vehicles operated by or for any county  
22 sheriff and designated deputy sheriffs. These registration  
23 plates shall contain the specific county code and unit  
24 number.

25 4. All-terrain vehicles owned by counties, townships,

1 or municipal corporations and used for law enforcement  
2 purposes when the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin is  
3 accompanied with a letter from the original manufacturer  
4 or a manufacturer's franchised dealer stating that this  
5 all-terrain vehicle has been converted to a street worthy  
6 vehicle that meets the equipment requirements set forth in  
7 Chapter 12 of this Code.

8 5. Beginning with the 2001 registration year,  
9 municipally owned vehicles operated by or for any police  
10 department. These registration plates shall contain the  
11 designation "municipal police" and shall be numbered and  
12 distributed as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

13 6. Beginning with the 2014 registration year,  
14 municipally owned, fire district owned, or Mutual Aid Box  
15 Alarm System (MABAS) owned vehicles operated by or for any  
16 fire department, fire protection district, or MABAS. These  
17 registration plates shall display the designation "Fire  
18 Department" and shall display the specific fire  
19 department, fire district, fire unit, or MABAS division  
20 number or letter.

21 7. Beginning with the 2017 registration year, vehicles  
22 that do not require a school bus driver permit under  
23 Section 6-104 to operate and are not registered under  
24 Section 3-617 of this Code, and are owned by a public  
25 school district from grades K-12 or a public community  
26 college.

1           8. Beginning with the 2017 registration year, vehicles  
2 of the first division or vehicles of the second division  
3 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds that are owned by a  
4 medical facility or hospital of a municipality, county, or  
5 township.

6           9. Beginning with the 2020 registration year, 2-axle  
7 motor vehicles that (i) are designed and used as buses in a  
8 public system for transporting more than 10 passengers;  
9 (ii) are used as common carriers in the general  
10 transportation of passengers and not devoted to any  
11 specialized purpose; (iii) operate entirely within the  
12 territorial limits of a single municipality or a single  
13 municipality and contiguous municipalities; and (iv) are  
14 subject to the regulation of the Illinois Commerce  
15 Commission. The owner of a vehicle under this paragraph is  
16 exempt from paying a flat weight tax or a mileage weight  
17 tax under this Code.

18           10. Beginning with the 2027 registration year,  
19 vehicles owned by a municipality or fire protection  
20 district operated by or for the emergency medical services  
21 (EMS) chief that are eligible for issuance of EMS chief  
22 license plates under Section 3-699.26.

23           (b-5) Beginning with the 2016 registration year, permanent  
24 vehicle registration plates shall be issued for a one-time fee  
25 of \$8.00 to a county, township, or municipal corporation that  
26 owns or operates vehicles used for the purpose of community

1 workplace commuting as defined by the Secretary of State by  
2 administrative rule. The design and color of the plates shall  
3 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The  
4 Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement this  
5 subsection (b-5).

6 (c) Beginning with the 2012 registration year,  
7 county-owned vehicles operated by or for any county sheriff  
8 and designated deputy sheriffs that have been issued  
9 registration plates under subsection (b) of this Section shall  
10 be exempt from any fee for the transfer of registration from  
11 one vehicle to another vehicle. Each county sheriff shall  
12 report to the Secretary of State any transfer of registration  
13 plates from one vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for  
14 any county sheriff and designated deputy sheriffs. The  
15 Secretary of State shall adopt rules to implement this  
16 subsection (c).

17 (c-5) Beginning with the 2014 registration year,  
18 municipally owned, fire district owned, or Mutual Aid Box  
19 Alarm System (MABAS) owned vehicles operated by or for any  
20 fire department, fire protection district, or MABAS that have  
21 been issued registration plates under subsection (b) of this  
22 Section shall be exempt from any fee for the transfer of  
23 registration from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each fire  
24 department, fire protection district, of MABAS shall report to  
25 the Secretary of State any transfer of registration plates  
26 from one vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for any fire

1 department, fire protection district, or MABAS. The Secretary  
2 of State shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

3 (d) Beginning with the 2013 registration year, municipally  
4 owned vehicles operated by or for any police department that  
5 have been issued registration plates under subsection (b) of  
6 this Section shall be exempt from any fee for the transfer of  
7 registration from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each  
8 municipal police department shall report to the Secretary of  
9 State any transfer of registration plates from one vehicle to  
10 another vehicle operated by or for any municipal police  
11 department. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to  
12 implement this subsection (d).

13 (e) Beginning with the 2016 registration year, any vehicle  
14 owned or operated by a county, township, or municipal  
15 corporation that has been issued registration plates under  
16 this Section is exempt from any fee for the transfer of  
17 registration from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each county,  
18 township, or municipal corporation shall report to the  
19 Secretary of State any transfer of registration plates from  
20 one vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for any county,  
21 township, or municipal corporation.

22 (f) Beginning with the 2020 registration year, any vehicle  
23 owned or operated by a public school district from grades  
24 K-12, a public community college, or a medical facility or  
25 hospital of a municipality, county, or township that has been  
26 issued registration plates under this Section is exempt from

1 any fee for the transfer of registration from one vehicle to  
2 another vehicle. Each school district, public community  
3 college, or medical facility or hospital shall report to the  
4 Secretary any transfer of registration plates from one vehicle  
5 to another vehicle operated by the school district, public  
6 community college, or medical facility.

7 (g) Beginning with the 2025 registration year, vehicles  
8 owned or operated by or for a private or public university  
9 police department or a private or public college police  
10 department, except for motor driven cycles and all-terrain  
11 vehicles, may be registered under subsection (b) of this  
12 Section. These registration plates shall contain the  
13 designation "university police" or "college police" and shall  
14 be numbered and distributed as prescribed by the Secretary of  
15 State.

16 (Source: P.A. 103-135, eff. 1-1-24.)

17 (625 ILCS 5/12-215)

18 Sec. 12-215. Oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights on  
19 motor vehicles. Except as otherwise provided in this Code:

20 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating, or  
21 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited  
22 except on:

23 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, federal, or  
24 local authorities;

25 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county

1 coroner and designated or authorized by local authorities,  
2 in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle; however, such  
3 designation or authorization must be carried in the  
4 vehicle;

5 2.1. A vehicle operated by a fire chief, deputy fire  
6 chief, or assistant fire chief who has completed an  
7 emergency vehicle operation training course approved by  
8 the Office of the State Fire Marshal and designated or  
9 authorized by local authorities, fire departments, or fire  
10 protection districts, in writing, as a fire department,  
11 fire protection district, or township fire department  
12 vehicle; however, the designation or authorization must be  
13 carried in the vehicle, and the lights may be visible or  
14 activated only when responding to a bona fide emergency;

15 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or  
16 federal firefighting vehicles;

17 4. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as  
18 ambulances or rescue vehicles; furthermore, such lights  
19 shall not be lighted except when responding to an  
20 emergency call for and while actually conveying the sick  
21 or injured;

22 4.5. Vehicles operated by an EMS chief that are  
23 affixed with EMS chief special registration plates or  
24 vehicles which are occasionally used as rescue vehicles  
25 that have been authorized for use as rescue vehicles by a  
26 volunteer EMS provider, provided that the operator of the

1 vehicle has successfully completed an emergency vehicle  
2 operation training course recognized by the Department of  
3 Public Health; furthermore, the lights shall not be  
4 lighted except when responding to an emergency call for  
5 the sick or injured;

6 5. Tow trucks licensed in a state that requires such  
7 lights; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on  
8 any such tow truck while the tow truck is operating in the  
9 State of Illinois;

10 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management  
11 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire  
12 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public  
13 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
14 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
15 Juvenile Justice;

16 7. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency  
17 management services agency as defined in the Illinois  
18 Emergency Management Agency Act;

19 8. School buses operating alternately flashing head  
20 lamps as permitted under Section 12-805 of this Code;

21 9. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as  
22 organ transplant vehicles when used in combination with  
23 blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;  
24 furthermore, these lights shall be lighted only when the  
25 transportation is declared an emergency by a member of the  
26 transplant team or a representative of the organ

1 procurement organization;

2 10. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural  
3 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives  
4 emergency response;

5 11. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
6 Transportation identified as Emergency Traffic Patrol; the  
7 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an  
8 emergency call or when parked or stationary while engaged  
9 in motor vehicle assistance or at the scene of the  
10 emergency; and

11 12. Vehicles of the Illinois State Toll Highway  
12 Authority with a gross vehicle weight rating of 9,000  
13 pounds or more and those identified as Highway Emergency  
14 Lane Patrol; the lights shall not be lighted except when  
15 responding to an emergency call or when parked or  
16 stationary while engaged in motor vehicle assistance or at  
17 the scene of the emergency.

18 (b) The use of amber oscillating, rotating, or flashing  
19 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except on:

20 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for  
21 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights  
22 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph  
23 1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are  
24 actually being used at the scene of a crash or  
25 disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a flat  
26 bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being

1 transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the  
2 vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing  
3 vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all  
4 wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall be  
5 lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing on a  
6 highway during all times when the use of headlights is  
7 required under Section 12-201 of this Code; in addition,  
8 these vehicles may use white oscillating, rotating, or  
9 flashing lights in combination with amber oscillating,  
10 rotating, or flashing lights as provided in this  
11 paragraph;

12 2. Motor vehicles or equipment of the State of  
13 Illinois, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, local  
14 authorities, and contractors; furthermore, such lights  
15 shall not be lighted except while such vehicles are  
16 engaged in maintenance or construction operations within  
17 the limits of construction projects;

18 3. Vehicles or equipment used by engineering or survey  
19 crews; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted  
20 except while such vehicles are actually engaged in work on  
21 a highway;

22 4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or  
23 other construction, maintenance, or automotive service  
24 vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as  
25 a means for indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic  
26 hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking,

1 or passing while such vehicles are engaged in maintenance,  
2 service, or construction on a highway;

3 5. Oversized vehicle or load; however, such lights  
4 shall only be lighted when moving under permit issued by  
5 the Department under Section 15-301 of this Code;

6 6. The front and rear of motorized equipment owned and  
7 operated by the State of Illinois or any political  
8 subdivision thereof, which is designed and used for  
9 removal of snow and ice from highways;

10 6.1. The front and rear of motorized equipment or  
11 vehicles that (i) are not owned by the State of Illinois or  
12 any political subdivision of the State, (ii) are designed  
13 and used for removal of snow and ice from highways and  
14 parking lots, and (iii) are equipped with a snow plow that  
15 is 12 feet in width; these lights may not be lighted except  
16 when the motorized equipment or vehicle is actually being  
17 used for those purposes on behalf of a unit of government;

18 7. Fleet safety vehicles registered in another state,  
19 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except as  
20 provided for in Section 12-212 of this Code;

21 8. Such other vehicles as may be authorized by local  
22 authorities;

23 9. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local  
24 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,  
25 rotating, or flashing lights;

26 9.5. Propane delivery trucks;

1           10. Vehicles used for collecting or delivering mail  
2 for the United States Postal Service provided that such  
3 lights shall not be lighted except when such vehicles are  
4 actually being used for such purposes;

5           10.5. Vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State  
6 Fire Marshal, provided that such lights shall not be  
7 lighted except for when such vehicles are engaged in work  
8 for the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal;

9           11. Any vehicle displaying a slow-moving vehicle  
10 emblem as provided in Section 12-205.1;

11           12. All trucks equipped with self-compactors or  
12 roll-off hoists and roll-on containers for garbage,  
13 recycling, or refuse hauling. Such lights shall not be  
14 lighted except when such vehicles are actually being used  
15 for such purposes;

16           13. Vehicles used by a security company, alarm  
17 responder, control agency, or the Illinois Department of  
18 Corrections;

19           14. Security vehicles of the Department of Human  
20 Services; however, the lights shall not be lighted except  
21 when being used for security related purposes under the  
22 direction of the superintendent of the facility where the  
23 vehicle is located; and

24           15. Vehicles of union representatives, except that the  
25 lights shall be lighted only while the vehicle is within  
26 the limits of a construction project.

1 (c) The use of blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing  
2 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except on:

3 1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire  
4 department or fire protection district and vehicles owned  
5 or operated by an EMS chief as provided in subsection (a);  
6 ~~a~~ voluntary firefighter; a paid firefighter; a part-paid  
7 firefighter; a call firefighter; a member of the board of  
8 trustees of a fire protection district; a paid or unpaid  
9 member of a rescue squad; a paid or unpaid member of a  
10 voluntary ambulance unit; or a paid or unpaid members of a  
11 local or county emergency management services agency as  
12 defined in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act,  
13 designated or authorized by local authorities, in writing,  
14 and carrying that designation or authorization in the  
15 vehicle.

16 However, such lights are not to be lighted except when  
17 responding to a bona fide emergency or when parked or  
18 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance  
19 call, or motor vehicle crash.

20 Any person using these lights in accordance with this  
21 subdivision (c)1 must carry on his or her person an  
22 identification card or letter identifying the bona fide  
23 member of a fire department, fire protection district,  
24 rescue squad, ambulance unit, or emergency management  
25 services agency that owns or operates that vehicle. The  
26 card or letter must include:

1 (A) the name of the fire department, fire  
2 protection district, rescue squad, ambulance unit, or  
3 emergency management services agency;

4 (B) the member's position within the fire  
5 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,  
6 ambulance unit, or emergency management services  
7 agency;

8 (C) the member's term of service; and

9 (D) the name of a person within the fire  
10 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,  
11 ambulance unit, or emergency management services  
12 agency to contact to verify the information provided.

13 2. Police department vehicles in cities having a  
14 population of 500,000 or more inhabitants.

15 3. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local  
16 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,  
17 rotating, or flashing lights.

18 4. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or  
19 federal firefighting vehicles when used in combination  
20 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

21 5. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as  
22 ambulances or rescue vehicles when used in combination  
23 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;  
24 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except when  
25 responding to an emergency call.

26 6. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as

1 organ transport vehicles when used in combination with red  
2 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights; furthermore,  
3 these lights shall only be lighted when the transportation  
4 is declared an emergency by a member of the transplant  
5 team or a representative of the organ procurement  
6 organization.

7 7. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management  
8 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire  
9 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public  
10 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
11 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of  
12 Juvenile Justice, when used in combination with red  
13 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

14 8. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency  
15 management services agency as defined in the Illinois  
16 Emergency Management Agency Act, when used in combination  
17 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

18 9. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural  
19 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives  
20 emergency response, when used in combination with red  
21 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

22 (c-1) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or  
23 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and  
24 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a  
25 voluntary firefighter, a voluntary member of a rescue squad,  
26 or a member of a voluntary ambulance unit may be equipped with

1 flashing white headlights and blue grill lights, which may be  
2 used only in responding to an emergency call or when parked or  
3 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance  
4 call, or motor vehicle crash.

5 (c-2) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or  
6 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and  
7 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a paid  
8 or unpaid member of a local or county emergency management  
9 services agency as defined in the Illinois Emergency  
10 Management Agency Act, may be equipped with white oscillating,  
11 rotating, or flashing lights to be used in combination with  
12 blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, if  
13 authorization by local authorities is in writing and carried  
14 in the vehicle.

15 (d) The use of a combination of amber and white  
16 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, whether lighted or  
17 unlighted, is prohibited except on second division vehicles  
18 designed and used for towing or hoisting vehicles or motor  
19 vehicles or equipment of the State of Illinois, local  
20 authorities, contractors, and union representatives;  
21 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on second  
22 division vehicles designed and used for towing or hoisting  
23 vehicles or vehicles of the State of Illinois, local  
24 authorities, and contractors except while such vehicles are  
25 engaged in a tow operation, highway maintenance, or  
26 construction operations within the limits of highway

1 construction projects, and shall not be lighted on the  
2 vehicles of union representatives except when those vehicles  
3 are within the limits of a construction project.

4 (d-5) The use of green oscillating, flashing, or rotating  
5 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except on:

6 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for  
7 towing or hoisting vehicles when the lights on those  
8 vehicles are used in combination with amber or amber and  
9 white oscillating, flashing, or rotating lights;  
10 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except when  
11 such vehicles are actually being used at the scene of a  
12 crash or disablement.

13 2. Motor vehicles or equipment of the State of  
14 Illinois when the lights on those vehicles or equipment  
15 are used in combination with amber or amber and white  
16 oscillating, flashing, or rotating lights; furthermore,  
17 such lights shall not be lighted except while such  
18 vehicles or equipment are engaged in maintenance  
19 operations, snow and ice removal operations, or performing  
20 traffic control and protection duties while at an  
21 emergency scene.

22 3. Motor vehicles of the Department of Transportation  
23 identified as Emergency Traffic Patrol when the lights on  
24 those vehicles are used in combination with red and white  
25 oscillating, flashing, or rotating lights when responding  
26 to an emergency call or when parked or stationary while

1 engaged in motor vehicle assistance or at an emergency  
2 scene.

3 4. Motor vehicles of the Illinois State Toll Highway  
4 Authority when the lights on those vehicles are used in  
5 combination with amber oscillating, flashing, or rotating  
6 lights; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted  
7 except while such vehicles are engaged in maintenance  
8 operations, snow and ice removal operations, or performing  
9 traffic control and protection duties while at an  
10 emergency scene.

11 5. Motor vehicles of the Illinois State Toll Highway  
12 Authority with a gross vehicle weight rating of 9,000  
13 pounds or more and those identified as Highway Emergency  
14 Lane Patrol when the lights on those vehicles are used in  
15 combination with red and white oscillating, flashing, or  
16 rotating lights when responding to an emergency call or  
17 when parked or stationary while engaged in motor vehicle  
18 assistance or at the scene of the emergency.

19 6. Motor vehicles or equipment of local authority or  
20 municipalities which perform highway maintenance  
21 operations, when the lights on those vehicles are used in  
22 combination with amber or amber and white oscillating,  
23 flashing, or rotating lights; furthermore, such lights  
24 shall not be lighted except while such vehicles are  
25 engaged in the maintenance operations, snow and ice  
26 removal operations, or performing traffic control and

1 protection duties while at an emergency scene.

2 7. Fire department vehicles of local fire departments  
3 and State or federal firefighting vehicles when the lights  
4 on those vehicles are used in combination with red, or red  
5 and white, or red and blue, oscillating, rotating, or  
6 flashing lights.

7 8. Vehicles used by a security company when the lights  
8 on those vehicles are used in combination with amber  
9 oscillating, flashing, or rotating lights; furthermore,  
10 such lights shall not be lighted except when the vehicle  
11 is being operated upon the property or location where the  
12 security company is employed to perform security or crime  
13 prevention duties.

14 9. Ambulances or rescue vehicles operating in counties  
15 with populations of less than 2,000,000.

16 (d-10) Fire department vehicles of local fire departments  
17 and State or federal firefighting vehicles, police vehicles of  
18 State, federal, or local authorities, and vehicles designated  
19 by local or State authority, while parked at an emergency  
20 scene, may use a steady-on illumination or steady-burn, or  
21 flashing green beacon or beacons if such steady-on,  
22 steady-burn, or flashing beacon is used to indicate an  
23 emergency operations command post or incident command  
24 location.

25 (e) All oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights referred  
26 to in this Section shall be of sufficient intensity, when

1 illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

2 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a manufacturer  
3 of oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights or his  
4 representative or authorized vendor from temporarily mounting  
5 such lights on a vehicle for demonstration purposes only. If  
6 the lights are not covered while the vehicle is operated upon a  
7 highway, the vehicle shall display signage indicating that the  
8 vehicle is out of service or not an emergency vehicle. The  
9 signage shall be displayed on all sides of the vehicle in  
10 letters at least 2 inches tall and one-half inch wide. A  
11 vehicle authorized to have oscillating, rotating, or flashing  
12 lights mounted for demonstration purposes may not activate the  
13 lights while the vehicle is operated upon a highway.

14 (g) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (a),  
15 (b), (c), (d), (d-5), or (d-10) of this Section who without  
16 lawful authority stops or detains or attempts to stop or  
17 detain another person shall be guilty of a Class 2 felony.

18 (h) Except as provided in subsection (g) above, any person  
19 violating the provisions of subsection (a) or (c) of this  
20 Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

21 (Source: P.A. 102-842, eff. 1-1-23; 102-982, eff. 7-1-23;  
22 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-667, eff. 1-1-25.)

23 (625 ILCS 5/12-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-601)

24 Sec. 12-601. Horns and warning devices.

25 (a) Every motor vehicle when operated upon a highway shall

1 be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of  
2 emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance  
3 of not less than 200 feet, but no horn or other warning device  
4 shall emit an unreasonable loud or harsh sound or a whistle.  
5 The driver of a motor vehicle shall when reasonably necessary  
6 to insure safe operation give audible warning with his horn  
7 but shall not otherwise use such horn when upon a highway.

8 (b) No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person  
9 use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as  
10 otherwise permitted in this Section. Any authorized emergency  
11 vehicle or organ transport vehicle as defined in Chapter 1 of  
12 this Code or a vehicle operated by a fire chief, deputy fire  
13 chief, assistant fire chief, EMS chief, or the Director or  
14 Coordinator of a municipal or county emergency services and  
15 disaster agency may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell  
16 capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from  
17 a distance of not less than 500 feet, but such siren, whistle,  
18 or bell shall not be used except when such vehicle is operated  
19 in response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of  
20 an actual or suspected violator of the law in either of which  
21 events the driver of such vehicle shall sound such siren,  
22 whistle, or bell when necessary to warn pedestrians and other  
23 drivers of the approach thereof.

24 (c) Trackless trolley coaches, as defined by Section 1-206  
25 of this Code, and replica trolleys, as defined by Section  
26 1-171.04 of this Code, may be equipped with a bell or bells in

1 lieu of a horn, and may, in addition to the requirements of  
2 subsection (a) of this Section, use a bell or bells for the  
3 purpose of indicating arrival or departure at designated stops  
4 during the hours of scheduled operation.

5 (Source: P.A. 102-448, eff. 1-1-22.)".