

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 changing  
5 Section 12-208 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-208) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208)

7 Sec. 12-208. Signal lamps and signal devices.

8 (a) Every vehicle other than an antique vehicle displaying  
9 an antique plate operated in this State shall be equipped with  
10 a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle which shall  
11 display a red or amber light visible from a distance of not  
12 less than 500 feet to the rear in normal sunlight and which  
13 shall be actuated upon application of the service (foot) brake,  
14 and which may but need not be incorporated with other rear  
15 lamps. During times when lighted lamps are not required, an  
16 antique vehicle may be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on  
17 the rear of such vehicle of the same type originally installed  
18 by the manufacturer as original equipment and in working order.  
19 However, at all other times, except as provided in subsection  
20 (a-1), such antique vehicle must be equipped with stop lamps  
21 meeting the requirements of Section 12-208 of this Act.

22 (a-1) An antique vehicle, including an antique motorcycle,  
23 may display a blue light or lights of up to one inch in  
24 diameter as part of the vehicle's rear stop lamp or lamps.

25 (b) Every motor vehicle other than an antique vehicle  
26 displaying an antique plate shall be equipped with an electric  
27 turn signal device which shall indicate the intention of the  
28 driver to turn to the right or to the left in the form of  
29 flashing lights located at and showing to the front and rear of  
30 the vehicle on the side of the vehicle toward which the turn is  
31 to be made. The lamps showing to the front shall be mounted on  
32 the same level and as widely spaced laterally as practicable

1 and, when signaling, shall emit a white or amber light, or any  
2 shade of light between white and amber. The lamps showing to  
3 the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as widely  
4 spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling, shall emit  
5 a red or amber light. An antique vehicle shall be equipped with  
6 a turn signal device of the same type originally installed by  
7 the manufacturer as original equipment and in working order.

8 (c) Every trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with an  
9 electric turn signal device which indicates the intention of  
10 the driver in the power unit to turn to the right or to the left  
11 in the form of flashing red or amber lights located at the rear  
12 of the vehicle on the side toward which the turn is to be made  
13 and mounted on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as  
14 practicable.

15 (d) Turn signal lamps must be visible from a distance of  
16 not less than 300 feet in normal sunlight.

17 (e) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles need not be  
18 equipped with electric turn signals. Antique vehicles need not  
19 be equipped with turn signals unless such were installed by the  
20 manufacturer as original equipment.

21 (f) For purposes of this Section, a custom vehicle or  
22 street rod is considered to be in compliance with all signal  
23 lamp and signal device requirements if it has passed the  
24 approved safety inspection provided for in Section 3-804.1 or  
25 3-804.2.

26 (Source: P.A. 92-668, eff. 1-1-03.)

27 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
28 becoming law.