

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 12-207 and 12-609 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-207) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-207)

7 Sec. 12-207. Spot lamps and auxiliary driving lamps.

8 (a) Except as provided in Section 12-609, any ~~Any~~ motor  
9 vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed one spot lamp and  
10 every lighted spot lamp shall be so aimed and used upon  
11 approaching another vehicle that no part of the high-intensity  
12 portion of the beam will be directed to the left of the  
13 prolongation of the extreme left side of the vehicle nor more  
14 than 100 feet ahead of the vehicle.

15 (b) Any motor vehicle may be equipped with not to exceed  
16 three auxiliary driving lamps mounted on the front at a height  
17 not less than 12 inches nor more than 42 inches above the level  
18 surface upon which the vehicle stands.

19 (c) The restrictions of subsections 12-207 (a) and 12-207

20 (b) of this Act shall not apply to authorized emergency  
21 vehicles or equipment used for snow and ice removal operations  
22 if owned or operated by or for any governmental body.

23 (d) The minimum and maximum height restrictions prescribed

1 in subsection (b) of Section 12-207 shall not apply to  
2 privately owned motor vehicles on which a snow plow is  
3 mounted, while in transit between or during snow and ice  
4 removal operations. This exemption shall apply only during the  
5 period from November 15 through April 1, and only when the snow  
6 plow blade, commonly referred to as a "moldboard", is properly  
7 and securely affixed to the front of the motor vehicle.

8 (Source: P.A. 85-1010.)

9 (625 ILCS 5/12-609) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-609)

10 Sec. 12-609. (a) No official or employee of the State, any  
11 political subdivision thereof, any county, municipality, or  
12 local authority, and no owner or employee of any new vehicle  
13 dealer, used vehicle dealer, or vehicle auctioneer shall sell,  
14 trade or otherwise dispose of any motor vehicle bearing  
15 equipment, markings, or other indicia of police authority  
16 unless, prior to delivery of the vehicle, the equipment and  
17 markings have been sufficiently altered or obliterated to  
18 remove the appearance of such authority. A motor vehicle  
19 subject to this subsection shall have no more than one spot  
20 lamp installed on the vehicle upon delivery. All spot lamps in  
21 excess of one shall be removed prior to delivery of the  
22 vehicle.

23 (b) A person may not operate on the highways of this State  
24 a vehicle bearing the equipment, markings, or other indicia of  
25 police authority, unless the vehicle is an authorized

1 emergency vehicle as defined in Section 1-105 of this Code.

2 (c) This Section does not apply to vehicles bearing  
3 indicia of police authority that are antique vehicles, as  
4 defined in Section 1-102.1, and are registered as antique  
5 vehicles, as provided in Section 3-804.

6 (c-5) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a  
7 manufacturer of authorized emergency vehicle equipment,  
8 markings, or other indicia, or the manufacturer's  
9 representative or authorized vendor, from temporarily mounting  
10 the equipment, markings, or other indicia on a vehicle for  
11 demonstration purposes only. If the equipment, markings, or  
12 other indicia are not covered while the vehicle is operated  
13 upon a highway, the vehicle shall display signage indicating  
14 that the vehicle is out of service or not an emergency vehicle.  
15 The signage shall be displayed on all sides of the vehicle in  
16 letters at least 2 inches tall and one-half inch wide.

17 (d) Any police officer is authorized to seize any vehicle  
18 that is in violation of this Section and to impound that  
19 vehicle, at the owner's expense, until any equipment,  
20 markings, or other indicia of police authority have been  
21 sufficiently removed, altered, or obliterated to remove the  
22 appearance of police authority.

23 (e) A person convicted of violating this Section is guilty  
24 of a petty offense and subject to a fine of not less than \$500  
25 and not more than \$1,000.

26 (Source: P.A. 97-1173, eff. 1-1-14.)