



## 100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2402

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-1421  
625 ILCS 5/12-602

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-1421  
from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-602

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no person shall drive or operate a motorcycle with a noise level intensity at a distance of 50 feet from the centerline of the lane of travel that exceeds: (1) 80 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less; (2) 82 decibels when driving or operating a motorcycle on a grade exceeding 3% on a highway with a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less; or (3) 86 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour. Establishes penalties. Reinforces that the audible signal intensity of a siren on an ambulance or a rescue vehicle shall not exceed 100 decibels at a distance of 50 feet from the siren. Effective immediately.

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

19 2. The ambulance or rescue vehicle shall be equipped  
20 with a siren producing an audible signal of an intensity of  
21 at least 100 decibels, but not to exceed 101 decibels at a  
22 distance of 50 feet from the siren, and with a lamp or  
23 lamps emitting an oscillating, rotating or flashing red

1 beam directed in part toward the front of the vehicle, and  
2 these lamps shall have sufficient intensity to be visible  
3 at 500 feet in normal sunlight, and in addition to other  
4 lighting requirements, excluding those vehicles operated  
5 in counties with a population in excess of 2,000,000, may  
6 also operate with a lamp or lamps emitting an oscillating,  
7 rotating, or flashing green light;

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

12 4. Whenever the ambulance or rescue vehicle is operated  
13 at a speed in excess of 40 miles per hour, the ambulance or  
14 rescue vehicle shall be operated in complete conformance  
15 with every other motor vehicle law and regulation of this  
16 State and of the political subdivision in which the  
17 ambulance or rescue vehicle is operated, relating to the  
18 operation of motor vehicles, as such provision applies to  
19 motor vehicles in general, except laws and regulations  
20 pertaining to compliance with official traffic-control  
21 devices or to vehicular operation upon the right half of  
22 the roadway; and

23 5. The ambulance shall display registration plates  
24 identifying the vehicle as an ambulance.

25 (b) The foregoing provisions do not relieve the driver of  
26 an ambulance or rescue vehicle from the duty of driving with

1 due regard for the safety of all persons, nor do such  
2 provisions protect the driver from the consequences resulting  
3 from the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

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

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

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

7 (a) Every motor vehicle driven or operated upon the  
8 highways of this State shall at all times be equipped with an  
9 adequate muffler or exhaust system in constant operation and  
10 properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise.  
11 No such muffler or exhaust system shall be equipped with a  
12 cutout, bypass or similar device. No person shall modify the  
13 exhaust system of a motor vehicle in a manner which will  
14 amplify or increase the noise of such vehicle above that  
15 emitted by the muffler originally installed on the vehicle, and  
16 such original muffler shall comply with all the requirements of  
17 this Section.

18 (b) No person shall drive or operate a motorcycle with a  
19 noise level intensity at a distance of 50 feet from the  
20 centerline of the lane of travel that exceeds:

21 (1) 80 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of 35  
22 miles per hour or less;

23 (2) 82 decibels when driving or operating a motorcycle  
24 on a grade exceeding 3% on a highway with a speed limit of  
25 35 miles per hour or less; or

1           (3) 86 decibels on a highway with a speed limit of more  
2           than 35 miles per hour.

3           A violation of this subsection (b) shall be punishable by a  
4           maximum fine of \$75 for a first offense, a maximum fine of \$150  
5           for a second offense, and impoundment of the motorcycle for a  
6           third or subsequent offense.

7           (Source: P.A. 77-37.)

8           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
9           becoming law.