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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1158

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1158 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 3-611.5, 12-215, and 12-601 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-611.5)

7 Sec. 3-611.5. Fire Chief license plates.

8 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of a request from a
9 municipality or fire protection district that operates a fire
10 department or a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, accompanied by an
11 application and the appropriate fee, may issue, to a fire
12 chief, deputy fire chief, and assistant fire chief of each
13 municipal fire department or fire protection district and
14 chief of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System, special registration
15 plates designated as Fire Chief license plates. The special
16 plates issued under this Section shall be affixed only to

1 passenger vehicles of the first division, motorcycles,
2 autocycles, or motor vehicles of the second division weighing
3 not more than 8,000 pounds, owned by the fire department or the
4 fire chief, deputy fire chief, ~~or~~ assistant fire chief of the
5 fire department, or chief of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System.
6 Plates issued under this Section shall expire according to the
7 multi-year procedure established by Section 3-414.1 of this
8 Code.

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

22 (c) Any fire chief, deputy fire chief, ~~or~~ assistant fire
23 chief, or chief of a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System operating
24 warning devices as described in paragraph 2.1 of subsection
25 (a) of Section 12-215 or subsection (b) of Section 12-601 upon
26 a vehicle not owned by a municipality or fire protection

1 district shall display license plates as described in this
2 Section.

3 (d) With the exception of permanently issued license
4 plates, upon the resignation, termination, or reassignment to
5 a rank other than fire chief, deputy fire chief, or assistant
6 fire chief, or upon resignation, termination, or reassignment
7 from a Mutual Aid Alarm Box System, a person issued plates
8 under this Section shall immediately surrender the license
9 plate to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall
10 have the ability to recover license plates issued under this
11 Section.

12 (Source: P.A. 102-448, eff. 1-1-22; 103-843, eff. 1-1-25.)

13 (625 ILCS 5/12-215)

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

16 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating, or
17 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited
18 except on:

19 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, federal, or
20 local authorities;

21 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county
22 coroner and designated or authorized by local authorities,
23 in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle; however, such
24 designation or authorization must be carried in the
25 vehicle;

1 2.1. A vehicle operated by a fire chief, deputy fire
2 chief, ~~or~~ assistant fire chief, or a chief of a Mutual Aid
3 Box Alarm System who has completed an emergency vehicle
4 operation training course approved by the Office of the
5 State Fire Marshal and designated or authorized by local
6 authorities, fire departments, ~~or~~ fire protection
7 districts, or Mutual Aid Box Alarm Systems, in writing, as
8 a fire department, fire protection district, ~~or~~ township
9 fire department, or Mutual Aide Box Alarm System vehicle;
10 however, the designation or authorization must be carried
11 in the vehicle, and the lights may be visible or activated
12 only when responding to a bona fide emergency;

13 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
14 federal firefighting vehicles;

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

20 4.5. Vehicles which are occasionally used as rescue
21 vehicles that have been authorized for use as rescue
22 vehicles by a volunteer EMS provider, provided that the
23 operator of the vehicle has successfully completed an
24 emergency vehicle operation training course recognized by
25 the Department of Public Health; furthermore, the lights
26 shall not be lighted except when responding to an

1 emergency call for the sick or injured;

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

6 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
7 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire
8 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public
9 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of
10 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of
11 Juvenile Justice;

12 7. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency
13 management services agency as defined in the Illinois
14 Emergency Management Agency Act;

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

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

24 10. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural
25 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives
26 emergency response;

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

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

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

16 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for
17 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights
18 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph
19 1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are
20 actually being used at the scene of a crash or
21 disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a flat
22 bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being
23 transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the
24 vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing
25 vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all
26 wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall be

1 lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing on a
2 highway during all times when the use of headlights is
3 required under Section 12-201 of this Code; in addition,
4 these vehicles may use white oscillating, rotating, or
5 flashing lights in combination with amber oscillating,
6 rotating, or flashing lights as provided in this
7 paragraph;

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

14 3. Vehicles or equipment used by engineering or survey
15 crews; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted
16 except while such vehicles are actually engaged in work on
17 a highway;

18 4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or
19 other construction, maintenance, or automotive service
20 vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as
21 a means for indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic
22 hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking,
23 or passing while such vehicles are engaged in maintenance,
24 service, or construction on a highway;

25 5. Oversized vehicle or load; however, such lights
26 shall only be lighted when moving under permit issued by

1 the Department under Section 15-301 of this Code;

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

6 6.1. The front and rear of motorized equipment or
7 vehicles that (i) are not owned by the State of Illinois or
8 any political subdivision of the State, (ii) are designed
9 and used for removal of snow and ice from highways and
10 parking lots, and (iii) are equipped with a snow plow that
11 is 12 feet in width; these lights may not be lighted except
12 when the motorized equipment or vehicle is actually being
13 used for those purposes on behalf of a unit of government;

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

17 8. Such other vehicles as may be authorized by local
18 authorities;

19 9. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
20 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,
21 rotating, or flashing lights;

22 9.5. Propane delivery trucks;

23 10. Vehicles used for collecting or delivering mail
24 for the United States Postal Service provided that such
25 lights shall not be lighted except when such vehicles are
26 actually being used for such purposes;

1 10.5. Vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State
2 Fire Marshal, provided that such lights shall not be
3 lighted except for when such vehicles are engaged in work
4 for the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal;

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

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

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

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

20 15. Vehicles of union representatives, except that the
21 lights shall be lighted only while the vehicle is within
22 the limits of a construction project.

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

25 1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire
26 department or fire protection district and vehicles owned

1 or operated by a:
2 voluntary firefighter;
3 paid firefighter;
4 part-paid firefighter;
5 call firefighter;
6 member of the board of trustees of a fire
7 protection district;
8 paid or unpaid member of a rescue squad;
9 paid or unpaid member of a voluntary ambulance
10 unit; or
11 paid or unpaid members of a local or county
12 emergency management services agency as defined in the
13 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, designated
14 or authorized by local authorities, in writing, and
15 carrying that designation or authorization in the
16 vehicle.

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

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

1 card or letter must include:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 to an emergency call or when parked or stationary while
2 engaged in motor vehicle assistance or at an emergency
3 scene.

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

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

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

1 removal operations, or performing traffic control and
2 protection duties while at an emergency scene.

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

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

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

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

26 (e) All oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights referred

1 to in this Section shall be of sufficient intensity, when
2 illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

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

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

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

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

24 (625 ILCS 5/12-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-601)

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

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

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

26 (c) Trackless trolley coaches, as defined by Section 1-206

1 of this Code, and replica trolleys, as defined by Section
2 1-171.04 of this Code, may be equipped with a bell or bells in
3 lieu of a horn, and may, in addition to the requirements of
4 subsection (a) of this Section, use a bell or bells for the
5 purpose of indicating arrival or departure at designated stops
6 during the hours of scheduled operation.
7 (Source: P.A. 102-448, eff. 1-1-22.)".