



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

**HB4046**

by Rep. William "Will" Davis

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Emergency Digital Communication Pilot Permits Act. Allows the Department of Transportation to issue pilot permits for digital public safety communication devices on State highway rights-of-way. Provides that digital public safety communication devices shall be operated solely by a unit of local government, shall not display commercial advertising, and must be installed on municipally owned infrastructure with emergency override functionality. Requires the Department to adopt rules to implement the Act. 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 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Emergency Digital Communication Pilot Permits Act.

6 Section 5. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to  
7 authorize municipalities in this State to install and operate  
8 noncommercial digital banner systems within State highway  
9 rights-of-way for the purpose of enhancing homeland security,  
10 emergency preparedness, and public safety communications.

11 Section 10. Definition. As used in this Act, "digital  
12 public safety communication device" means a digital or LED  
13 display installed by or on behalf of a local governmental  
14 entity, used exclusively for emergency alerts, public safety  
15 messaging, and civic announcements.

16 Section 15. Permitting. Notwithstanding any provision in  
17 Section 6.02 of the Highway Advertising Control Act of 1971 or  
18 Section 9-112.2 of the Illinois Highway Code to the contrary,  
19 the Department of Transportation may issue pilot permits for  
20 digital public safety communication devices on State highway  
21 rights-of-way, subject to regulatory guidelines developed by

1 the Department of Transportation.

2 Section 20. Restrictions. Digital public safety  
3 communication devices shall be operated solely by a unit of  
4 local government, shall not display commercial advertising,  
5 and must be installed on municipally owned infrastructure with  
6 emergency override functionality.

7 Section 25. Rulemaking. The Department of Transportation  
8 shall adopt rules for implementation of this Act, including  
9 eligibility, content restrictions, monitoring, and enforcement  
10 mechanisms.

11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
12 becoming law.