

**HB4281**



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**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

625 ILCS 5/11-208.8

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the provision regarding automated speed enforcement systems in safety zones applies only to municipalities with a population of 25,000 (rather than 1,000,000) or more inhabitants in a county with a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.

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A BILL FOR

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 11-208.8 as follows:

6           (625 ILCS 5/11-208.8)

7           Sec. 11-208.8. Automated speed enforcement systems in  
8 safety zones.

9           (a) As used in this Section:

10           "Automated speed enforcement system" means a photographic  
11 device, radar device, laser device, or other electrical or  
12 mechanical device or devices installed or utilized in a safety  
13 zone and designed to record the speed of a vehicle and obtain a  
14 clear photograph or other recorded image of the vehicle and  
15 the vehicle's registration plate or digital registration plate  
16 while the driver is violating Article VI of Chapter 11 of this  
17 Code or a similar provision of a local ordinance.

18           An automated speed enforcement system is a system, located  
19 in a safety zone which is under the jurisdiction of a  
20 municipality, that produces a recorded image of a motor  
21 vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a local  
22 ordinance and is designed to obtain a clear recorded image of  
23 the vehicle and the vehicle's license plate. The recorded

1 image must also display the time, date, and location of the  
2 violation.

3 "Owner" means the person or entity to whom the vehicle is  
4 registered.

5 "Recorded image" means images recorded by an automated  
6 speed enforcement system on:

7 (1) 2 or more photographs;

8 (2) 2 or more microphotographs;

9 (3) 2 or more electronic images; or

10 (4) a video recording showing the motor vehicle and,

11 on at least one image or portion of the recording, clearly  
12 identifying the registration plate or digital registration  
13 plate number of the motor vehicle.

14 "Safety zone" means an area that is within one-eighth of a  
15 mile from the nearest property line of any public or private  
16 elementary or secondary school, or from the nearest property  
17 line of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district  
18 that is used for educational purposes approved by the Illinois  
19 State Board of Education, not including school district  
20 headquarters or administrative buildings. A safety zone also  
21 includes an area that is within one-eighth of a mile from the  
22 nearest property line of any facility, area, or land owned by a  
23 park district used for recreational purposes. However, if any  
24 portion of a roadway is within either one-eighth mile radius,  
25 the safety zone also shall include the roadway extended to the  
26 furthest portion of the next furthest intersection. The term

1       "safety zone" does not include any portion of the roadway  
2       known as Lake Shore Drive or any controlled access highway  
3       with 8 or more lanes of traffic.

4               (a-5) The automated speed enforcement system shall be  
5       operational and violations shall be recorded only at the  
6       following times:

7                       (i) if the safety zone is based upon the property line  
8       of any facility, area, or land owned by a school district,  
9       only on school days and no earlier than 6 a.m. and no later  
10      than 8:30 p.m. if the school day is during the period of  
11      Monday through Thursday, or 9 p.m. if the school day is a  
12      Friday; and

13                       (ii) if the safety zone is based upon the property  
14      line of any facility, area, or land owned by a park  
15      district, no earlier than one hour prior to the time that  
16      the facility, area, or land is open to the public or other  
17      patrons, and no later than one hour after the facility,  
18      area, or land is closed to the public or other patrons.

19               (b) A municipality that produces a recorded image of a  
20      motor vehicle's violation of a provision of this Code or a  
21      local ordinance must make the recorded images of a violation  
22      accessible to the alleged violator by providing the alleged  
23      violator with a website address, accessible through the  
24      Internet.

25               (c) Notwithstanding any penalties for any other violations  
26      of this Code, the owner of a motor vehicle used in a traffic

1 violation recorded by an automated speed enforcement system  
2 shall be subject to the following penalties:

3 (1) if the recorded speed is no less than 6 miles per  
4 hour and no more than 10 miles per hour over the legal  
5 speed limit, a civil penalty not exceeding \$50, plus an  
6 additional penalty of not more than \$50 for failure to pay  
7 the original penalty in a timely manner; or

8 (2) if the recorded speed is more than 10 miles per  
9 hour over the legal speed limit, a civil penalty not  
10 exceeding \$100, plus an additional penalty of not more  
11 than \$100 for failure to pay the original penalty in a  
12 timely manner.

13 A penalty may not be imposed under this Section if the  
14 driver of the motor vehicle received a Uniform Traffic  
15 Citation from a police officer for a speeding violation  
16 occurring within one-eighth of a mile and 15 minutes of the  
17 violation that was recorded by the system. A violation for  
18 which a civil penalty is imposed under this Section is not a  
19 violation of a traffic regulation governing the movement of  
20 vehicles and may not be recorded on the driving record of the  
21 owner of the vehicle. A law enforcement officer is not  
22 required to be present or to witness the violation. No penalty  
23 may be imposed under this Section if the recorded speed of a  
24 vehicle is 5 miles per hour or less over the legal speed limit.  
25 The municipality may send, in the same manner that notices are  
26 sent under this Section, a speed violation warning notice

1 where the violation involves a speed of 5 miles per hour or  
2 less above the legal speed limit.

3 (d) The net proceeds that a municipality receives from  
4 civil penalties imposed under an automated speed enforcement  
5 system, after deducting all non-personnel and personnel costs  
6 associated with the operation and maintenance of such system,  
7 shall be expended or obligated by the municipality for the  
8 following purposes:

9 (i) public safety initiatives to ensure safe passage  
10 around schools, and to provide police protection and  
11 surveillance around schools and parks, including but not  
12 limited to: (1) personnel costs; and (2) non-personnel  
13 costs such as construction and maintenance of public  
14 safety infrastructure and equipment;

15 (ii) initiatives to improve pedestrian and traffic  
16 safety;

17 (iii) construction and maintenance of infrastructure  
18 within the municipality, including but not limited to  
19 roads and bridges; and

20 (iv) after school programs.

21 (e) For each violation of a provision of this Code or a  
22 local ordinance recorded by an automated speed enforcement  
23 system, the municipality having jurisdiction shall issue a  
24 written notice of the violation to the registered owner of the  
25 vehicle as the alleged violator. The notice shall be delivered  
26 to the registered owner of the vehicle, by mail, within 30 days

1 after the Secretary of State notifies the municipality of the  
2 identity of the owner of the vehicle, but in no event later  
3 than 90 days after the violation.

4 (f) The notice required under subsection (e) of this  
5 Section shall include:

6 (1) the name and address of the registered owner of  
7 the vehicle;

8 (2) the registration number of the motor vehicle  
9 involved in the violation;

10 (3) the violation charged;

11 (4) the date, time, and location where the violation  
12 occurred;

13 (5) a copy of the recorded image or images;

14 (6) the amount of the civil penalty imposed and the  
15 date by which the civil penalty should be paid;

16 (7) a statement that recorded images are evidence of a  
17 violation of a speed restriction;

18 (8) a warning that failure to pay the civil penalty or  
19 to contest liability in a timely manner is an admission of  
20 liability;

21 (9) a statement that the person may elect to proceed  
22 by:

23 (A) paying the fine; or

24 (B) challenging the charge in court, by mail, or  
25 by administrative hearing; and

26 (10) a website address, accessible through the

1       Internet, where the person may view the recorded images of  
2       the violation.

3       (g) (Blank).

4       (h) Based on inspection of recorded images produced by an  
5       automated speed enforcement system, a notice alleging that the  
6       violation occurred shall be evidence of the facts contained in  
7       the notice and admissible in any proceeding alleging a  
8       violation under this Section.

9       (i) Recorded images made by an automated speed enforcement  
10      system are confidential and shall be made available only to  
11      the alleged violator and governmental and law enforcement  
12      agencies for purposes of adjudicating a violation of this  
13      Section, for statistical purposes, or for other governmental  
14      purposes. Any recorded image evidencing a violation of this  
15      Section, however, may be admissible in any proceeding  
16      resulting from the issuance of the citation.

17       (j) The court or hearing officer may consider in defense  
18      of a violation:

19           (1) that the motor vehicle or registration plates or  
20           digital registration plates of the motor vehicle were  
21           stolen before the violation occurred and not under the  
22           control or in the possession of the owner or lessee at the  
23           time of the violation;

24           (1.5) that the motor vehicle was hijacked before the  
25           violation occurred and not under the control of or in the  
26           possession of the owner or lessee at the time of the

1 violation;

2 (2) that the driver of the motor vehicle received a  
3 Uniform Traffic Citation from a police officer for a  
4 speeding violation occurring within one-eighth of a mile  
5 and 15 minutes of the violation that was recorded by the  
6 system; and

7 (3) any other evidence or issues provided by municipal  
8 ordinance.

9 (k) To demonstrate that the motor vehicle was hijacked or  
10 the motor vehicle or registration plates or digital  
11 registration plates were stolen before the violation occurred  
12 and were not under the control or possession of the owner or  
13 lessee at the time of the violation, the owner or lessee must  
14 submit proof that a report concerning the motor vehicle or  
15 registration plates was filed with a law enforcement agency in  
16 a timely manner.

17 (l) A roadway equipped with an automated speed enforcement  
18 system shall be posted with a sign conforming to the national  
19 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices that is visible to  
20 approaching traffic stating that vehicle speeds are being  
21 photo-enforced and indicating the speed limit. The  
22 municipality shall install such additional signage as it  
23 determines is necessary to give reasonable notice to drivers  
24 as to where automated speed enforcement systems are installed.

25 (m) A roadway where a new automated speed enforcement  
26 system is installed shall be posted with signs providing 30

1 days notice of the use of a new automated speed enforcement  
2 system prior to the issuance of any citations through the  
3 automated speed enforcement system.

4 (n) The compensation paid for an automated speed  
5 enforcement system must be based on the value of the equipment  
6 or the services provided and may not be based on the number of  
7 traffic citations issued or the revenue generated by the  
8 system.

9 (n-1) No member of the General Assembly and no officer or  
10 employee of a municipality or county shall knowingly accept  
11 employment or receive compensation or fees for services from a  
12 vendor that provides automated speed enforcement system  
13 equipment or services to municipalities or counties. No former  
14 member of the General Assembly shall, within a period of 2  
15 years immediately after the termination of service as a member  
16 of the General Assembly, knowingly accept employment or  
17 receive compensation or fees for services from a vendor that  
18 provides automated speed enforcement system equipment or  
19 services to municipalities or counties. No former officer or  
20 employee of a municipality or county shall, within a period of  
21 2 years immediately after the termination of municipal or  
22 county employment, knowingly accept employment or receive  
23 compensation or fees for services from a vendor that provides  
24 automated speed enforcement system equipment or services to  
25 municipalities or counties.

26 (o) (Blank).

(p) No person who is the lessor of a motor vehicle pursuant to a written lease agreement shall be liable for an automated speed or traffic law enforcement system violation involving such motor vehicle during the period of the lease; provided that upon the request of the appropriate authority received within 120 days after the violation occurred, the lessor provides within 60 days after such receipt the name and address of the lessee. The drivers license number of a lessee may be subsequently individually requested by the appropriate authority if needed for enforcement of this Section.

Upon the provision of information by the lessor pursuant to this subsection, the municipality may issue the violation to the lessee of the vehicle in the same manner as it would issue a violation to a registered owner of a vehicle pursuant to this Section, and the lessee may be held liable for the violation.

17 (q) A municipality using an automated speed enforcement  
18 system must provide notice to drivers by publishing the  
19 locations of all safety zones where system equipment is  
20 installed on the website of the municipality.

21 (r) A municipality operating an automated speed  
22 enforcement system shall conduct a statistical analysis to  
23 assess the safety impact of the system following installation  
24 of the system and every 2 years thereafter. A municipality  
25 operating an automated speed enforcement system before the  
26 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General

1       Assembly shall conduct a statistical analysis to assess the  
2       safety impact of the system by no later than one year after the  
3       effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
4       Assembly and every 2 years thereafter. Each statistical  
5       analysis shall be based upon the best available crash,  
6       traffic, and other data, and shall cover a period of time  
7       before and after installation of the system sufficient to  
8       provide a statistically valid comparison of safety impact.  
9       Each statistical analysis shall be consistent with  
10      professional judgment and acceptable industry practice. Each  
11      statistical analysis also shall be consistent with the data  
12      required for valid comparisons of before and after conditions  
13      and shall be conducted within a reasonable period following  
14      the installation of the automated traffic law enforcement  
15      system. Each statistical analysis required by this subsection  
16      shall be made available to the public and shall be published on  
17      the website of the municipality.

18               (s) This Section applies only to municipalities with a  
19       population of 25,000 ~~1,000,000~~ or more inhabitants in a county  
20       with a population of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants.

21               (t) If a county or municipality selects a new vendor for  
22       its automated speed enforcement system and must, as a  
23       consequence, apply for a permit, approval, or other  
24       authorization from the Department for reinstallation of one or  
25       more malfunctioning components of that system and if, at the  
26       time of the application for the permit, approval, or other

1 authorization, the new vendor operates an automated speed  
2 enforcement system for any other county or municipality in the  
3 State, then the Department shall approve or deny the county or  
4 municipality's application for the permit, approval, or other  
5 authorization within 90 days after its receipt.

6 (u) The Department may revoke any permit, approval, or  
7 other authorization granted to a county or municipality for  
8 the placement, installation, or operation of an automated  
9 speed enforcement system if any official or employee who  
10 serves that county or municipality is charged with bribery,  
11 official misconduct, or a similar crime related to the  
12 placement, installation, or operation of the automated speed  
13 enforcement system in the county or municipality.

14 The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to  
15 implement and administer this subsection. The rules adopted by  
16 the Department shall describe the revocation process, shall  
17 ensure that notice of the revocation is provided, and shall  
18 provide an opportunity to appeal the revocation. Any county or  
19 municipality that has a permit, approval, or other  
20 authorization revoked under this subsection may not reapply  
21 for such a permit, approval, or other authorization for a  
22 period of 1 year after the revocation.

23 (Source: P.A. 102-905, eff. 1-1-23; 103-364, eff. 7-28-23.)