

HB4635



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/12-601

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-601

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Permits a vehicle operated by a State or local special weapons tactics team, or the equivalent thereof, to be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell.

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A BILL FOR

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 Section 12-601 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/12-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-601)
7 Sec. 12-601. Horns and warning devices.

8 (a) Every motor vehicle when operated upon a highway shall
9 be equipped with a horn in good working order and capable of
10 emitting sound audible under normal conditions from a distance
11 of not less than 200 feet, but no horn or other warning device
12 shall emit an unreasonable loud or harsh sound or a whistle.
13 The driver of a motor vehicle shall when reasonably necessary
14 to insure safe operation give audible warning with his horn
15 but shall not otherwise use such horn when upon a highway.

16 (b) No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person
17 use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as
18 otherwise permitted in this Section. Any authorized emergency
19 vehicle or organ transport vehicle as defined in Chapter 1 of
20 this Code, ~~or~~ a vehicle operated by a fire chief, deputy fire
21 chief, assistant fire chief, or the Director or Coordinator of
22 a municipal or county emergency services and disaster agency, or
23 or a vehicle operated by a State or local special weapons and

1 tactics team or the equivalent thereof may be equipped with a
2 siren, whistle, or bell capable of emitting sound audible
3 under normal conditions from a distance of not less than 500
4 feet, but such siren, whistle, or bell shall not be used except
5 when such vehicle is operated in response to an emergency call
6 or in the immediate pursuit of an actual or suspected violator
7 of the law in either of which events the driver of such vehicle
8 shall sound such siren, whistle, or bell when necessary to
9 warn pedestrians and other drivers of the approach thereof.

10 (c) Trackless trolley coaches, as defined by Section 1-206
11 of this Code, and replica trolleys, as defined by Section
12 1-171.04 of this Code, may be equipped with a bell or bells in
13 lieu of a horn, and may, in addition to the requirements of
14 subsection (a) of this Section, use a bell or bells for the
15 purpose of indicating arrival or departure at designated stops
16 during the hours of scheduled operation.

17 (Source: P.A. 102-448, eff. 1-1-22.)