



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB5008

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-204
625 ILCS 5/11-506

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-204

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Increases the penalty for fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class 4 felony, and, for a third or subsequent violation, from a Class 4 felony to a Class 3 felony. Provides that any person who participates in street racing or a street sideshow, including as a spectator, where 10 or more people are present shall be guilty of a petty offense. 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 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 11-204 and 11-506 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-204) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-204)

7 Sec. 11-204. Fleeing or attempting to elude a peace
8 officer.

9 (a) Any driver or operator of a motor vehicle who, having
10 been given a visual or audible signal by a peace officer
11 directing such driver or operator to bring his vehicle to a
12 stop, wilfully fails or refuses to obey such direction,
13 increases his speed, extinguishes his lights, or otherwise
14 flees or attempts to elude the officer, is guilty of a Class 4
15 felony ~~A misdemeanor~~. The signal given by the peace officer
16 may be by hand, voice, siren, red or blue light. Provided, the
17 officer giving such signal shall be in police uniform, and, if
18 driving a vehicle, such vehicle shall display illuminated
19 oscillating, rotating or flashing red or blue lights which
20 when used in conjunction with an audible horn or siren would
21 indicate the vehicle to be an official police vehicle. Such
22 requirement shall not preclude the use of amber or white
23 oscillating, rotating or flashing lights in conjunction with

1 red or blue oscillating, rotating or flashing lights as
2 required in Section 12-215 of Chapter 12.

3 (b) Upon receiving notice of such conviction the Secretary
4 of State shall suspend the drivers license of the person so
5 convicted for a period of not more than 6 months for a first
6 conviction and not more than 12 months for a second
7 conviction.

8 (c) A third or subsequent violation of this Section is a
9 Class 3 ~~4~~ felony.

10 (Source: P.A. 93-120, eff. 1-1-04.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/11-506)

12 Sec. 11-506. Street racing; aggravated street racing;
13 street sideshows.

14 (a) No person shall engage in street racing on any street
15 or highway of this State.

16 (a-5) No person shall engage in a street sideshow on any
17 street or highway of this State.

18 (b) No owner of any vehicle shall acquiesce in or permit
19 his or her vehicle to be used by another for the purpose of
20 street racing or a street sideshow.

21 (b-5) A person may not knowingly interfere with or cause
22 the movement of traffic to slow or stop for the purpose of
23 facilitating street racing or a street sideshow.

24 (c) For the purposes of this Section:

25 "Acquiesce" or "permit" means actual knowledge that the

1 motor vehicle was to be used for the purpose of street racing
2 or a street sideshow.

3 "Motor vehicle stunt" includes, but is not limited to,
4 operating a vehicle in a manner that causes the vehicle to
5 slide or spin, driving within the proximity of a gathering of
6 persons, performing maneuvers to demonstrate the performance
7 capability of the motor vehicle, or maneuvering the vehicle in
8 an attempt to elicit a reaction from a gathering of persons.

9 "Street racing" means:

10 (1) The operation of 2 or more vehicles from a point
11 side by side at accelerating speeds in a competitive
12 attempt to outdistance each other; or

13 (2) The operation of one or more vehicles over a
14 common selected course, each starting at the same point,
15 for the purpose of comparing the relative speeds or power
16 of acceleration of such vehicle or vehicles within a
17 certain distance or time limit; or

18 (3) The use of one or more vehicles in an attempt to
19 outgain or outdistance another vehicle; or

20 (4) The use of one or more vehicles to prevent another
21 vehicle from passing; or

22 (5) The use of one or more vehicles to arrive at a
23 given destination ahead of another vehicle or vehicles; or

24 (6) The use of one or more vehicles to test the
25 physical stamina or endurance of drivers over
26 long-distance driving routes.

1 "Street sideshow" means an event in which one or more
2 vehicles block or impede traffic on a street or highway, for
3 the purpose of performing unauthorized motor vehicle stunts,
4 motor vehicle speed contests, or motor vehicle exhibitions of
5 speed.

6 (d) Penalties.

7 (1) Any person who is convicted of a violation of
8 subsection (a), (a-5), or (b-5) shall be guilty of a Class
9 A misdemeanor for the first offense and shall be subject
10 to a minimum fine of \$250. Any person convicted of a
11 violation of subsection (a), (a-5), or (b-5) a second or
12 subsequent time shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and
13 shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$500. The driver's
14 license of any person convicted of subsection (a) shall be
15 revoked in the manner provided by Section 6-205 of this
16 Code.

17 (2) Any person who is convicted of a violation of
18 subsection (b) shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.
19 Any person who is convicted of subsection (b) for a second
20 or subsequent time shall be guilty of a Class A
21 misdemeanor.

22 (3) Every person convicted of committing a violation
23 of subsection (a) of this Section shall be guilty of
24 aggravated street racing if the person, in committing a
25 violation of subsection (a) was involved in a motor
26 vehicle crash that resulted in great bodily harm or

1 permanent disability or disfigurement to another, where
2 the violation was a proximate cause of the injury.
3 Aggravated street racing is a Class 4 felony for which the
4 defendant, if sentenced to a term of imprisonment, shall
5 be sentenced to not less than one year nor more than 12
6 years.

7 (4) Any person who participates in street racing or a
8 street sideshow, including as a spectator, where 10 or
9 more people are present shall be guilty of a petty
10 offense.

11 (Source: P.A. 102-733, eff. 1-1-23; 102-982, eff. 7-1-23;
12 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-706, eff. 1-1-25.)

13 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
14 becoming law.