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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1711

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1711 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Section 11-709.1 and by adding Sections 1-209.3,
6 11-709.2, and 11-709.3 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/1-209.3 new)

8 Sec. 1-209.3. Transit bus. A bus engaged in public
9 transportation as defined by the Regional Transportation
10 Authority Act and authorized by the Department to be used on
11 specifically designated roadway shoulders.

12 (625 ILCS 5/11-709.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-709.1)

13 Sec. 11-709.1. Driving on the shoulder.

14 (a) Vehicles shall be driven on a roadway, and shall only
15 be driven on the shoulder for the purpose of stopping or

1 accelerating from a stop while merging into traffic. It shall
2 be a violation of this Section if while merging into traffic
3 and while on the shoulder, the vehicle passes any other vehicle
4 on the roadway adjacent to it.

5 (b) This Section shall not apply to any authorized
6 emergency vehicle, to any authorized transit bus, to any farm
7 tractor or implement of husbandry, to any service vehicle while
8 engaged in maintenance of the highway or related work, or to
9 any authorized vehicle within a designated construction zone.

10 (Source: P.A. 95-785, eff. 8-7-08.)

11 (625 ILCS 5/11-709.2 new)

12 Sec. 11-709.2. Bus on shoulder pilot program.

13 (a) For purposes of this Section, "bus on shoulders" is the
14 use of specifically designated shoulders of roadways by
15 authorized transit buses. The shoulders may be used by transit
16 buses at times and locations as set by the Department in
17 cooperation with the Regional Transportation Authority.

18 (b) Commencing on the effective date of this amendatory Act
19 of the 97th General Assembly, the Department along with the
20 Regional Transportation Authority in cooperation with the
21 Illinois State Police shall establish a 5-year pilot program
22 within the boundaries of the Regional Transportation Authority
23 for transit buses on highways and shoulders. The pilot program
24 may be implemented on shoulders of highways as designated by
25 the Department in cooperation with the Regional Transportation

1 Authority. The Department may adopt rules necessary for transit
2 buses to use roadway shoulders.

3 (c) After the pilot program established under subsection
4 (b) of this Section has been operating for 2 years, the
5 Department in cooperation with the Regional Transit Authority
6 and the Illinois State Police shall issue a report to the
7 General Assembly on the effectiveness of the bus on shoulders
8 pilot program.

9 (625 ILCS 5/11-709.3 new)

10 Sec. 11-709.3. Transit buses on shoulders - toll highways.
11 The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority may allow transit
12 buses to use the shoulders of highways under its jurisdiction
13 as part of the bus on shoulder pilot program under Section
14 11-709.2 of this Code.

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