

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 12-604.1 and by adding Section 1-218.10 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/1-218.10 new)

7 Sec. 1-218.10. Video event recorder. A video recorder  
8 placed inside a vehicle that continuously records, in a digital  
9 loop, audio, video, and G-force levels, but saves video only  
10 when triggered by an unusual shaking motion or crash of a  
11 vehicle, or when operated by a driver to monitor driver  
12 performance.

13 (625 ILCS 5/12-604.1)

14 Sec. 12-604.1. Video devices.

15 (a) A person may not operate a motor vehicle if a  
16 television receiver, a video monitor, a television or video  
17 screen, or any other similar means of visually displaying a  
18 television broadcast or video signal that produces  
19 entertainment or business applications is operating and is  
20 located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back  
21 of the driver's seat, or is operating and visible to the driver  
22 while driving the motor vehicle.

1 (a-5) A person commits aggravated use of a video device  
2 when he or she violates subsection (a) and in committing the  
3 violation he or she was involved in a motor vehicle accident  
4 that results in great bodily harm, permanent disability,  
5 disfigurement, or death to another and the violation was a  
6 proximate cause of the injury or death.

7 (b) This Section does not apply to the following equipment,  
8 whether or not permanently installed in a vehicle:

9 (1) a vehicle information display;

10 (2) a global positioning display;

11 (3) a mapping or navigation display;

12 (4) a visual display used to enhance or supplement the  
13 driver's view forward, behind, or to the sides of a motor  
14 vehicle for the purpose of maneuvering the vehicle;

15 (5) television-type receiving equipment used  
16 exclusively for safety or traffic engineering studies; or

17 (6) a television receiver, video monitor, television  
18 or video screen, or any other similar means of visually  
19 displaying a television broadcast or video signal, if that  
20 equipment has an interlock device that, when the motor  
21 vehicle is driven, disables the equipment for all uses  
22 except as a visual display as described in paragraphs (1)  
23 through (5) of this subsection (b).

24 (c) This Section does not apply to a mobile, digital  
25 terminal installed in an authorized emergency vehicle, a motor  
26 vehicle providing emergency road service or roadside

1 assistance, or to motor vehicles utilized for public  
2 transportation.

3 (d) This Section does not apply to a television receiver,  
4 video monitor, television or video screen, or any other similar  
5 means of visually displaying a television broadcast or video  
6 signal if: (i) the equipment is permanently installed in the  
7 motor vehicle; and (ii) the moving entertainment images that  
8 the equipment displays are not visible to the driver while the  
9 motor vehicle is in motion.

10 (d-5) This Section does not apply to a video event  
11 recorder, as defined in Section 1-218.10 of this Code,  
12 installed in a contract carrier vehicle. A contract carrier  
13 vehicle carrying passengers that is equipped with a video event  
14 recorder shall have a notice posted in a visible location  
15 stating that a passenger's conversation may be recorded. Any  
16 data recorded by a video event recorder shall be the sole  
17 property of the registered owner or lessee of the contract  
18 carrier vehicle.

19 (e) Except as provided in subsection (f) of this Section, a  
20 person convicted of violating this Section is guilty of a petty  
21 offense and shall be fined not more than \$100 for a first  
22 offense, not more than \$200 for a second offense within one  
23 year of a previous conviction, and not more than \$250 for a  
24 third or subsequent offense within one year of 2 previous  
25 convictions.

26 (f) A person convicted of violating subsection (a-5)

1 commits a Class A misdemeanor if the violation resulted in  
2 great bodily harm, permanent disability, or disfigurement to  
3 another. A person convicted of violating subsection (a-5)  
4 commits a Class 4 felony if the violation resulted in the death  
5 of another person.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-499, eff. 1-1-12; 98-507, eff. 1-1-14.)