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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4493

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4493 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by
5 changing Sections 3-808.1, 12-215, and 12-601 and by adding
6 Section 3-699.23 as follows:

7 (625 ILCS 5/3-699.23 new)

8 Sec. 3-699.23. EMS chief license plates.

9 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of a request from a
10 municipality that operates a fire department or a fire
11 protection district, accompanied by an application and the
12 appropriate fee, may issue to an emergency medical services
13 (EMS) chief of the municipality or fire protection district,
14 special registration plates designated as EMS chief license
15 plates. The special plates issued under this Section shall be
16 affixed only to passenger vehicles of the first division or

1 motor vehicles of the second division weighing not more than
2 8,000 pounds that are owned by an EMS chief, a municipality, or
3 a fire protection district. Plates issued under this Section
4 shall expire according to the multiyear procedure established
5 by Section 3-414.1.

6 (b) The design and color of the special plates shall be
7 wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The plates are
8 not required to designate "Land of Lincoln" as prescribed in
9 subsection (b) of Section 3-412. The Secretary may prescribe
10 rules governing the requirements and approval of the special
11 plates. The fee for this plate for a vehicle owned by an EMS
12 chief shall be the same as the fee prescribed for first
13 division vehicles under Section 3-806. Permanent license
14 plates for EMS vehicles owned by a municipality or fire
15 protection district shall be issued at the fee prescribed in
16 subsection (b) of Section 3-808.1.

17 (c) With the exception of permanently issued license
18 plates, upon the resignation, termination, or reassignment to
19 a rank or position other than EMS chief, a person issued plates
20 under this Section shall immediately surrender the license
21 plate to the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State shall
22 have the ability to recover license plates issued under this
23 Section.

24 (d) Plates issued to a vehicle owned by an EMS chief under
25 this Section shall be exempt from the requirements of
26 subsection (a) of Section 3-600.

1 (625 ILCS 5/3-808.1) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-808.1)

2 Sec. 3-808.1. Permanent vehicle registration plate.

3 (a) Permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued,
4 at no charge, to the following:

5 1. Vehicles, other than medical transport vehicles,
6 owned and operated by the State of Illinois or by any State
7 agency financed by funds appropriated by the General
8 Assembly;

9 2. Special disability plates issued to vehicles owned
10 and operated by the State of Illinois or by any State
11 agency financed by funds appropriated by the General
12 Assembly.

13 (b) Permanent vehicle registration plates shall be issued,
14 for a one-time fee of \$8.00, to the following:

15 1. Vehicles, other than medical transport vehicles,
16 operated by or for any county, township or municipal
17 corporation.

18 2. Vehicles owned by counties, townships or municipal
19 corporations for persons with disabilities.

20 3. Beginning with the 1991 registration year,
21 county-owned vehicles operated by or for any county
22 sheriff and designated deputy sheriffs. These registration
23 plates shall contain the specific county code and unit
24 number.

25 4. All-terrain vehicles owned by counties, townships,

1 or municipal corporations and used for law enforcement
2 purposes when the Manufacturer's Statement of Origin is
3 accompanied with a letter from the original manufacturer
4 or a manufacturer's franchised dealer stating that this
5 all-terrain vehicle has been converted to a street worthy
6 vehicle that meets the equipment requirements set forth in
7 Chapter 12 of this Code.

8 5. Beginning with the 2001 registration year,
9 municipally owned vehicles operated by or for any police
10 department. These registration plates shall contain the
11 designation "municipal police" and shall be numbered and
12 distributed as prescribed by the Secretary of State.

13 6. Beginning with the 2014 registration year,
14 municipally owned, fire district owned, or Mutual Aid Box
15 Alarm System (MABAS) owned vehicles operated by or for any
16 fire department, fire protection district, or MABAS. These
17 registration plates shall display the designation "Fire
18 Department" and shall display the specific fire
19 department, fire district, fire unit, or MABAS division
20 number or letter.

21 7. Beginning with the 2017 registration year, vehicles
22 that do not require a school bus driver permit under
23 Section 6-104 to operate and are not registered under
24 Section 3-617 of this Code, and are owned by a public
25 school district from grades K-12 or a public community
26 college.

1 8. Beginning with the 2017 registration year, vehicles
2 of the first division or vehicles of the second division
3 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds that are owned by a
4 medical facility or hospital of a municipality, county, or
5 township.

6 9. Beginning with the 2020 registration year, 2-axle
7 motor vehicles that (i) are designed and used as buses in a
8 public system for transporting more than 10 passengers;
9 (ii) are used as common carriers in the general
10 transportation of passengers and not devoted to any
11 specialized purpose; (iii) operate entirely within the
12 territorial limits of a single municipality or a single
13 municipality and contiguous municipalities; and (iv) are
14 subject to the regulation of the Illinois Commerce
15 Commission. The owner of a vehicle under this paragraph is
16 exempt from paying a flat weight tax or a mileage weight
17 tax under this Code.

18 10. Beginning with the 2025 registration year,
19 vehicles owned by a municipality or fire protection
20 district operated by or for the emergency medical services
21 (EMS) chief that are eligible for issuance of EMS chief
22 license plates under Section 3-699.23.

23 (b-5) Beginning with the 2016 registration year, permanent
24 vehicle registration plates shall be issued for a one-time fee
25 of \$8.00 to a county, township, or municipal corporation that
26 owns or operates vehicles used for the purpose of community

1 workplace commuting as defined by the Secretary of State by
2 administrative rule. The design and color of the plates shall
3 be wholly within the discretion of the Secretary. The
4 Secretary of State may adopt rules to implement this
5 subsection (b-5).

6 (c) Beginning with the 2012 registration year,
7 county-owned vehicles operated by or for any county sheriff
8 and designated deputy sheriffs that have been issued
9 registration plates under subsection (b) of this Section shall
10 be exempt from any fee for the transfer of registration from
11 one vehicle to another vehicle. Each county sheriff shall
12 report to the Secretary of State any transfer of registration
13 plates from one vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for
14 any county sheriff and designated deputy sheriffs. The
15 Secretary of State shall adopt rules to implement this
16 subsection (c).

17 (c-5) Beginning with the 2014 registration year,
18 municipally owned, fire district owned, or Mutual Aid Box
19 Alarm System (MABAS) owned vehicles operated by or for any
20 fire department, fire protection district, or MABAS that have
21 been issued registration plates under subsection (b) of this
22 Section shall be exempt from any fee for the transfer of
23 registration from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each fire
24 department, fire protection district, of MABAS shall report to
25 the Secretary of State any transfer of registration plates
26 from one vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for any fire

1 department, fire protection district, or MABAS. The Secretary
2 of State shall adopt rules to implement this subsection.

3 (d) Beginning with the 2013 registration year, municipally
4 owned vehicles operated by or for any police department that
5 have been issued registration plates under subsection (b) of
6 this Section shall be exempt from any fee for the transfer of
7 registration from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each
8 municipal police department shall report to the Secretary of
9 State any transfer of registration plates from one vehicle to
10 another vehicle operated by or for any municipal police
11 department. The Secretary of State shall adopt rules to
12 implement this subsection (d).

13 (e) Beginning with the 2016 registration year, any vehicle
14 owned or operated by a county, township, or municipal
15 corporation that has been issued registration plates under
16 this Section is exempt from any fee for the transfer of
17 registration from one vehicle to another vehicle. Each county,
18 township, or municipal corporation shall report to the
19 Secretary of State any transfer of registration plates from
20 one vehicle to another vehicle operated by or for any county,
21 township, or municipal corporation.

22 (f) Beginning with the 2020 registration year, any vehicle
23 owned or operated by a public school district from grades
24 K-12, a public community college, or a medical facility or
25 hospital of a municipality, county, or township that has been
26 issued registration plates under this Section is exempt from

1 any fee for the transfer of registration from one vehicle to
2 another vehicle. Each school district, public community
3 college, or medical facility or hospital shall report to the
4 Secretary any transfer of registration plates from one vehicle
5 to another vehicle operated by the school district, public
6 community college, or medical facility.

7 (g) Beginning with the 2025 registration year, vehicles
8 owned or operated by or for a private or public university
9 police department or a private or public college police
10 department, except for motor driven cycles and all-terrain
11 vehicles, may be registered under subsection (b) of this
12 Section. These registration plates shall contain the
13 designation "university police" or "college police" and shall
14 be numbered and distributed as prescribed by the Secretary of
15 State.

16 (Source: P.A. 103-135, eff. 1-1-24.)

17 (625 ILCS 5/12-215)

18 Sec. 12-215. Oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights on
19 motor vehicles. Except as otherwise provided in this Code:

20 (a) The use of red or white oscillating, rotating, or
21 flashing lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited
22 except on:

23 1. Law enforcement vehicles of State, federal, or
24 local authorities;

25 2. A vehicle operated by a police officer or county

1 coroner and designated or authorized by local authorities,
2 in writing, as a law enforcement vehicle; however, such
3 designation or authorization must be carried in the
4 vehicle;

5 2.1. A vehicle operated by a fire chief, deputy fire
6 chief, or assistant fire chief who has completed an
7 emergency vehicle operation training course approved by
8 the Office of the State Fire Marshal and designated or
9 authorized by local authorities, fire departments, or fire
10 protection districts, in writing, as a fire department,
11 fire protection district, or township fire department
12 vehicle; however, the designation or authorization must be
13 carried in the vehicle, and the lights may be visible or
14 activated only when responding to a bona fide emergency;

15 3. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
16 federal firefighting vehicles;

17 4. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as
18 ambulances or rescue vehicles; furthermore, such lights
19 shall not be lighted except when responding to an
20 emergency call for and while actually conveying the sick
21 or injured;

22 4.5. Vehicles operated by an EMS chief that are
23 affixed with EMS chief special registration plates or
24 vehicles which are occasionally used as rescue vehicles
25 that have been authorized for use as rescue vehicles by a
26 volunteer EMS provider, provided that the operator of the

1 vehicle has successfully completed an emergency vehicle
2 operation training course recognized by the Department of
3 Public Health; furthermore, the lights shall not be
4 lighted except when responding to an emergency call for
5 the sick or injured;

6 5. Tow trucks licensed in a state that requires such
7 lights; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on
8 any such tow truck while the tow truck is operating in the
9 State of Illinois;

10 6. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
11 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire
12 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public
13 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of
14 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of
15 Juvenile Justice;

16 7. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency
17 management services agency as defined in the Illinois
18 Emergency Management Agency Act;

19 8. School buses operating alternately flashing head
20 lamps as permitted under Section 12-805 of this Code;

21 9. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as
22 organ transplant vehicles when used in combination with
23 blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;
24 furthermore, these lights shall be lighted only when the
25 transportation is declared an emergency by a member of the
26 transplant team or a representative of the organ

1 procurement organization;

2 10. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural
3 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives
4 emergency response;

5 11. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of
6 Transportation identified as Emergency Traffic Patrol; the
7 lights shall not be lighted except when responding to an
8 emergency call or when parked or stationary while engaged
9 in motor vehicle assistance or at the scene of the
10 emergency; and

11 12. Vehicles of the Illinois State Toll Highway
12 Authority with a gross vehicle weight rating of 9,000
13 pounds or more and those identified as Highway Emergency
14 Lane Patrol; the lights shall not be lighted except when
15 responding to an emergency call or when parked or
16 stationary while engaged in motor vehicle assistance or at
17 the scene of the emergency.

18 (b) The use of amber oscillating, rotating, or flashing
19 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except on:

20 1. Second division vehicles designed and used for
21 towing or hoisting vehicles; furthermore, such lights
22 shall not be lighted except as required in this paragraph
23 1; such lights shall be lighted when such vehicles are
24 actually being used at the scene of a crash or
25 disablement; if the towing vehicle is equipped with a flat
26 bed that supports all wheels of the vehicle being

1 transported, the lights shall not be lighted while the
2 vehicle is engaged in towing on a highway; if the towing
3 vehicle is not equipped with a flat bed that supports all
4 wheels of a vehicle being transported, the lights shall be
5 lighted while the towing vehicle is engaged in towing on a
6 highway during all times when the use of headlights is
7 required under Section 12-201 of this Code; in addition,
8 these vehicles may use white oscillating, rotating, or
9 flashing lights in combination with amber oscillating,
10 rotating, or flashing lights as provided in this
11 paragraph;

12 2. Motor vehicles or equipment of the State of
13 Illinois, the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, local
14 authorities, and contractors; furthermore, such lights
15 shall not be lighted except while such vehicles are
16 engaged in maintenance or construction operations within
17 the limits of construction projects;

18 3. Vehicles or equipment used by engineering or survey
19 crews; furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted
20 except while such vehicles are actually engaged in work on
21 a highway;

22 4. Vehicles of public utilities, municipalities, or
23 other construction, maintenance, or automotive service
24 vehicles except that such lights shall be lighted only as
25 a means for indicating the presence of a vehicular traffic
26 hazard requiring unusual care in approaching, overtaking,

1 or passing while such vehicles are engaged in maintenance,
2 service, or construction on a highway;

3 5. Oversized vehicle or load; however, such lights
4 shall only be lighted when moving under permit issued by
5 the Department under Section 15-301 of this Code;

6 6. The front and rear of motorized equipment owned and
7 operated by the State of Illinois or any political
8 subdivision thereof, which is designed and used for
9 removal of snow and ice from highways;

10 6.1. The front and rear of motorized equipment or
11 vehicles that (i) are not owned by the State of Illinois or
12 any political subdivision of the State, (ii) are designed
13 and used for removal of snow and ice from highways and
14 parking lots, and (iii) are equipped with a snow plow that
15 is 12 feet in width; these lights may not be lighted except
16 when the motorized equipment or vehicle is actually being
17 used for those purposes on behalf of a unit of government;

18 7. Fleet safety vehicles registered in another state,
19 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except as
20 provided for in Section 12-212 of this Code;

21 8. Such other vehicles as may be authorized by local
22 authorities;

23 9. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
24 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,
25 rotating, or flashing lights;

26 9.5. Propane delivery trucks;

1 10. Vehicles used for collecting or delivering mail
2 for the United States Postal Service provided that such
3 lights shall not be lighted except when such vehicles are
4 actually being used for such purposes;

5 10.5. Vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State
6 Fire Marshal, provided that such lights shall not be
7 lighted except for when such vehicles are engaged in work
8 for the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal;

9 11. Any vehicle displaying a slow-moving vehicle
10 emblem as provided in Section 12-205.1;

11 12. All trucks equipped with self-compactors or
12 roll-off hoists and roll-on containers for garbage,
13 recycling, or refuse hauling. Such lights shall not be
14 lighted except when such vehicles are actually being used
15 for such purposes;

16 13. Vehicles used by a security company, alarm
17 responder, control agency, or the Illinois Department of
18 Corrections;

19 14. Security vehicles of the Department of Human
20 Services; however, the lights shall not be lighted except
21 when being used for security related purposes under the
22 direction of the superintendent of the facility where the
23 vehicle is located; and

24 15. Vehicles of union representatives, except that the
25 lights shall be lighted only while the vehicle is within
26 the limits of a construction project.

1 (c) The use of blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing
2 lights, whether lighted or unlighted, is prohibited except on:

3 1. Rescue squad vehicles not owned by a fire
4 department or fire protection district and vehicles owned
5 or operated by an EMS chief as provided in subsection (a);
6 ~~a~~ voluntary firefighter; a paid firefighter; a part-paid
7 firefighter; a call firefighter; a member of the board of
8 trustees of a fire protection district; a paid or unpaid
9 member of a rescue squad; a paid or unpaid member of a
10 voluntary ambulance unit; or a paid or unpaid members of a
11 local or county emergency management services agency as
12 defined in the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act,
13 designated or authorized by local authorities, in writing,
14 and carrying that designation or authorization in the
15 vehicle.

16 However, such lights are not to be lighted except when
17 responding to a bona fide emergency or when parked or
18 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance
19 call, or motor vehicle crash.

20 Any person using these lights in accordance with this
21 subdivision (c)1 must carry on his or her person an
22 identification card or letter identifying the bona fide
23 member of a fire department, fire protection district,
24 rescue squad, ambulance unit, or emergency management
25 services agency that owns or operates that vehicle. The
26 card or letter must include:

1 (A) the name of the fire department, fire
2 protection district, rescue squad, ambulance unit, or
3 emergency management services agency;

4 (B) the member's position within the fire
5 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,
6 ambulance unit, or emergency management services
7 agency;

8 (C) the member's term of service; and

9 (D) the name of a person within the fire
10 department, fire protection district, rescue squad,
11 ambulance unit, or emergency management services
12 agency to contact to verify the information provided.

13 2. Police department vehicles in cities having a
14 population of 500,000 or more inhabitants.

15 3. Law enforcement vehicles of State or local
16 authorities when used in combination with red oscillating,
17 rotating, or flashing lights.

18 4. Vehicles of local fire departments and State or
19 federal firefighting vehicles when used in combination
20 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

21 5. Vehicles which are designed and used exclusively as
22 ambulances or rescue vehicles when used in combination
23 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights;
24 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted except when
25 responding to an emergency call.

26 6. Vehicles that are equipped and used exclusively as

1 organ transport vehicles when used in combination with red
2 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights; furthermore,
3 these lights shall only be lighted when the transportation
4 is declared an emergency by a member of the transplant
5 team or a representative of the organ procurement
6 organization.

7 7. Vehicles of the Illinois Emergency Management
8 Agency, vehicles of the Office of the Illinois State Fire
9 Marshal, vehicles of the Illinois Department of Public
10 Health, vehicles of the Illinois Department of
11 Corrections, and vehicles of the Illinois Department of
12 Juvenile Justice, when used in combination with red
13 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

14 8. Vehicles operated by a local or county emergency
15 management services agency as defined in the Illinois
16 Emergency Management Agency Act, when used in combination
17 with red oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

18 9. Vehicles of the Illinois Department of Natural
19 Resources that are used for mine rescue and explosives
20 emergency response, when used in combination with red
21 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights.

22 (c-1) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or
23 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and
24 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a
25 voluntary firefighter, a voluntary member of a rescue squad,
26 or a member of a voluntary ambulance unit may be equipped with

1 flashing white headlights and blue grill lights, which may be
2 used only in responding to an emergency call or when parked or
3 stationary at the scene of a fire, rescue call, ambulance
4 call, or motor vehicle crash.

5 (c-2) In addition to the blue oscillating, rotating, or
6 flashing lights permitted under subsection (c), and
7 notwithstanding subsection (a), a vehicle operated by a paid
8 or unpaid member of a local or county emergency management
9 services agency as defined in the Illinois Emergency
10 Management Agency Act, may be equipped with white oscillating,
11 rotating, or flashing lights to be used in combination with
12 blue oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, if
13 authorization by local authorities is in writing and carried
14 in the vehicle.

15 (d) The use of a combination of amber and white
16 oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights, whether lighted or
17 unlighted, is prohibited except on second division vehicles
18 designed and used for towing or hoisting vehicles or motor
19 vehicles or equipment of the State of Illinois, local
20 authorities, contractors, and union representatives;
21 furthermore, such lights shall not be lighted on second
22 division vehicles designed and used for towing or hoisting
23 vehicles or vehicles of the State of Illinois, local
24 authorities, and contractors except while such vehicles are
25 engaged in a tow operation, highway maintenance, or
26 construction operations within the limits of highway

1 construction projects, and shall not be lighted on the
2 vehicles of union representatives except when those vehicles
3 are within the limits of a construction project.

4 (e) All oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights referred
5 to in this Section shall be of sufficient intensity, when
6 illuminated, to be visible at 500 feet in normal sunlight.

7 (f) Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a manufacturer
8 of oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights or his
9 representative or authorized vendor from temporarily mounting
10 such lights on a vehicle for demonstration purposes only. If
11 the lights are not covered while the vehicle is operated upon a
12 highway, the vehicle shall display signage indicating that the
13 vehicle is out of service or not an emergency vehicle. The
14 signage shall be displayed on all sides of the vehicle in
15 letters at least 2 inches tall and one-half inch wide. A
16 vehicle authorized to have oscillating, rotating, or flashing
17 lights mounted for demonstration purposes may not activate the
18 lights while the vehicle is operated upon a highway.

19 (g) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (a),
20 (b), (c), or (d) of this Section who without lawful authority
21 stops or detains or attempts to stop or detain another person
22 shall be guilty of a Class 2 felony.

23 (h) Except as provided in subsection (g) above, any person
24 violating the provisions of subsection (a) or (c) of this
25 Section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

26 (Source: P.A. 102-842, eff. 1-1-23; 102-982, eff. 7-1-23;

1 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

2 (625 ILCS 5/12-601) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 12-601)

3 Sec. 12-601. Horns and warning devices.

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

12 (b) No vehicle shall be equipped with nor shall any person
13 use upon a vehicle any siren, whistle, or bell, except as
14 otherwise permitted in this Section. Any authorized emergency
15 vehicle or organ transport vehicle as defined in Chapter 1 of
16 this Code or a vehicle operated by a fire chief, deputy fire
17 chief, assistant fire chief, EMS chief, or the Director or
18 Coordinator of a municipal or county emergency services and
19 disaster agency may be equipped with a siren, whistle, or bell
20 capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from
21 a distance of not less than 500 feet, but such siren, whistle,
22 or bell shall not be used except when such vehicle is operated
23 in response to an emergency call or in the immediate pursuit of
24 an actual or suspected violator of the law in either of which
25 events the driver of such vehicle shall sound such siren,

1 whistle, or bell when necessary to warn pedestrians and other
2 drivers of the approach thereof.

3 (c) Trackless trolley coaches, as defined by Section 1-206
4 of this Code, and replica trolleys, as defined by Section
5 1-171.04 of this Code, may be equipped with a bell or bells in
6 lieu of a horn, and may, in addition to the requirements of
7 subsection (a) of this Section, use a bell or bells for the
8 purpose of indicating arrival or departure at designated stops
9 during the hours of scheduled operation.

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