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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4867

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4867 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 12-215 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-215)

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

9 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating, or
10 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited
11 except on:

12 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, federal, or
13 local authorities;

14 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county
15 coroner and designated or authorized by local authorities,
16 in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle; however, such

1 designation or authorization must be carried in the
2 vehicle;

3 2.1. A vehicle operated by a fire chief, deputy fire
4 chief, assistant fire chief, or a chief of a Mutual Aid Box
5 Alarm System who has completed an emergency vehicle
6 operation training course approved by the Office of the
7 State Fire Marshal and designated or authorized by local
8 authorities, fire departments, fire protection districts,
9 or Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems, in writing, as a fire
10 department, fire protection district, township fire
11 department, or Mutual Aid ~~Aide~~ Box Alarm System vehicle;
12 however, the designation or authorization must be carried
13 in the vehicle, and the lights may be visible or activated
14 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 that ~~which~~ are occasionally used as rescue
25 vehicles that have been authorized for use as rescue
26 vehicles by a volunteer EMS provider, provided that the

1 operator of the vehicle has successfully completed an
2 emergency vehicle operation training course recognized by
3 the Department of Public Health; furthermore, the lights
4 shall not be lighted except when responding to an
5 emergency call for 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 member
11 ~~members~~ of a local or county emergency management services
12 agency as defined in the Illinois Emergency Management
13 Agency Act, designated or authorized by local authorities,
14 in writing, and carrying that designation or authorization
15 in the 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 10. Motor vehicles or equipment used by contractors,
17 engineering or survey crews, or union representatives
18 engaged in work on a highway; furthermore, such lights
19 shall not be lighted except while the vehicles are
20 actually engaged in work on a highway.

21 (d-10) Fire department vehicles of local fire departments
22 and State or federal firefighting vehicles, police vehicles of
23 State, federal, or local authorities, and vehicles designated
24 by local or State authority, while parked at an emergency
25 scene, may use a steady-on illumination or steady-burn, or
26 flashing green beacon or beacons if such steady-on,

1 steady-burn, or flashing beacon is used to indicate an
2 emergency operations command post or incident command
3 location.

4 (e) All oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights referred
5 to in this Section shall be of sufficient intensity, when
6 illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

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

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

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

26 (Source: P.A. 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-667, eff. 1-1-25;

1 104-81, eff. 1-1-26; 104-213, eff. 1-1-26; revised 11-21-25.)

2 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
3 becoming law.".