

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

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 adding Section 12-601.1 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-601.1 new)

7 Sec. 12-601.1. Traffic control signal preemption
8 devices.

9 (a) As used in this Section, "traffic control signal
10 preemption device" means any device, either mechanical or
11 electrical, that emits a pulse of light or other signal that,
12 when received by a detector attached to a traffic control
13 signal, changes that traffic control signal to a green light
14 or, if the traffic control signal is already green, extends
15 the duration of the green light.

16 (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), a traffic
17 control signal preemption device may not be installed on a
18 motor vehicle and may not be operated by the driver or
19 passenger of a motor vehicle.

20 Violation of this subsection (b) is a Class A
21 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$1,000 in addition to
22 any other penalty that may be imposed.

23 (c) A retailer or manufacturer may not sell a traffic
24 control signal preemption device to any person or entity for
25 any intended use other than operation as permitted under
26 subsection (d).

27 Violation of this subsection (c) is a Class A
28 misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$5,000 for each sale of
29 each device, in addition to any other penalty that may be
30 imposed.

31 (d) Installation of a traffic control signal preemption

1 device is permitted on the following vehicles, and operation
2 of the device is permitted as follows:

3 (1) Police department vehicles, when responding to
4 a bona fide emergency, when used in combination with
5 red or blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

6 (2) Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
7 authorities, when responding to a bona fide emergency, when
8 used in combination with red oscillating, rotating, or
9 flashing lights.

10 (3) Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
11 federal firefighting vehicles, when responding to a bona
12 fide emergency, when used in combination with red
13 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

14 (4) Vehicles that are designed and used exclusively
15 as ambulances or rescue vehicles, when responding to a
16 bona fide emergency, when used in combination with red
17 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

18 (5) Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively
19 as organ transport vehicles, when the transportation is
20 declared an emergency by a member of the transplant team
21 or a representative of the organ procurement
22 organization, when used in combination with red
23 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

24 (6) Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
25 Agency and vehicles of the Department of Nuclear Safety,
26 when responding to a bona fide emergency, when used in
27 combination with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing
28 lights.

29 (7) Commuter buses owned by any political
30 subdivision of this State, operated either by the
31 political subdivision or its lessee or agent, and
32 offering short-haul for-hire regularly scheduled
33 passenger transportation service, over regular routes
34 with fixed schedules, within metropolitan and suburban

1 areas, when used to extend the duration of an already
2 green light to meet schedules.

3 (8) Vehicles used for snow removal owned by any
4 political subdivision of this State, operated either by
5 the political subdivision or its lessee or agent, when
6 used during a snow emergency in combination with red,
7 yellow, or amber oscillating, rotating, or flashing
8 lights.

9 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
10 becoming law.