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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2402

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2402 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 11-1421 and 12-602 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-1421) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1421)

7 Sec. 11-1421. Conditions for operating ambulances and
8 rescue vehicles.

9 (a) No person shall operate an ambulance or rescue vehicle
10 in a manner not conforming to the motor vehicle laws and
11 regulations of this State or of any political subdivision of
12 this State as such laws and regulations apply to motor vehicles
13 in general, unless in compliance with the following conditions:

14 1. The person operating the ambulance shall be either
15 responding to a bona fide emergency call or specifically
16 directed by a licensed physician to disregard traffic laws

1 in operating the ambulance during and for the purpose of
2 the specific trip or journey that is involved;

3 2. The ambulance or rescue vehicle shall be equipped
4 with a siren producing an audible signal of an intensity of
5 at least 100 decibels, but not to exceed 101 decibels at a
6 distance of 50 feet from the siren, or at an audible signal
7 that is otherwise consistent with the National Fire
8 Protection Association's standards on audible siren signal
9 intensity, and with a lamp or lamps emitting an
10 oscillating, rotating or flashing red beam directed in part
11 toward the front of the vehicle, and these lamps shall have
12 sufficient intensity to be visible at 500 feet in normal
13 sunlight, and in addition to other lighting requirements,
14 excluding those vehicles operated in counties with a
15 population in excess of 2,000,000, may also operate with a
16 lamp or lamps emitting an oscillating, rotating, or
17 flashing green light;

18 3. The aforesaid siren and lamp or lamps shall be in
19 operation at all times when it is reasonably necessary to
20 warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof
21 during such trip or journey;

22 4. Whenever the ambulance or rescue vehicle is operated
23 at a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour, the ambulance or
24 rescue vehicle shall be operated in complete conformance
25 with every other motor vehicle law and regulation of this
26 State and of the political subdivision in which the

1 ambulance or rescue vehicle is operated, relating to the
2 operation of motor vehicles, as such provision applies to
3 motor vehicles in general, except laws and regulations
4 pertaining to compliance with official traffic-control
5 devices or to vehicular operation upon the right half of
6 the roadway; and

7 5. The ambulance shall display registration plates
8 identifying the vehicle as an ambulance.

9 (b) The foregoing provisions do not relieve the driver of
10 an ambulance or rescue vehicle from the duty of driving with
11 due regard for the safety of all persons, nor do such
12 provisions protect the driver from the consequences resulting
13 from the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

14 (Source: P.A. 88-517.)

15 (625 ILCS 5/12-602) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-602)

16 Sec. 12-602. Mufflers, prevention of noise.

17 (a) Every motor vehicle driven or operated upon the
18 highways of this State shall at all times be equipped with an
19 adequate muffler or exhaust system in constant operation and
20 properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise.
21 No such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a
22 cutout, bypass or similar device. No person shall modify the
23 exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner which will
24 amplify or increase the noise of such vehicle above that
25 emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle, and

1 such original muffler shall comply with all the requirements of
2 this Section.

3 (b) No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle of the
4 first division that is not a motorcycle or a motor vehicle of
5 the second division weighing no more than 10,000 pounds with a
6 noise level intensity at a distance of 50 feet from the
7 centerline of the lane of travel that exceeds:

8 (1) 76 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of 35
9 miles per hour or less;

10 (2) 78 decibels when driving or operating the motor
11 vehicle on a grade exceeding 3% on a highway with a speed
12 limit of 35 miles per hour or less; or

13 (3) 82 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of more
14 than 35 miles per hour.

15 (c) No person shall drive or operate a motorcycle with a
16 noise level intensity at a distance of 50 feet from the
17 centerline of the lane of travel that exceeds:

18 (1) 82 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of 35
19 miles per hour or less;

20 (2) 84 decibels when driving or operating a motorcycle
21 on a grade exceeding 3% on a highway with a speed limit of
22 35 miles per hour or less; or

23 (3) 86 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of more
24 than 35 miles per hour.

25 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, no person
26 shall drive or operate a motor vehicle with a noise level

1 intensity at a distance of 50 feet from the centerline of the
2 lane of travel that exceeds:

3 (1) 86 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of 35
4 miles per hour or less;

5 (2) 88 decibels when driving or operating the motor
6 vehicle on a grade exceeding 3% on a highway with a speed
7 limit of 35 miles per hour or less; or

8 (3) 90 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of more
9 than 35 miles per hour.

10 (e) A violation of subsections (b), (c), or (d) of this
11 Section shall be punishable by a maximum fine of \$75 for a
12 first offense, a maximum fine of \$150 for a second offense, and
13 impoundment of the motor vehicle or motorcycle for a third or
14 subsequent offense.

15 (Source: P.A. 77-37.)

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