

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 11-1421 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
21 100 decibels at a distance of 50 feet from the siren, and
22 with a lamp or lamps emitting an oscillating, rotating or
23 flashing red beam directed in part toward the front of the

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

7 3. The aforesaid siren and lamp or lamps shall be in
8 operation only ~~at all times~~ when it is reasonably necessary
9 to warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach
10 thereof while responding to an emergency call or
11 transporting a patient who presents a combination of
12 circumstances resulting in a need for immediate medical
13 intervention ~~during such trip or journey~~;

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

25 5. The ambulance shall display registration plates
26 identifying the vehicle as an ambulance.

1 (b) The foregoing provisions do not relieve the driver of
2 an ambulance or rescue vehicle from the duty of driving with
3 due regard for the safety of all persons, nor do such
4 provisions protect the driver from the consequences resulting
5 from the reckless disregard for the safety of others.

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