



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/11-804	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-804
625 ILCS 5/12-208	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208
625 ILCS 5/12-212	from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-212

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Requires a driver to use a signal of intention continuously for a specified distance before changing lanes, turning a vehicle from a direct course, or moving right or left upon a highway, and makes corresponding changes. Provides that electric turn signal lamps shall not be flashed or left in the on position other than for indication of the driver's intention to turn a vehicle left or right, change lanes, or otherwise turn or maneuver a vehicle from a direct course of travel. Makes other changes. 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  
5 changing Sections 11-804, 12-208, and 12-212 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/11-804) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11-804)  
7 Sec. 11-804. When signal required.

8 (a) No person may turn a vehicle at an intersection unless  
9 the vehicle is in proper position upon the highway ~~roadway~~ as  
10 required in Section 11-801 or turn a vehicle to enter a private  
11 road or driveway, or otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct  
12 course or move right or left upon a roadway unless and until  
13 such movement can be made with reasonable safety. No person  
14 may so turn any vehicle without giving an appropriate signal  
15 in the manner hereinafter provided.

16 (b) A signal of intention to turn right or left, change  
17 lanes, otherwise turn a vehicle from a direct course, move  
18 right or left upon a highway, or when required must be given  
19 continuously during not less than the last 100 feet traveled  
20 by the vehicle ~~before turning~~ within a business or residence  
21 district, and such signal must be given continuously during  
22 not less than the last 200 feet traveled by the vehicle ~~before~~  
23 ~~turning~~ outside a business or residence district.

1 (c) No person may stop or suddenly decrease the speed of a  
2 vehicle without first giving an appropriate signal in the  
3 manner provided in this Chapter to the driver of any vehicle  
4 immediately to the rear when there is opportunity to give such  
5 a signal.

6 (d) The electric turn signal device required in Section  
7 12-208 of this Act must be used and operated as prescribed in  
8 subsection (b) of this Section to indicate an intention to  
9 turn, change lanes, turn a vehicle from a direct course, move  
10 right or left upon a highway or start from a parallel parked  
11 position. Unless the conditions of subsection (b) of this  
12 Section are met, an electric turn signal device required in  
13 Section 12-208 shall not be left in the on position and ~~but~~  
14 must not be flashed on one side only on a parked or disabled  
15 vehicle or flashed as a courtesy or "do pass" signal to  
16 operators of other vehicles approaching from the rear.  
17 However, such signal devices may be flashed simultaneously on  
18 both sides of a motor vehicle to indicate the presence of a  
19 vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care in  
20 approaching, overtaking and passing.

21 (Source: P.A. 78-1297.)

22 (625 ILCS 5/12-208) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-208)  
23 Sec. 12-208. Signal lamps and signal devices.

24 (a) Every vehicle other than an antique vehicle displaying  
25 an antique plate or an expanded-use antique vehicle displaying

1 expanded-use antique vehicle plates operated in this State  
2 shall be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the  
3 vehicle which shall display a red or amber light visible from a  
4 distance of not less than 500 feet to the rear in normal  
5 sunlight and which shall be actuated upon application of the  
6 service (foot) brake, and which may but need not be  
7 incorporated with other rear lamps. During times when lighted  
8 lamps are not required, an antique vehicle or an expanded-use  
9 antique vehicle may be equipped with a stop lamp or lamps on  
10 the rear of such vehicle of the same type originally installed  
11 by the manufacturer as original equipment and in working  
12 order. However, at all other times, except as provided in  
13 subsection (a-1), such antique vehicle or expanded-use antique  
14 vehicle must be equipped with stop lamps meeting the  
15 requirements of Section 12-208 of this Act.

16 (a-1) A motorcycle or an antique vehicle or an  
17 expanded-use antique vehicle, including an antique motorcycle,  
18 may display a blue light or lights of up to one inch in  
19 diameter as part of the vehicle's rear stop lamp or lamps.

20 (b) Every motor vehicle other than an antique vehicle  
21 displaying an antique plate or an expanded-use antique vehicle  
22 displaying expanded-use antique vehicle plates shall be  
23 equipped with an electric turn signal device which shall  
24 indicate the intention of the driver to turn to the right or to  
25 the left, change lanes, turn a vehicle, or otherwise turn or  
26 maneuver a vehicle from a direct course of travel in the form

1 of flashing lights located at and showing to the front and rear  
2 of the vehicle on the side of the vehicle toward which the turn  
3 is to be made. The lamps showing to the front shall be mounted  
4 on the same level and as widely spaced laterally as  
5 practicable and, when signaling, shall emit a white or amber  
6 light, or any shade of light between white and amber. The lamps  
7 showing to the rear shall be mounted on the same level and as  
8 widely spaced laterally as practicable and, when signaling,  
9 shall emit a red or amber light. An antique vehicle or  
10 expanded-use antique vehicle shall be equipped with a turn  
11 signal device of the same type originally installed by the  
12 manufacturer as original equipment and in working order.

13 (c) Every trailer and semitrailer shall be equipped with  
14 an electric turn signal device which indicates the intention  
15 of the driver in the power unit to turn to the right or to the  
16 left in the form of flashing red or amber lights located at the  
17 rear of the vehicle on the side toward which the turn is to be  
18 made and mounted on the same level and as widely spaced  
19 laterally as practicable.

20 (d) Turn signal lamps must be visible from a distance of  
21 not less than 300 feet in normal sunlight.

22 (e) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles need not be  
23 equipped with electric turn signals. Antique vehicles and  
24 expanded-use antique vehicles need not be equipped with turn  
25 signals unless such were installed by the manufacturer as  
26 original equipment.

1 (f) (Blank).

2 (g) Motorcycles and motor-driven cycles may be equipped  
3 with a stop lamp or lamps on the rear of the vehicle that  
4 display a red or amber light, visible from a distance of not  
5 less than 500 feet to the rear in normal sunlight, that flashes  
6 and becomes steady only when the brake is actuated.

7 (h) Electric turn signal lamps shall not be flashed or  
8 left in the on position other than to indicate the intention of  
9 a driver to turn a vehicle left or right, change lanes, or  
10 otherwise turn or maneuver a vehicle from a direct course of  
11 travel.

12 (Source: P.A. 99-598, eff. 1-1-17.)

13 (625 ILCS 5/12-212) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-212)

14 Sec. 12-212. Special restrictions on lamps.

15 (a) No person shall drive or move any vehicle or equipment  
16 upon any highway with any lamp or device on the vehicle or  
17 equipment displaying a red light visible from directly in  
18 front of the vehicle or equipment except as otherwise provided  
19 in this Act.

20 (b) Subject to the restrictions of this Act, flashing  
21 lights are prohibited on motor vehicles except as expressly  
22 authorized in this Chapter or as a means for indicating a right  
23 or left turn, lane change, or a maneuver of a vehicle from a  
24 direct course of travel as provided in Section 12-208 or the  
25 presence of a vehicular traffic hazard requiring unusual care

1 as expressly provided in Sections 11-804 or 12-215.

2 (c) Unless otherwise expressly authorized by this Code,  
3 all other lighting or combination of lighting on any vehicle  
4 shall be prohibited.

5 (d) No person shall drive or move any motor vehicle or  
6 equipment upon any highway with any lighting or combination of  
7 lighting with a smoked or tinted lens or cover.

8 (Source: P.A. 101-189, eff. 1-1-20.)

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