

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 12-709 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-709) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-709)

7 Sec. 12-709. Slow-moving vehicle emblem.

8 (a) Every animal drawn vehicle, farm tractor, implement of  
9 husbandry and special mobile equipment, when operated on a  
10 highway must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem mounted on  
11 the rear except as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section.  
12 Special mobile equipment is exempt when operated within the  
13 limits of a construction or maintenance project where traffic  
14 control devices are used in compliance with the applicable  
15 provisions of the manual and specifications adopted under  
16 Section 11-301 of the "Illinois Vehicle Code".

17 (b) Every vehicle or unit described in paragraph (a) of  
18 this Section when operated in combination on a highway must  
19 display a slow-moving vehicle emblem as follows:

20 1. Where the towed unit or any load thereon partially  
21 or totally obscures the slow-moving vehicle emblem on the  
22 towing unit, the towed unit shall be equipped with a  
23 slow-moving vehicle emblem. In such cases the towing unit

1           need not display the emblem.

2           2. Where the slow-moving vehicle emblem on the towing  
3           unit is not obscured by the towed unit or its load, then  
4           either or both may be equipped with the required emblem but  
5           it shall be sufficient if either displays it.

6           3. A registered truck towed behind a farm tractor in  
7           conformity with the provisions of Section 11-1418 of the  
8           "Illinois Vehicle Code" must display a slow-moving vehicle  
9           emblem in the manner provided in paragraph (c) while being  
10          towed on a highway if the emblem on the towing vehicle is  
11          partially or totally obscured.

12          (c) The slow-moving vehicle emblem required by paragraphs  
13          (a) and (b) of this Section must meet or exceed the  
14          specifications and mounting requirements established by the  
15          Department. Such specifications and mounting requirements  
16          shall, on and before August 31, 2004, be based on the  
17          specifications adopted by the American Society of Agricultural  
18          Engineers and published by that body as ASAE S 276.2 dated  
19          March, 1968 or as ASAE S 276.5. On and after September 1, 2004,  
20          the specifications and mounting requirements shall be based on  
21          the specifications adopted by the American Society of  
22          Agricultural Engineers and published by that body as ASAE S  
23          276.5 NOV 97. No advertising or other marking shall appear upon  
24          the emblem except that specified by the American Society of  
25          Agricultural Engineers to identify the standard to which the  
26          material complies. Each original package containing a

1 slow-moving vehicle emblem shall display a notice on the  
2 outside of the package stating that such emblem shall only be  
3 used for the purposes stated in subsections (a) and (b).

4 (d) A slow-moving vehicle emblem is intended as a safety  
5 identification device and shall not be displayed on any vehicle  
6 nor displayed in any manner other than as described in  
7 paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section. A slow-moving  
8 vehicle emblem may not be displayed in public view from a  
9 highway on an object other than a vehicle or unit described in  
10 subsection (a) of this Section or a vehicle required to display  
11 a slow-moving vehicle emblem under subsection (e) of Section  
12 11-1426.1 of this Code. A violation of this subsection (d) is a  
13 petty offense punishable by a fine of \$75 ~~\$25 for the first~~  
14 ~~offense and \$75 for a second or subsequent offense within one~~  
15 ~~year of the first offense.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 91-505, eff. 1-1-00; 92-72, eff. 1-1-02.)

17 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
18 becoming law.