

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 changing 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
9 of 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
21 partially or totally obscures the slow-moving vehicle
22 emblem on the towing unit, the towed unit shall be
23 equipped with a slow-moving vehicle emblem. In such cases
24 the towing unit need not display the emblem.

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

30 3. A registered truck towed behind a farm tractor
31 in conformity with the provisions of Section 11-1418 of

1 the "Illinois Vehicle Code" must display a slow-moving
2 vehicle emblem in the manner provided in paragraph (c)
3 while being towed on a highway if the emblem on the
4 towing vehicle is partially or totally obscured.

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

24 (d) A slow-moving vehicle emblem is intended as a safety
25 identification device and shall not be displayed on any
26 vehicle nor displayed in any manner other than as described
27 in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Section. A violation
28 of this subsection (d) is a petty offense punishable by a
29 fine of \$25 for the first offense and \$75 for a second or
30 subsequent offense within one year of the first offense.

31 (Source: P.A. 91-505, eff. 1-1-00.)